

Decisions 17.70 to 17.82 on National ivory action plans process (NIAP)

Directed to Parties

- 17.70 *Parties that have been implementing the National ivory action plans process (NIAPS) at the request of the Standing Committee, should complete the implementation of any NIAP actions in accordance with the Guidelines to the NIAP Process.*
- 17.71 *New Parties identified in document CoP17 Doc. 57.6 (Rev. 1) on ETIS Report of TRAFFIC, shall, upon the conclusion of the Conference of Parties at its 17th meeting, collaborate with the Secretariat in regards of Step I of the NIAP process as defined in the Guidelines to the NIAP Process.*
- 17.72 *All Parties are invited to provide financial and/or technical assistance for the development and effective implementation of the NIAPs process.*

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 17.73 *The Standing Committee is directed to:*
- a) *review the reports presented by Parties already in the NIAP process in accordance with the Guidelines and determine, on the basis of these reports, whether assistance is required by these countries or if any other measures are required to ensure timely and effective completion of the NIAPs;*
 - b) *on the basis of recommendations by the Secretariat, determine in accordance with the Guidelines to the NIAP Process whether any Party should continue to participate in the NIAP process;*
 - c) *report to the Conference of Parties at its 18th meeting on the implementation of these decisions as part of its report on the general implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on Trade in elephant specimens.*

Directed to the Secretariat

- 17.74 *The Secretariat shall upon the conclusion of the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties consult with TRAFFIC in order to review current names of the categories used to group Parties identified in the ETIS Report of TRAFFIC and present its conclusions to the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.*
- 17.75 *The Secretariat shall, upon the conclusion of the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, commence the process of identifying new Parties to participate in the NIAP process in accordance with the Guidelines to the NIAP Process contained in Annex 3 of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17).*
- 17.76 *The Secretariat shall, upon the conclusion of the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, commence the application of the Guidelines to the NIAP Process to Parties already participating in the NIAP process.*
- 17.77 *The Secretariat shall develop a template for NIAPs and progress reports in accordance with the Guidelines to the NIAP Process.*
- 17.78 *The Secretariat shall submit progress reports of Parties to the Standing Committee at each of its meetings.*
- 17.79 *The Secretariat shall make all NIAPs and progress reports publicly available on the CITES NIAP webpage.*

17.80 *The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding:*

- a) *convene a meeting from representatives of Parties concerned with the development and implementation of National Ivory Action Plans, in cooperation with partner organizations in the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) and, as appropriate, other Parties, experts and donors, to:*
 - i) *review the development and implementation of National Ivory Action Plans and, inter alia, exchange experiences and best practices;*
 - ii) *identify opportunities including opportunities that promote long-term collaboration among enforcement authorities, for cross-border collaboration and regional cooperation, joint actions, and resource mobilisation; and*
 - iii) *discuss shared challenges and technical assistance needs;*
- b) *report on the implementation of the present decision to the Standing Committee at its 69th or 70th meeting with recommendations, as appropriate.*

17.81 *The Secretariat shall liaise with ICCWC and its members to seek their cooperation for the development of the NIAPs and the monitoring of their implementation.*

17.82 *The Secretariat shall approach Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources to provide financial and/or technical assistance for the development and effective implementation of the NIAPs process.*