



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2007/029

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CONCERNING:

Elephants and ivory trade questionnaire

1. The CITES Secretariat has prepared a questionnaire in relation to the *Action plan for the control of trade in elephant ivory* that was amended and adopted at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (The Hague, 2007) and which is referred to in Decision 13.26 (Rev. CoP14). A copy of the questionnaire is attached.
2. The *Action plan for control of trade in elephant ivory* requires that the questionnaire be distributed to Parties and non-Parties that have been identified in the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS) report for the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties as being affected by illicit trade in ivory. The 82 countries concerned are listed in Annex 2 of document CoP14 Doc. 53.2. The Secretariat believes, however, that it would be beneficial if as many countries as possible completed and submitted the questionnaire. Consequently, it is being distributed via this Notification. Individual copies of the questionnaire will be sent to all elephant range States.
3. It is requested that completed questionnaires be submitted to the Secretariat by 31 December 2007.