



**Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species
of Wild Animals**



RECOMMENDATION 6.5

CO-OPERATIVE ACTION FOR THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT (*Loxodonta africana*) IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Sixth Meeting (Cape Town, 10-16 November 1999)

Recalling that the majority of western and central African populations of *Loxodonta africana* are small, fragmented and highly threatened;

Convinced that, owing to the predominantly transboundary character of their seasonal movements, these populations would greatly benefit from concerted management;

Noting that the Scientific Council has proposed to recommend *Loxodonta africana* for cooperative action;

Recording the willingness of Burkina Faso to chair a working group;

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

1. *Urges* the Scientific Council and the Range States to initiate without delay such cooperative action in western and central Africa;
2. *Recommends*, to that end, that the Scientific Council and the Range States form a working group reporting to the Scientific Council and including, in particular, representatives of the Range States and relevant organizations, including the IUCN African Elephant Specialist Group;
3. *Instructs* the Scientific Council and invites the Range States to mandate the working group to complete an action plan and to initiate its implementation; and
4. *Further suggests* that the Range States envisage developing and concluding one or more Agreements, including action plans, and implementing them.