



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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### **PROPOSED DRAFT DECISIONS REGARDING THE CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN LION (*PANTHERA LEO*)**

1. This document has been submitted by Uganda in relation to the following agenda items:
  - a. Agenda item 16.1 on the Implementation of the Programme of Work (UNEP/CMS/StC45/Doc.16.1.), Activity 20.4 on the implementation of Resolution 11.32.
  - b. Agenda item 20 on Synergies and Partnerships.
2. The draft decisions contain the decisions adopted by the Conference of Parties to CITES at its 17th meeting (CITES CoP17 Com. I. 29) on the Conservation of the African lion and the role of international trade, as they relate to CMS.
3. The Standing Committee is invited to consider the draft decisions for endorsement.

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- a) Welcome the draft decisions contained in document CITES CoP17 Com. I. 29.
- b) Request the Secretariat, subject to external funding and in collaboration with African lion range States, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and IUCN to:
  - i. Investigate possible mechanisms to develop and support the implementation of joint lion conservation plans and strategies, taking into consideration existing lion conservation plans and strategies;
  - ii. Develop an inventory of African lion populations across its range, taking due consideration of existing inventories developed by African lion range States;
  - iii. Support the development of relevant databases by African lion range States;
  - iv. Develop strategies to reinforce international cooperation on the management of lions;
  - v. Undertake a comparative study of lion population trends and conservation and management practices, such as lion hunting, within and between countries, including the role, if any, of international trade;
  - vi. Support capacity-building in lion conservation and management, including where appropriate the making of non-detriment findings where a range State requests it;
  - vii. Support public awareness raising as well as education programmes in African lion range States, in order to support co-existence between humans and lions and to promote measures for the conservation and recovery of African lion populations;
  - viii. Promote fundraising, as part of its overall fundraising initiatives, to support the effective implementation of conservation and management plans and strategies for African lion;
  - ix. Create a joint webportal with CITES to permit, amongst other things, the posting and sharing of information; and
  - x. Report on the progress relating to paragraph i. –x. to the 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMS Standing Committee.
- c) Request African lion range States to collaborate in implementing the decisions contained in paragraphs i. –x.
- d) Request Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organisations, donors and other entities to support the African lion range States and the Secretariat in their efforts to conserve and restore this iconic species across the continent, taking into consideration existing land-use practices; and in implementing the decisions contained in paragraphs i. –x.
- e) Consider at its 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> meetings the reports submitted by the Secretariat and as appropriate recommend further actions to be taken.