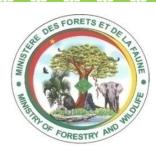
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NATIONAL IVORY ACTION PLAN (NIAP) OF CAMEROON (Revised)

At its 65th meeting held in Geneva in July 2014, the CITES Standing Committee requested countries of "secondary concern" (Cameroon, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Mozambique and Nigeria) and those "of importance to watch" (Angola, Cambodia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic) to draw up national ivory action plans (NIAP) including implementation timeframes, with the aim of combating the illegal ivory trade. These plans were to be based on the six major pillars below, and to be broken down into priority actions.

- A. Legislation
- B. Legal proceedings
- C. Information-gathering and investigation
- D. National and international cooperation on wildlife crime
- E. Enforcement operations
- F. Communication and awareness-raising.

The NIAP drawn up by Cameroon with technical assistance from CITES consultants was submitted and approved by that body in February 2015. However, Cameroon was recommended to organize a technical meeting with all the stakeholders involved in effective implementation (other administrations and conservation partners) in order to secure approval of it at national level.

A workshop was held for this purpose from 13 to 15 April 2015. It resulted, on the one hand, in a recasting of the activities previously set down in the approved NIAP, which had been considered by the CITES consultants placed at our disposal to be achievable in the long term. Then there was a process of breaking down the activities into those considered to be priorities, as having a direct impact on this illegal trade. On the other hand, the various sources of funding were identified, in conjunction with an implementation timetable.

National Ivory Action Plan of Cameroon, revised in accordance with the work and recommendations from the workshop for ownership of the plan, April 2015

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| LEGISLATION | Incorporation of appropriate penalties as part of the process of revising the law. | Ensuring that the revision of the wildlife legislation currently in progress includes the appropriate penalties with a view to discouraging wildlife crime | The provisions of the laws relating to this in the draft law currently being revised | | | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ MINATD/ Partners |
| | | Ensuring the inclusion of the oath of the enforcement bodies in the law | The provisions of the laws relating to this in the draft law currently being revised | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE |
| | Revision of decrees 0648/MINFOF of 18 December 2006 setting | Establishing the ad hoc committee | Minutes of the meeting and draft laws | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |
| | the list of animals in protection classes A, B and C, and 649/MINFOF setting the geographical limits for killing. | Organizing the national workshop for approval of the draft laws | Draft laws approved | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |

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| LEGAL PROCEEDINGS | Disseminating the legislative and regulatory instruments relating to wildlife, to the departments charged with | Organizing workshops for dissemination of the legislative and regulatory instruments relating to wildlife, to the departments charged with enforcement | Number of workshops organized Number of individuals made aware | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | MINFOF and its partners |
| | enforcement (Justice, Customs, Gendarmerie, Police, MINFOF, etc) | Drawing up a list of the instruments and distributing it | List of instruments available Number of copies distributed | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MINFOF and its partners |
| | Ongoing training in the major specialized teaching establishments | Preparing training modules on combating poaching and illegal trade in wildlife products | Training modules prepared Number of | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | MINFOF and its partners MINFOF and |
| | (ENAM, Police College and Gendarmerie College) | Providing the training modules for Customs and law enforcement personnel | individuals trained | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | its partners |

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| INFORMATION- GATHERING AND INVESTIGATION | Establishing a system for information-gathering and investigation | Training and capacity-building for MINFOF officers on techniques/ | Number of sessions held | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | MINFOF/Police /MINDEF/ Customs/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |
| | | procedures for collecting information having to do with wildlife crime | Number of personnel trained | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | MINFOF/Police /MINDEF/ Customs/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |
| | | Building up networks of partner informants and setting up an information exchange mechanism | Number of meetings held | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MINFOF/Police /MINDEF/SED Customs/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |
| | | Infiltrating the most serious zones for elephants poaching, in order to break up the ivory trafficking networks | Amount of information obtained through this channel Number of traffickers arrested | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MINFOF/Police /MINDEF/SED Customs/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |

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| NATIONAL AND | Setting up platforms for | identified) Review the situation | Report on the | J | F | M | A | M | 1 | | S | O | N | D | MINFOF/Police |
| INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON WILDLIFE CRIME | national cooperation | and make recommendations on the existing facilities for cooperation at national level | situation available | | | | | | | | | | | | /MINDEF/ Customs/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |
| | | Strengthen/create facilities for appropriate bipartite cooperation (between MINFOF and each key administration partner: MINFI/Customs, DGSN, Gendarmerie, MINDEF, MINJUSTICE, etc.) having to do with enforcement of wildlife | Drafts of the bipartite MoUs with key partners available At least two MoUs signed by 31 December 2015 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | MINFOF/Police /MINDEF/SED/ Customs/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |
| | Strengthening and | law Designate an NIAP | Focal Point | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | MINFOF |
| | operationalizing the arrangements for tracking the implementation of the NIAP | National Focal Point | designated | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Designate NIAP Regional Focal Points | Focal Points designated | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | MINFOF |

