



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

National ivory action plan web portal on CITES website

1. At its 65th meeting (Geneva, July 2014), the Standing Committee adopted the following recommendation directed to Parties of 'secondary concern' in the poaching of elephants and illegal trade in ivory:

The Standing Committee requests Cameroon, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Mozambique and Nigeria, to work with the Secretariat and its consultants to finalize the development of national ivory action plans with timeframes and milestones, by 31 October 2014, and to take urgent measures ensuring significant progress by SC66 on the implementation of their national ivory action plans.

[recommendation a) i) arising from Document SC65 Doc. 42.1 as presented in Document SC65 Com. 7].

2. The Standing Committee also adopted, the following recommendation directed to Parties of 'importance to watch' in the poaching of elephants and illegal trade in ivory:

The Standing Committee requests Angola, Cambodia, and the Lao People's Democratic Republic to work with the Secretariat and its consultants to finalize the development of national ivory action plans with timeframes and milestones, similar to those that will be developed by countries of 'secondary concern', by 31 October 2014, and to take urgent measures ensuring significant progress by SC66 on the implementation of their national ivory action plans.

[recommendation c) i) arising from Document SC65 Doc. 42.1 as presented in Document SC65 Com. 7].

3. In relation to Parties of 'secondary concern' and 'importance to watch', the Standing Committee also adopted the following recommendation:

The Standing Committee requests the Secretariat to make the national ivory action plans referred to in paragraphs a) and c) public.

[recommendation d) i) arising from Document SC65 Doc. 42.1 as presented in Document SC65 Com. 7]

4. In accordance with the recommendation in paragraph 3 above, the Secretariat has created a "National ivory action plan" web portal on the CITES website to publish the plans of Parties of 'secondary concern' and 'importance to watch'. The portal can be accessed at <http://cites.org/eng/niaps>.
5. The Secretariat has received the national ivory action plans of Cambodia, Egypt and Gabon and has posted them on the web portal. A summary of the progress made by Parties of 'secondary concern' and 'importance to watch' in developing action plans can also be found on the portal.
6. Further national ivory action plans of Parties of 'secondary concern' and 'importance to watch' will be made available on the web portal as they are received by the Secretariat.