

**CMS DECISIONS 12.67 – 12.70
ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE AFRICAN LION (*PANTHERA LEO*)**

Decision 12.67

Directed to: Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) Subject to external funding and in collaboration with African Lion Range States, and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and on matters falling within the remit of CMS, collaborate with the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) 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 nondetriment 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 coexistence 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. Consult with the CITES Secretariat on developing a joint web portal to permit, amongst other things, the posting and sharing of information regarding conservation and management of African Lions; and
- b) Report to the Standing Committee at its 48th and 49th meetings on the implementation of the above Decisions.

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Directed to: Parties

Parties are requested to:

- a) Collaborate in implementing the Decisions contained in Decision 12.67 a), paragraphs i – ix;
- b) Report to the Standing Committee at its 48th and 49th meetings on collaborative action taken in implementing the Decisions.

Decision 12.69

Directed to: Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall:

- a) Consider at its 48th and 49th meetings the reports submitted by the Secretariat and the Parties, and as appropriate recommend further actions to be taken;
- b) Report to the Conference of the Parties at its 13th meeting on the progress in implementing this Decision.

Decision 12.70

Directed to: Parties, governmental, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, donors and other entities

Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged 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 Decision 12.67 a), paragraphs i. – ix.