

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Species specific matters

CONSERVATION OF AND TRADE IN AFRICAN AND ASIAN RHINOCEROSSES (RHINOCEROTIDAE SPP.)

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat and the Working Group on Rhinoceroses.
2. This addendum presents the combined set of recommendations developed and agreed by the Secretariat and the Working Group on Rhinoceroses, in relation to documents SC67 Doc. 21.1 and SC67 Doc. 21.2, for consideration by the Standing Committee at the present meeting.

Recommendations

3. The Secretariat and the Working Group on Rhinoceroses recommends that the Standing Committee:

**Mozambique**

- a) request Mozambique to prepare a report on the full implementation of the priority actions in its NIRAP as outlined in SC66 recommendations d) i) to v) on *Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp)* [(see document SC66 Com. 7 (Rev. by Sec.)], building upon the report provided to SC67, and in particular on:
  - i) the Parliament's approval of the amendment proposal to broaden the application of the Conservation Law; the finalization of the new implementing Regulations for the amended Conservation Law; the publication of the CITES Regulation, as presented in Annex 2 to the report from Mozambique prepared for SC67 (see document SC67 Doc. 21.1 Annex 1), in the official journal of Mozambique; and the administrative circular by the President of the Supreme Court addressed to all courts;
  - ii) the application of the amended Conservation Law and Regulations mentioned in paragraph a) i) above in the country;
  - iii) information on successful prosecutions and penalties, as well as on failures to prosecute successfully, and key reasons for these successes or failures, based upon information collected through the Registry of Infractions operational in conservation areas, and through the national level database to collect information and follow up on the prosecution of wildlife crime cases in court; and
  - iv) measures implemented in response to the findings of the risk audit of rhinoceros horn and ivory storage facilities conducted in the country, to improve management of and security for confiscated rhinoceros horn and ivory in Mozambique.
- b) request Mozambique to submit the report to the Secretariat at least 90 days before the deadline for submission of documents to the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee, so that the Secretariat can make the report available to the Standing Committee and convey any recommendations it may have.

## **Viet Nam**

- c) encourage Viet Nam to establish a task force consisting of the different national agencies responsible for wildlife law enforcement, to investigate the activities of organised crime groups within the country involved in the trafficking of rhinoceros horn and other wildlife specimens, drawing upon available information and intelligence, including the information and intelligence alluded to in document SC67 Doc. 21.1, paragraphs 23 to 25;
- d) encourage Viet Nam to further expand its positive collaboration through the Memorandum of Understanding between the CITES Management Authority of China and the CITES Management Authority of Viet Nam, to address the activities of organized crime groups involved in cross-border tourist trade in illicit wildlife specimens from Viet Nam to China; and
- e) request Viet Nam to prepare a comprehensive report on:
  - i) the implementation of the new penal code approved by the Vietnamese National Assembly in 2015;
  - ii) measures implemented and activities conducted within the country to investigate organised crime groups involved in the trafficking of rhinoceros horn and other wildlife specimens;
  - iii) measures implemented to address the activities of organized crime groups involved in cross-border tourist trade in illicit wildlife specimens, in particular rhinoceros horn, between China and Viet Nam;
  - iv) progress made in accordance with Resolution Conf 9.6 (Rev. CoP16) to ensure that any product purported to be rhinoceros horn is treated as such for enforcement purposes; and
  - v) arrests, seizures, prosecutions, convictions and penalties for offences involving the illegal possession and trade of rhinoceros horn detected at border points or domestic markets in Viet Nam, as well as failures to prosecute successfully, and key reasons for these successes or failures.
- f) request Viet Nam to submit the report to the Secretariat at least 90 days before the deadline for submission of documents to the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee, so that the Secretariat can make the report available to the Standing Committee and convey any recommendations it may have. The Standing Committee, after assessing Viet Nam's progress, and after considering the recommendations of the Secretariat, will make such recommendations as appropriate.