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**CITES DECISIONS 17.241 – 17.245  
ON AFRICAN LION (*PANTHERA LEO*)**

**Decision 17.241**

Directed to: Secretariat

Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, in collaboration with African lion range States, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):

- a) 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;
- b) develop an inventory of African lion populations across its range, taking due consideration of existing inventories developed by African lion range States;
- c) support the development of relevant databases by African lion range States;
- d) develop strategies to reinforce international cooperation on the management of lions;
- e) undertake studies on legal and illegal trade in lions, including lion bones and other parts and derivatives, to ascertain the origin and smuggling routes, in collaboration with TRAFFIC and/or other relevant organisations;
- f) 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;
- g) support capacity-building in lion conservation and management, including where appropriate the making of non-detriment findings where a range State requests it;
- h) 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;
- i) promote fundraising, as part of its overall fundraising initiatives, to support the effective implementation of conservation and management plans and strategies for African lion and for a CITES Task Force on African lions;
- j) 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 African lion; and
- k) report on the progress relating to paragraph a) – j) to the 29th and 30th Animals Committee meetings.

**Decision 17.242**

Directed to: Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and submit recommendations to the 69th and the 70th Standing Committee meetings and the African lion range States, as appropriate.

**Decision 17.243**

Directed to: Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall, at its 69th and 70th meetings:

- a) consider the reports submitted by the Animals Committee in terms of Decision 17.242;
- b) recommend further actions to be taken; including the possible need for the development of a Resolution on the conservation of African lion;
- c) establish a CITES Task Force on African lions, inviting the participation of all African lion range States, consumer states for lion parts and derivatives, and relevant enforcement bodies, including the members of the Task Force of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC);
- d) provide terms of reference and modus operandi for this Task Force; and
- e) consider the establishment of a multi-donor technical trust fund to attract funding and direct resources for the work of the CITES Task Force on African lions and to support the effective implementation of conservation and management plans and strategies for African lion.

**Decision 17.244**

Directed to: Others

Directed to African lion range States

African lion range States are encouraged to collaborate in implementing the decisions contained in Decisions 17.241 paragraphs a) - j) and 17.243 paragraph c).

**Decision 17.245**

directed to: Parties, Others

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

All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities are encouraged to support the African lion range States and the Secretariat: a) in their efforts to conserve and restore this iconic species across the continent, taking into consideration existing land-use practices; and b) in implementing the decisions contained in Decision 17.241 paragraphs a) - j).