



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Trade in live Asian elephants

1. At its 17th meeting (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016), the Conference of the Parties adopted several Decisions on Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*), including the following:

17.217 Directed to Parties

All Parties involved in the trade in live Asian elephants are encouraged to:

- a) undertake, as necessary, investigations into the illegal trade in live Asian elephants, and endeavour to enforce, and where necessary improve, national laws concerning international trade in specimens of Asian elephants with the explicit intention of preventing the illegal trade in live Asian elephants;*
 - b) develop strategies to manage captive Asian elephant populations;*
 - c) ensure that trade in, and cross-border movements of live Asian elephants are conducted in compliance with CITES, including the provisions in Article III, paragraph 3, for Asian elephants of wild origin;*
 - d) collaborate in the development and application of a regional system for registering, marking and tracing live Asian elephants, requesting as necessary assistance from experts, specialized agencies or the Secretariat; and*
 - e) at the request of the Secretariat, provide information on the implementation of this Decision for reporting by the Secretariat to the Standing Committee.*
2. At its 70th meeting, the Standing Committee discussed document SC70 Doc. 49.1 that included information relating to the implementation of the CoP17 Decisions on Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*).
 3. The Standing Committee requested the Secretariat issue a notification asking Parties involved in the trade in live Asian elephants to provide information to the Secretariat on:
 - a) the implementation of Decision 17.217; and
 - b) gaps that must be addressed by range States.
 4. The Secretariat would welcome any responses by Parties to this Notification by **30 November 2018** at the latest, so that the information can be included in its report to the Conference of the Parties.