Annex 2

**West Africa Strategy on Combating Wildlife Crime****Questionnaire**

**Background**

The West African subregion, under the auspices of the *West Africa Strategy on Combating Wildlife Crime Steering Committee*, is undertaking a consultation process with all CITES Parties and other interested stakeholders, to seek input with regard to the development of the *Wildlife Strategy on Combating Illegal Exploitation and Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora in West Africa* (*West Africa Strategy on Combating Wildlife Crime* or *WASCWC*) and its associated implementing mechanisms. This consultation, in the form of a Questionnaire, will review other national and regional strategies, as well as infractions relating to West Africa as the source, transit or destination country for illicit trade of CITES-listed wildlife. As responses to the Questionnaire may contain sensitive information, the Questionnaire responses will be kept confidential and will not be made publicly available (unless requested by the submitting Party or stakeholder).

Responses to the Questionnaire should be submitted to the management authorities of Senegal (Mr. Abba Sonko [abbasonko@hotmail.com](mailto:abbasonko@hotmail.com) ) and Nigeria (Elizabeth Ehi-Ebewele [elizaehi@yahoo.com](mailto:elizaehi@yahoo.com) ), Co-Chairs of the *West Africa Strategy on Combating Wildlife Crime Steering Committee*. Deadline for submission of completed questionnaires is **31** **December 2018**.

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1. **Contact Details**
2. Name of country or organization
3. Details of contact person (name, email, telephone)
4. **National and Regional Wildlife Crime Strategies**
5. Does your country have a National Wildlife Crime Strategy? If so, can a copy be made available?
6. Does your region have a Regional Wildlife Crime Strategy? If so, can a copy be made available?
7. In your country or organization’s experience, should the initial focal area for the Regional Wildlife Crime Strategy be narrow (e.g. a number of target species) or should it tackle all CITES-listed species from the outset?
8. Do you have any other recommendations concerning key focal areas and prioritization of activities of a Regional Wildlife Crime Strategy?
9. Please highlight any concerns your country or organization has had with regard to communication and collaboration with other countries or regions regarding wildlife crime (e.g. poor response times to requests for information, lack of resources to conduct joint operations, problems with translation of communications into different languages) and possible mechanisms adopted to overcome these challenges;
10. Please provide brief details of collaborative success stories in your country or region, such as targeted transboundary operations, or information sharing that led to the successful prosecution of criminals.
11. **Implementing Mechanisms**
12. What mechanisms, if any, are in place for combating wildlife crime in your country (e.g. National Task Forces)? Please provide details;
13. What mechanisms, if any, are in place for combating wildlife crime in your region (e.g. Wildlife Enforcement Networks)? Please provide details;
14. Which agencies, if any, are tasked with tackling wildlife crime in your country (e.g. rangers, customs authorities, police, judiciary, financial investigation units, non-governmental organizations) and how do they collaborate with one another? Please provide details;
15. If your region has a WEN, please provide any relevant details concerning its structure, governance, funding, etc.;
16. Does your country, region or organization have a wildlife crime enforcement database? If yes, please provide details of its structure, access rights, etc.;
17. Does your country or region have a structured mechanism in place for disposal of confiscated live specimens? If yes, please provide details;
18. What mechanisms, if any, does your country or region utilize to enable forensic analysis of confiscated specimens?
19. **Experience of Wildlife Crime Relating to West Africa**
20. Does your country or organization have experience with regard to illegal trade in wildlife products that have originated in, or transited through West Africa? Please provide details of seizures or any other relevant information;
21. Does your country or organization have experience with regard to perpetrators of wildlife crime that are of West African nationality or origin? Please provide any details as relevant;
22. Do you feel that your country or organization would benefit from collaboration with the West African subregion with regard to combating wildlife crime? If yes, in what capacity do you think this collaboration would be most beneficial (e.g. through Memorandums of Understanding, joint operations, etc.)?
23. **General Observations**

Please provide any further observations that may be useful in the development of a West Africa Strategy on Combating Wildlife Crimeand its associated implementing mechanisms