

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Sixty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 7-11 July 2014

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

Elephants

DISPOSAL OF IVORY STOCKS

Recommendations

Recommendations proposed by Chad, the Philippines, Namibia and South Africa, following consultation as requested by the Chair of the Standing Committee in accordance with document SC65 Doc. 42.7.

The Standing Committee:

- a) Notes the action taken by Kenya, Gabon, the Philippines, India, United States, China including Hong Kong SAR, France, Chad, Belgium, and Portugal in destroying stockpiles of mainly illegally sourced ivory since 2011;
- b) Requests the Secretariat, subject to available resources, to provide guidance^{*}, in accordance with the provisions of Resolutions Conf. 9.10 (Rev. CoP15) and Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on “best practices” for management of legal and illegal ivory stockpiles and make it available to Parties.
- c) Encourages governments, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, if requested, to provide support to range States and other countries if needed to plan for and implement the management of ivory stockpiles for the purposes of these recommendations.
- d) Requests the Secretariat to report on progress made with regard to paragraph b) to the 66th Standing Committee meeting.

* *Guidance can include inter alia security, inventory procedures, transparency in tracking, reporting costs of storage/security, destruction options, DNA sampling and analysis, pre- and post- destruction monitoring, and the use of residual material;*