

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



Seventy-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee
Lyon (France), 7 - 11 March 2022

Interpretation and implementation matters

General compliance and enforcement

REPORT BY CHINA ON RHINOCEROSSES

This document has been submitted by China in relation to agenda item 37.*

China has long attached importance to conservation and management of rhinoceros. Wildlife conservation authority in China prohibits international and domestic trade in rhino and its products, and has not approved import, export, sales, transportation, procurement of rhino and its products.

1. Concerning Dec. 18.111

General Administration of Customs of China organized special operation to scale up the governance from the origin. Since 2019, China has provided the South African police authority with the chip information contained in seized rhino horn for three times, based on which South African police matched relevant information and carried out investigation towards the origin of the horns and predicate crime. In December 2021, Chinese Police officials in South Africa sent back intelligence to the Chinese Customs, which led to a seizure of three rhino horns weighing 5 kg. On the other hand, in cooperation with South Africa and Mozambique, China is serious on the practice of pursuit escapees who are involved in rhino crime and now in Africa. China Ministry of Public Security takes active part in the operations organized by INTERPOL to facilitate MLAs, collate intelligence, and consolidating the outcomes of international cooperation on rhino.

2. Concerning Dec. 18.110

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, international travel has been restricted all around the world. China observed that the number of seizure is low, the seized specimen is dominantly small items via postal channel. Even such a downward trend, China has been continuously reinforcing management at inbound and outbound points, including the postal channel. All the information on illegal export and import cases in recent years was included in Annual Illegal Trade Report.

* *The geographical designations employed in this document do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the CITES Secretariat (or the United Nations Environment Programme) concerning the legal status of any country, territory, or area, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. The responsibility for the contents of the document rests exclusively with its author*