

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



Seventieth meeting of the Standing Committee
Rosa Khutor, Sochi (Russian Federation), 1-5 October 2018

RHINOCEROSSES (RHINOCEROTIDAE SPP.)

Recommendations

The Working Group recommends that the Standing Committee:

- a) Requests the Secretariat in its formulation of draft Decisions for consideration at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with paragraph 9 c) of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17), to take into consideration the summary of the working group on *Rhinoceros* as presented in document SC70 Doc. 56;
- b) Encourage Parties concerned to submit additional information, if any, on the matters outlined in the summary of the working group on *Rhinoceros* in document SC70 Doc. 56 to the Secretariat by 30 November 2018 so that such information can be included in the report from the Secretariat to CoP as appropriate;
- c) Urges Parties to:
 - i) pursue strengthening their implementation of the provisions of paragraph 1 e), f) and g) of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17), and to actively pursue use of the *Form for collection and sharing of data on rhinoceros horn seizures and on samples for forensic analysis* provided in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17); and
 - ii) bring to the attention of the Secretariat any difficulties that may be experienced in sharing information and/or samples or in the use of the form, to facilitate consideration of any changes that may be needed to further enhance the gathering and sharing of these; and
- d) Submits the following draft decision to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for consideration:
 - 18.AA The Secretariat shall, in consultation with interested Parties and the IUCN/SSC African and Asian Rhino Specialist Groups and TRAFFIC, explore options to reflect on challenges and best practices to assist in addressing rhinoceros poaching and rhinoceros horn trafficking in the Group's report prepared for the Conference of the Parties in accordance with paragraph 7 of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) and prepare recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee.
 - 18.BB The Standing Committee shall review the recommendations of the Secretariat reported under Decision 18.AA, and prepare proposals for consideration of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.