

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



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Committee II

Illegal trade in cheetahs

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DRAFT DECISIONS ON *ILLEGAL TRADE IN CHEETAHS*

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Directed to Parties affected by illegal trade in cheetahs

20.AA Parties affected by illegal trade in cheetahs are encouraged to make every effort to fully implement the recommendations outlined in the [CITES Big Cats Task Force outcome document](#), particularly to:

- a) if they have not already done so, review their national legislation, taking into consideration the relevant provisions in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev.CoP20) on *Compliance and enforcement* and, where needed, revise such legislation to ensure that it adequately addresses illegal wildlife trade, including illegal trade in cheetahs;
- b) ensure that adequate resources and capacities to enforce legislation addressing illegal trade in cheetahs are in place and strengthen enforcement and collaboration throughout the supply chain for cheetahs; [ETHIOPIA]
- c) strengthen regional and international collaboration to address illegal trade in cheetahs as recommended in Section 3.1 e) through f) and Section 5.1 a) through i) of the CITES Big Cats Task Force outcome document and coordination with provincial authorities, law enforcement, local communities and civil society [ZIMBABWE]; and to reduce demand for live cheetah cubs by implementing recommendations in Section 3.1 a) through d) of the CITES Big Cats Task Force outcome document [EU];
- d) scale up activities to address illegal online trade in cheetah specimens, including by drawing upon the support available through INTERPOL, the [Wildlife Crime Linked to the Internet: Practical Guidelines for Law Enforcement Practitioners](#), and as appropriate, reviewing their implementation of the provisions under “Regarding wildlife crime linked to the Internet”, in Resolution Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP20); ~~and~~
- e) develop and include SMART indicators (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound) to track progress on actions outlined in the Big Cats Task Force outcome document; and [ETHIOPIA]
- ef) report to the Secretariat on the implementation of this Decision.

Directed to the Secretariat

20.BB The Secretariat shall report to the Standing Committee on the implementation of Decision 20.AA, together with any recommendations it may have.

Directed to the Standing Committee

20.CC The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 20.BB and make recommendations to the Parties by the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

DRAFT DECISION ON *CHEETAHS AND THE BIG CATS TASK FORCE*

Directed to the Standing Committee

20.XX The Standing Committee is encouraged to consider opportunities for addressing matters related to illegal trade in cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) within the framework of the CITES Big Cats Task Force with a view of improving coherence, efficiency and effectiveness of implementation and report to the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties. [KUWAIT]