

# Conservation and Management of the African Lion, *Panthera leo*

Interim summary of technical analysis  
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# CMS Resolution 11.32 - Conservation and Management of the African Lion, *Panthera leo*

1. Review strengths and weaknesses of existing lion conservation strategies, based on latest IUCN assessment



Conservation Strategy for the lion in West and Central Africa (February 2006)

Conservation Strategy for the lion in Eastern and Southern Africa (December 2006)

4. Meeting of Range States & other stakeholders
5. Review of progress at SC 44 and 45
6. Work towards an Appendix II listing proposal at CMS CoP12

# *Panthera leo*

## IUCN redlist assessment 2015

African continent	 <b>42%</b>	'Vulnerable'
Most of African range	 <b>62%</b>	'Endangered'
West Africa	<b>404</b>	'Critically Endangered'

# Status of African lions

**8% of historic range**

**Recently extirpated  
from 12, possibly  
16 countries**

**20,000 - 30,000**

# Status of African lions

**Human-wildlife conflict**

**Habitat loss**

**Prey-base depletion**

**(trophy hunting)**

**(trade)**

# Party/Range State consultation

**Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau,  
Somalia, Mali, Uganda, Tanzania,  
Zimbabwe, South Africa**

**5 have National Action Plan**

**11 Range States have Lion Action Plan or equivalent**

# Party/Range State consultation

**7/9 aware of regional strategies**

**Important/very important**

**4 National Action Plans**

Strategy implementation:

- Wider distribution
- Workshops
- Funding
- Stronger partnerships
- Institutional strengthening
- Periodic review

# Cross-border collaboration





# Regional strategies – relevance?

- ✓ Logical framework
- ✓ ID problems
- ✓ ID causes
- ✓ Vision

Africa manages its natural resources sustainably for the mutual benefit of lions and people

- ✓ Goals

The conservation of lions across Africa, recognizing their potential to provide substantial social, cultural, ecological and economic benefits

- ✓ Objectives

Add lion bone/body part trade

# Regional strategies – implementation?

- X Fragmented
- X Partial
- X Lack of follow-up/analysis
- X Lack of funding, human resource, institutional capacity
  
- X Donor goals
- X low priority

# Conclusions and recommendations

- Strategies strong, implementation weak.
- Charismatic, powerful symbol, one of 'big 5'
- But challenging for local people to live with
- Polarisation of views on trophy hunting
  
- Future dialogue:
  - existing CMS/CITES meeting framework
  - Separate, specific forum
    - political buy-in
    - procurement of finances
    - strategy implementation