

1st Meeting of Range States for the Joint CMS – CITES African Carnivores Initiative

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Shared CITES/CMS/IUCN Lion Web Portal

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Background

- Joint web portal of:
 - CITES
 - CMS
 - IUCN Cat Specialist Group
- Aims to facilitate **posting and sharing of information** regarding **conservation and management** of the **African lion** (*Panthera leo*).
- Will create a **common portal of collaboration** across the lion Range States.



Relevant CITES and CMS Decisions

- **CITES COP17 Decision 17.241 j)**

The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding, **in collaboration** with African lion range States, CMS and the IUCN, **create a portal** on the CITES website to permit, amongst other things, the **posting and sharing of information** and voluntary **guidance on the making of non-detriment findings** for the **African lion**.

- **CMS COP12 Decision 12.67 a)**

The Secretariat shall, subject to external funding and **in collaboration** with African Lion Range States, the IUCN, and on matters falling within the remit of CMS, collaborate with the Secretariat of CITES on **developing a joint web portal** to permit, amongst other things, the **posting and sharing of information** regarding **conservation and management** of **African Lions**.

About/Landing Page

- **Introduction, summary** of web portal
- CITES and CMS **Decisions implemented** by web portal
- Explanation of different **roles of IUCN, CITES and CMS** with regard to lion conservation

Sections

- **African Carnivores Initiative**
- Cat SG, CITES and CMS **contacts**





Lion Conservation Strategies and Plans Page

- **Library of Conservation Strategies and Plans**
- Downloadable PDFs and reports
- Documents **tagged by country**

Sections

- Link to the **Strategic Guidelines for Lion Conservation in Africa** document
- **Policies:** e.g. CITES/CMS Resolutions & Decisions, National Action Plans
- **Existing strategies:** Regional Lion Conservation Action Plans
- Link to **Cat SG Library**

Conservation Status of the Lion Page

Sections

- Link to **Lion Database**: will provide a continually updated assessment of the abundance and distribution of lions in Africa
- Link and description of **IUCN Red List** assessment
- Link to **Inventory Report** of lion populations



Lion Conservation Management Page

- Descriptions and links to **management techniques** with **case studies**

Sections

- **Conflict mitigation:** e.g. community work, insurance schemes
- **Trophy hunting:** e.g. setting quotas, best practices
- Use of **dogs** in lion conservation
- **SMART** tool: description, NGO SMART partners in different regions
- **Law enforcement:** links to courses, reports, Interpol
- **Protected Area management:** transboundary connectivity and conservation
- **Toolkit** and **Training Unit** for lion conservation and management
- **Awareness Raising and Education Toolkit**

Legal and Illegal Trade in Lion Specimens Page

Sections

- **Non-detriment findings:** voluntary guidance on the making of NDFs
- **CITES Task Force** on African Lions
- **Trade issues:** in collaboration with TRAFFIC, links to studies/information on legal & illegal trade in lions, including origin and smuggling routes
- Links to **relevant papers** in Cat SG Library





