

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



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Committee II

Rhinoceroses (Rhinocerotidae spp.)

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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Directed to all Parties

18.AA Parties should ensure the timely reporting of seizures and submission of DNA samples to range states, and continuously review trends associated with the illegal killing of rhinoceroses and illegal trade in rhinoceros specimens, and the measures and activities they are implementing to address these crimes, to ensure that these measures and activities remain effective and are quickly adapted to respond to any newly identified trends, and report to the Secretariat by October 2021 on any activities conducted in this regard.

Directed to ~~China~~, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, South Africa and Viet Nam

18.BB ~~China~~, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, South Africa and Viet Nam are encouraged to make every effort to further strengthen their implementation of paragraphs 1 e) and 2 d) of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) on *Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses*, including by pursuing the initiation of joint investigations and operations aimed at addressing members of organized crime networks across the entire illegal trade chain, and to report to the Secretariat on any activities conducted in this regard, by October 2021.

Directed to Zimbabwe

18.CC Zimbabwe is encouraged to pursue the expeditious finalization of outstanding cases related to rhinoceros poaching and rhinoceros horn smuggling in court, to consider measures that could be implemented to facilitate the swift processing of such cases in future, and to report to the Secretariat on any activities conducted in this regard, by October 2021.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.DD The 74th meeting of the Standing Committee shall review the recommendations of the Secretariat reported under Decision 18.FF, and any issues of concern brought to its attention under Decision 18.EE, and make any additional recommendations for further action and request additional reporting, as appropriate, and prepare proposals for consideration of the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 18.EE The Secretariat shall review the reports received under Decisions 18.AA, 18.BB and 18.CC, and bring any issues of concern that may arise to the attention of the Standing Committee at its 74th meeting (SC74).
- 18.FF The Secretariat shall, in consultation with interested Parties and the IUCN/SSC African and Asian Rhino Specialist Groups and TRAFFIC, explore options to reflect on challenges and best practices to assist in addressing rhinoceros poaching and rhinoceros horn trafficking in the report prepared for the Conference of the Parties in accordance with paragraph 7 of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) and prepare recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee, at SC74.