

**CMS DECISIONS 12.55 – 12.60
ON THE JOINT CMS-CITES AFRICAN CARNIVORES INITIATIVE**

Decision 12.55

Directed to: Parties

Parties are urged to recognize the importance of the African Carnivores Initiative in implementing CMS Resolutions and Decisions relating to the African Lion (*Panthera leo*), the Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), the Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and the African Wild Dog (*Lycaon pictus*) and seeking synergies, inter alia through the joint CMS-CITES Work Programme with work under CITES to implement complementary CITES Resolutions and Decision.

Decision 12.56

Directed to: Range States

Range States are urged to work through the African Carnivores Initiative to implement CMS Resolutions and Decisions relating to the African Lion (*Panthera leo*), the Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), the Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and the African Wild Dog (*Lycaon pictus*), as a way to increase efficiency and effectiveness of their actions.

Decision 12.57

Directed to: Parties, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations

Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide financial and technical support to the Range State Parties of the African Lion (*Panthera leo*), the Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), the Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and the African Wild Dog (*Lycaon pictus*) and to the Secretariat for their work through the African Carnivores Initiative in implementing the relevant CMS Resolutions and Decisions.

Decision 12.58

Directed to: Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and make any recommendations it considers appropriate to the Conference of Parties at its 13th meeting.

Decision 12.59

Directed to: Scientific Council

The Scientific Council should consider the report of the Secretariat and determine at the meetings of its 3rd and 4th Sessional Committee whether further specific actions are required in relation to the conservation of the African Lion (*Panthera leo*), the Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), the Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and the African Wild Dog (*Lycaon pictus*) through the African Carnivores Initiative and make recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 48th and 49th meetings, if appropriate.

Decision 12.60

Directed to: Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) Establish the African Carnivores Initiative, and Work with the CITES Secretariat to jointly support Parties to CMS and CITES, in implementing conservation measures in CMS Resolutions and Decisions pertaining to African Carnivores;
- b) Support, subject to the availability of external resources, Range State Parties of the African Lion (*Panthera leo*), the Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), the Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and the African Wild Dog (*Lycaon pictus*) in their work through the African Carnivores Initiative in implementing relevant CMS Resolutions and Decisions; and
- c) Report to the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council at its 3rd and 4th sessions and the Standing Committee at its 48th and 49th meetings on the progress in implementing these Decisions.