

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



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**Committee II**

Wildlife crime enforcement support in west and central Africa

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES ON WILDLIFE CRIME ENFORCEMENT  
SUPPORT IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

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***Directed to the CITES Secretariat***

- 17.AA The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding,
- a. in collaboration with UNODC and with the support of ICCWC and relevant stakeholders, commission a threat assessment report on illegal wildlife trade in West and Central Africa, to identify and collate information regarding trade routes, techniques and trends relating to wildlife trafficking in the two sub-regions, including recommendations on priority measures necessary to address and significantly reduce wildlife crime in the two sub-regions;
  - b. produce the report in the working languages of CITES and make it available to Parties; and
  - c. assist Parties, upon request, with the implementation of the recommendations and priority measures identified in the threat assessment report.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

- 17.BB The Standing Committee shall review findings and recommendations emanating from the implementation of decision 17.AA and make recommendations for further action to the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to Parties***

- 17.CC Parties are urged to support the activities to be conducted in compliance with decision 17.AA through the provision of information on legal and illegal trade, as may be requested.
- 17.DD Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities are invited to provide financial or technical assistance to ensure the effective implementation of the priority enforcement recommendations identified in the threat assessment report commissioned in accordance with the provisions of Decision 17.AA.