

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

Rhinoceroses

REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT

1. Since document CoP15 Doc. 45.1 was prepared in relation to this agenda item, the Secretariat has taken account of a number of developments and current concerns. As a result, it wishes to present the following draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties. It will provide an oral explanation at the present meeting for what prompted their preparation. It should be noted that the draft decisions are also relevant to agenda item 44.1 (*Monitoring of illegal trade in ivory and other elephant specimens*).

Directed to the Secretariat

15.XX The Secretariat shall seek funds to convene a joint CITES Ivory and Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force. Besides the Secretariat, members should include the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network Programme Coordination Unit, INTERPOL, the Lusaka Agreement Task Force, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Customs Organization and those Parties in Africa and Asia that are currently most affected by the smuggling of ivory and rhinoceros specimens. Priority should be given to including the following Parties: Cameroon, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mozambique, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe. The Task Force should undertake an exchange of intelligence regarding smuggling of ivory and rhinoceros specimens and develop strategies for combating illegal trade. The Secretariat shall report on the work of the Task Force at the 61st meeting of the Standing Committee.

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15.XX At its 61st meeting, the Standing Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and determine what further actions, if any, are necessary.