

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

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AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL COP14 PROP. 4  
AND RELATED DRAFT DECISIONS

1. The attached document has been submitted by Germany on behalf of the European Community and its Member States.
2. The geographical designations employed in this document do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the CITES Secretariat concerning the legal status of any country, territory, or area, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

**Proposal by Germany on behalf of the European Community and its member states to amend proposal 4 on African Elephant annotations.**

All annotations of elephant listings of the populations of African Elephant (*Loxodonta Africana*) in Appendix II are to be replaced by the following.

- 1) trade in hunting trophies for non-commercial purposes;
- 2) trade in live animals to appropriate and acceptable destinations as defined in Res. Conf. 11.20 for Zimbabwe and Botswana and for *in situ* conservation programmes for Namibia and South Africa;
- 3) trade in hides;
- 4) trade in hair;
- 5) trade in leather goods for commercial or non-commercial purposes for Botswana, Namibia and South Africa and for non-commercial purposes for Zimbabwe;
- 6) trade in individually marked and certified Ekipas incorporated in finished jewellery for non-commercial purposes for Namibia and ivory carvings for non commercial purposes for Zimbabwe;
- 7) trade in registered raw ivory (for Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe whole tusks and pieces;) subject to the following:
  - i. only registered government-owned stocks, originating in the State (excluding seized ivory and ivory of unknown origin);
  - ii. only to trading partners that have been verified by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee, to have sufficient national legislation and domestic trade controls to ensure that the imported ivory will not be re-exported and will be managed in accordance with all requirements of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP12) concerning domestic manufacturing and trade;
  - iii. not before the Secretariat has verified the prospective importing countries and the registered government-owned stocks;
  - iv. Raw ivory pursuant to the conditional sale of registered government-owned ivory stocks agreed at COP12 which are 20,000 kg (Botswana), 10,000 kg (Namibia), 30,000 kg (South Africa).
  - v. In addition to the quantities agreed at COP12, a maximum of 70,000 kg (Botswana), 15,000 kg (Namibia), 40,000 kg (South Africa) and 15,000 kg (Zimbabwe) of ivory may be traded, and despatched, with the ivory in 7. iv), in a single shipment per country under strict supervision of the Secretariat;
  - vi. the proceeds of the trade are used exclusively for elephant conservation and community conservation and development programmes within or adjacent to the elephant range; and
  - vii. The additional quantities specified in 7).v) shall be traded only after the Standing Committee has agreed that the above conditions have been met.
- 8) After the shipment referred to in paragraph 7.iv) and 7.v), no further trade in raw ivory can take place during a resting period until CoP17 and a decision-making mechanism as outlined in decision COP14/X is established.

On a proposal from the Secretariat, the Standing Committee can decide to cause this trade to cease partially or completely in the event of non-compliance by exporting or importing countries, or in the case of proven detrimental impacts of the trade on other elephant populations.

All other specimens shall be deemed to be specimens of species included in Appendix I and the trade in them shall be regulated accordingly.

**Proposal by Germany on behalf of the European Community and its member states for decisions in relation to its amended proposal on annotations concerning African elephants.**

Decision:

**Decision X: Directed to the Standing Committee:**

The Standing Committee, assisted by the Secretariat, shall propose for approval by the latest at COP16 a decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory under the auspices of the Standing Committee.

**Decision XX: Directed to the Standing Committee:**

The Standing Committee shall conduct ongoing comprehensive reviews of the status of the elephant, trade in its specimens and the impact of the legal trade, based on data from MIKE, ETIS and the implementation of the Action plan for the control of trade in elephant ivory and the African Elephant Action Plan referred to in Decision COP14/XXX.

**Decision XXX: Directed to African elephant range states:**

The African Elephant range states shall continue their constructive elephant dialogue aiming to develop joint conservation policies and exchange of management experience in order to improve the management of elephant populations.

The African Elephant range states through the African elephant dialogue process shall develop an overall African Elephant Action Plan for improved elephant management aiming at:

- i) Accessing and directing resources, towards strengthening enforcement capacity in African elephant range States to combat poaching and illegal trade in ivory;
- ii) The implementation of the CITES Action plan for the control of trade in elephant ivory; and
- iii) Enhancing capacity building, managing translocations, reducing human-elephant conflicts and enhancing community-conservation programmes and development programmes within or adjacent to the elephant range.

Elephant range States will report to the Standing Committee on progress made under this decision with a view to providing the information necessary for the reviews referred to in decision COP14/XX.

**Decision XXXX: Directed to the Secretariat:**

The Secretariat shall establish an African Elephant Fund that will be applied to the implementation of the African Elephant Action Plan.

The Secretariat shall establish a steering committee consisting of representatives of the range states and donors to govern the African Elephant Fund and to support and advise African elephant range states on the implementation of the Action Plan.

The Steering Committee shall decide on the organisation of the administration of the fund.

The secretariat shall as far as possible through MIKE funding convene an African elephant meeting before 31 July 2008 and at later dates as necessary.

**Directed to the Parties, International Governmental Organisations and NGOs:**

Parties, trading countries, the ivory carving industry, IGOs, NGOs and other donors are called upon to significantly contribute to the elephant trust fund for the implementation of the African Elephant Action plan and MIKE programme to ensure their establishment and maintenance.