

UNEP/CMS/Recommendation 9.5

COOPERATIVE ACTION FOR THE ELEPHANT (*Loxodonta africana*) IN CENTRAL AFRICA

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Ninth Meeting (Rome 1-5 December 2008)

Recalling that Central African populations of *Loxodonta africana* are among the largest in Africa;

Convinced of the threat posed to these populations by poaching and accelerated habitat loss;

Convinced also that, owing to the predominantly transboundary character of their seasonal movement, these populations would greatly benefit from concerted management, in support of measures outlined by the Central African States through the COMIFAC sub-regional convergence plan; and

Taking into account the proposal of the Scientific Council in support of *Loxodonta africana* through Cooperative Action;

*The Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to include in its programme of work the development of an appropriate instrument on the conservation of elephants in Central Africa, and to engage in relevant consultations with range states (COMIFAC);
2. *Invites* the Secretariat to establish a working group composed of representatives of Range States and CMS partner organizations on this issue. The Scientific Council will be an additional member of the working group;
3. *Further requests* the Secretariat to review the state of progress of work, both in the Scientific Council and the CMS Standing Committee during the intersessional period; and
4. *Encourages* the stakeholders to ensure a sound coordination amongst the CMS initiatives for this species in this region.

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