



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

ANGOLA

Recommendation to suspend commercial trade  
National Ivory Action Plan

1. The Secretariat informs all Parties that, **as of 10 January 2024**, the Standing Committee recommends that Parties suspend trade in all CITES-listed species for commercial purposes with Angola until further notice.
2. At its 77th meeting (SC77, Geneva, November 2023), the Standing Committee noted that the report submitted by Angola on the implementation of its National Ivory Action Plan (NIAP) contained no new progress made, and therefore expressed serious concern over the stagnation of NIAP implementation in Angola. The Committee requested the Secretariat, in accordance with Step 4, paragraph f) of the *Guidelines to the NIAP process* contained in Annex 3 to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP19) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, to request Angola to submit a new NIAP progress report to the Secretariat within 60 days of the conclusion of SC77. The Committee recommended further that if no satisfactory report was received from Angola, the Secretariat should issue a Notification to Parties recommending all Parties to suspend commercial trade in CITES-listed species with Angola until it submits a progress report to the Secretariat confirming that progress has been made towards NIAP implementation.
3. Angola submitted an updated report on the implementation of its NIAP before the deadline set by the Standing Committee. However, the updated report does not demonstrate substantial new progress made in fostering the implementation of the action plan. For instance, the action points related to intelligence and investigatory services and strengthening of enforcement that have been rated with “partial progress” or “not commenced” in past assessments continue to show no evidence of satisfying new progress. Both the self-rating and the rating by the Secretariat of NIAP implementation remain the same as before, thus showing the continued stagnation of NIAP implementation in Angola.
4. The Secretariat wishes to remind Parties that the Standing Committee encourages Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and others to provide, where possible, financial and technical assistance to Angola to support the implementation of its NIAP.
5. Parties are requested to inform their enforcement and customs authorities of this recommendation to suspend trade to avoid the inadvertent acceptance of specimens of species subject to such a

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recommendation. Parties that issue import permits for trade in specimens of Appendix-II species are also encouraged to consult the list when processing applications. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the [CITES website](#).