



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/044

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CONCERNING:

CHINA

Continued measures to ban the import of elephant tusks and their products

1. This Notification is being published at the request of China.
2. On 15 April 2020, the China National Forestry and Grassland Administration published Bulletin No. 7, 2020 which states that the strict prohibition of import of elephant tusks and their products shall continue to be implemented starting from the date of the publication of the Bulletin, which means that measures specified in Bulletin No. 3, 2016 by the former State Forestry Administration are renewed, i.e. the import of tusks and their products from elephants (*Loxodonta africana* and *Elephas maximus*) is prohibited, and only some exceptional circumstances for non-commercial purposes are exempted from the prohibition, including return of cultural relics, scientific research or education, cultural exchange, public exhibition and law enforcement or judiciary. The new Bulletin does not set an expiry date for the prohibition.
3. Further information may be obtained from the CITES Management Authority of China.
4. The present Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2016/034 of 1 April 2016.