Community Conservation Page

Sections

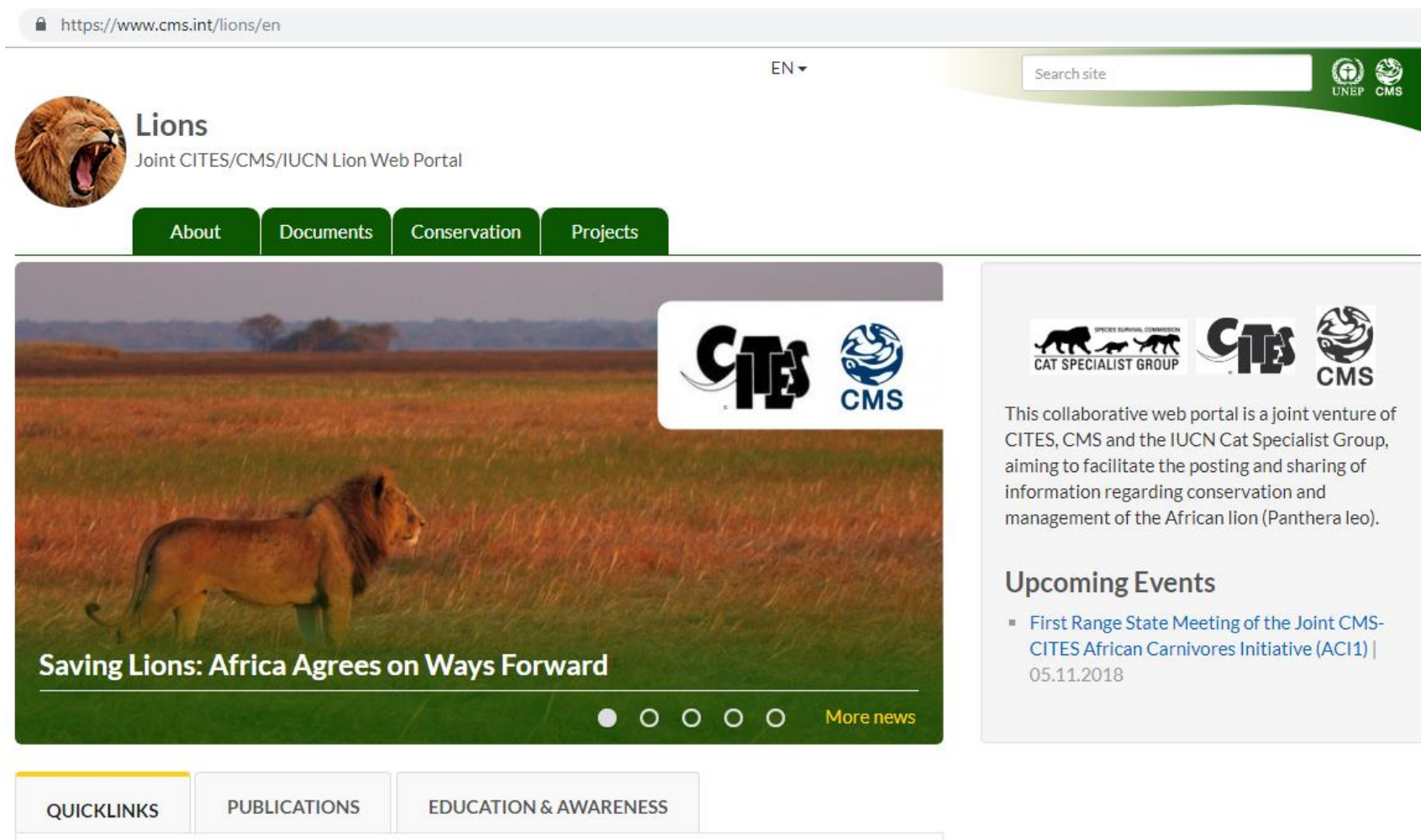
- **Case studies:** links and descriptions to case studies, lessons learned, analysis of what was done well
- **Best practices:** guidance on interacting with communities, links to publications and direct descriptions of best practices

Lion Projects Page

- List of **ongoing/recently concluded projects**
- **Links** to project websites
- Include **standardized information** e.g. **funding** amount and sources
- **Dynamic process** where information can be submitted using a form on the website



<https://www.cms.int/lions/en>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Lions web portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the URL <https://www.cms.int/lions/en>, a language dropdown set to 'EN', and a search bar. Below the navigation bar is a header section featuring a circular profile picture of a lion's face, the title 'Lions', and the subtitle 'Joint CITES/CMS/IUCN Lion Web Portal'. A horizontal menu contains four green buttons: 'About', 'Documents', 'Conservation', and 'Projects'. The main content area is dominated by a large video player showing a lion in a savanna landscape. The video title is 'Saving Lions: Africa Agrees on Ways Forward'. To the right of the video player is a text box with logos for the Species Survival Commission (SSC) Cat Specialist Group, CITES, and CMS. The text explains that the portal is a joint venture of CITES, CMS, and the IUCN Cat Specialist Group, aimed at facilitating information sharing on African lion conservation. Below this text is a section titled 'Upcoming Events' with a single event listed: 'First Range State Meeting of the Joint CMS-CITES African Carnivores Initiative (ACI1)' on 05.11.2018. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with three white buttons: 'QUICKLINKS', 'PUBLICATIONS', and 'EDUCATION & AWARENESS'.