

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



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Committee I

Conservation of and trade in the African lion

DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE AFRICAN LION

This document has been prepared by the European Union and Niger in their role as co-Chairs of the Working Group on African Lion, established in the seventh session of Committee I. It is based on document CoP17 Doc. 39.1, Annex 4 and Proposal 4 discussed in the seventh session of Committee I (see document CoP17 Com. I Rec. 7).

Directed to the Secretariat

- 17.xA Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, in collaboration with African lion range States, the Convention on Migratory Species and IUCN:
- a) Investigate possible mechanisms to develop and support the implementation of joint lion conservation plans and strategies, taking into consideration existing lion conservation plans and strategies;
 - b) Develop an inventory of African lion populations across its range, taking due consideration of existing inventories developed by African lion range States;
 - c) Support the development of relevant databases by African lion range States;
 - d) Develop strategies to reinforce international cooperation on the management of lions;
 - e) Undertake studies on legal and illegal trade in lions, including lion bones and other parts and derivatives, to ascertain the origin and smuggling routes, in collaboration with TRAFFIC and/or other relevant organisations;
 - f) Undertake a comparative study of lion population trends and conservation and management practices, such as lion hunting, within and between countries, including the role, if any, of international trade;
 - g) Support capacity-building in lion conservation and management, including where appropriate the making of non-detriment findings where a range State requests it;
 - h) Support public awareness raising as well as education programmes in African lion range States, in order to support co-existence between humans and lions and to promote measures for the conservation and recovery of African lion populations;
 - i) Promote fundraising, as part of its overall fundraising initiatives, to support the effective implementation of conservation and management plans and strategies for African lion and for a CITES Task Force on African lions;
 - j) Create a portal on the CITES website to permit, amongst other things, the posting and sharing of information and voluntary guidance on the making of non-detriment findings for African lion; and
 - k) Report on the progress relating to paragraph a) – j) to the 29th and 30th Animals Committee meetings.

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 17.xB The Animals Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and submit recommendations to the 69th and the 70th Standing Committee meetings and the African lion range States, as appropriate.
- 17.xC The Animals Committee shall review the taxonomy and standard nomenclature of *Panthera leo* and report its recommendations to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 17.xD The Standing Committee shall, at its 69th and 70th meetings:
- a) Consider the reports submitted by the Animals Committee in terms of Decision 17.xB;
 - b) Recommend further actions to be taken; including the possible need for the development of a Resolution on the conservation of African lion;
 - c) Establish a CITES Task Force on African lions, inviting the participation of all African lion range States, consumer states for lion parts and derivatives, and relevant enforcement bodies, including the members of the ICCWC the Task Force;
 - d) Provide Terms of Reference and *modus operandi* for this Task Force; and
 - e) Consider the establishment of a multi-donor technical trust fund to attract funding and direct resources for the work of the CITES Task Force on African lions and to support the effective implementation of conservation and management plans and strategies for African lion.

Directed to African lion range States

- 17.xE African lion range States are encouraged to collaborate in implementing the decisions contained in 17.xA paragraphs a) - j) and 17.xD.c)

Directed to all Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organisations, donors and other entities

- 17.xF All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organisations, donors and other entities are encouraged to support the African lion range States and the Secretariat:
- a) In their efforts to conserve and restore this iconic species across the continent, taking into consideration existing land-use practices; and
 - b) In implementing the decisions contained in Decision 17.xA a) - j).

Proposed amendment and annotation to proposal Prop. 4

Appendix II: African populations of *Panthera leo*

A zero annual export quota is established for specimens of bones, bone pieces, bone products, claws, skeletons, skulls and teeth removed from the wild and traded for commercial purposes.

Annual export quotas for trade in bones, bone pieces, bone products, claws, skeletons, skulls and teeth for commercial purposes, derived from captive breeding operations in South Africa will be established and communicated annually to the CITES Secretariat.