| | Setting up a technical implementation pool and an intersectoral ad hoc committee for guiding and tracking the NIAP | Technical pool and ad hoc committee set up and operational | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | MINFOF/Police /MINDEF/SED/ Customs/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |
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| Building up international cross-border cooperation on combating poaching | Building up the various platforms for multi- actor coordination already existing within the context of the Sangha Trinational; Trinational Dja- Odzala-Minkebe forest; Binational Sena Bouba Yamoussa complex; Trinational anti- poaching, COMIFAC/RAPAC | Number of platform coordination meetings held | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ MINREX/ MINATD/ CUSTOMS INTERPOL/ COMIFAC/ RAPAC/ Partners |
| | Strengthening the cooperation among MINFOF, Interpol and the international network for reinforcing enforcement (CITES, WCMC, CITES Parties, etc.) | Number of jointly undertaken activities | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ MINREX/ MINATD/ CUSTOMS/ INTERPOL/ COMIFAC/ RAPAC/ Partners |
| | Promoting cooperation with the destination/transit countries for ivory (exchange of information or documents) | Number of exchanges of information on CITES documents Number of specimens repatriated | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MINFOF/ CUSTOMS/ INTERPOL/ COMIFAC/ RAPAC/ Partners |

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| ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS | Securing the administrative ivory | Carrying out an independent audit of | Audit terms of reference | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ DOUANE/ |
| OPERATIONS | stocks | the systems for storage and management of the | Audit report | | | | | | | | | | | | | Partners |
| | | Enhancing the security of the ivory storage facilities | Number and type of security equipment installed | Security nent ed ty of | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | MINFOF |
| | | Collecting and securing all the ivory | Quantity of pieces of ivory collected | | 1 1 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | MINFOF and its partners | |
| | | seized (courts, collected | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MINFOF | | | | |
| | Capacity-building in contraband detection | Training the supervisory authorities (Senior Customs and Police officers, head officer at airport or port, | Number of officers trained per body Training report | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ DOUANE/ Partners |
| | | Acquiring the technical detection equipment | Number of items of equipment acquired per control facility | | | | | | | | | | | | | MINFOF and its partners |
| | Enhancement of controls at the country's | Systematic checking of vehicles leaving | Number of seizures | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MINFOF/ Police/ Gendarmerie/ |

| entry/departure points (port, airport, checkpoint, barriers at the borders, etc.) Intensifying crackdown operations in the areas where the pressure on elephants is severe and | the country (at the borders) and of packages destined for countries in Asia (airport, port, etc.) Organizing at least one crackdown operation per quarter and per "hot zone" | Number of crackdown operations Mission report | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | Customs/ Interpol/ Partners MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Police/ Gendarmerie/ |
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| there is a high level of ivory trafficking (Boumba Bek national park, Nki, Lobéké, Dja, Bouba Ndjidda, Bénoué, Faro, Waza) | | N. 1 C | | | | | | | | Partners |
| Operational capacity- building for the enforcement services | Increasing the number of support personnel in the Protected Areas and control posts | Number of individuals assigned | | | | 1 | | | | MINFOF |
| | Training MINFOF personnel in the use of SMART tools and in techniques of marking pieces of ivory | Number of individuals trained | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | 2 | | MINFOF and its partners |
| | Purchasing communication and de navigation equipment | Number of items of equipment distributed in the ports, airports and checkpoints | | | 2 | 2 | | | | MINFOF and its partners |
| | Field visits (national parks, hunting zones) | Number of visits made and number of | | | | | | 1 | | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |

| | as part of awareness- raising in the legal authorities | individuals made aware | | | | | | | |
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| Improving the collection of ETIS data | Training MINFOF and Customs field personnel in the collection of data and in completing the ETIS forms | Number of individuals trained | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | MINFOF and its partners |
| Enhancing the tracking of disputes | Updating and disseminating the register of offences | Register updated and disseminated | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |
| | Organizing missions for follow-up on disputes in the high- pressure zones | Number of cases tracked | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |
| | Carrying out regular tracking of disputes | Number of court decisions pronounced | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |
| | Tracking the effective enforcement of court decisions | Status of de recovery of damages and interest | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | MINFOF/ MINJUSTICE/ Partners |

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| COMMUNICATION | Raising stakeholder awareness of the arsenal of legal instruments on | Organizing at least one tour per quarter per line of pressure identified | Number of individuals made aware | | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | MINFOF and its partners |
| AND AWARENESS- RAISING | combating poaching | Raising awareness in the public by intermediary media (National communications service and community radio) | Number of broadcasts made | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MINFOF and its partners |
| | | Involving economic operators from the forest and wildlife sector in the awareness-raising | Number of signs set up in their respective areas of action | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MINFOF and its partners |
| | Coordinating with personnel from airlines and those working river and land locations on | Setting up communication platforms | Number of actions undertaken jointly | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | MINFOF and its partners |
| | smuggling of wild species | Producing communication supports | Number of supports created and distributed | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MINFOF and its partners |
| | | Organizing awareness- raising campaigns in airports and travel agencies | Number of campaigns undertaken | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | MINFOF and its partners |
| | Publicizing the activities related to combating wildlife crime | Publicizing the results of the crackdown operations and seizures | Number of media publications issued | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MINFOF and its partners |
| | | Adopt a multimedia approach, involving the | Number of activities | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | MINFOF and its partners |

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Key:

1 — Activities to be undertaken during the first year (2015)

2 — Activities to be undertaken during the second year (2016)

MINFOF: Ministère des Forêts et de la Faune (Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife)

MINJUSTICE : Ministère de la Justice (Ministry of Justice)

MINATD: Ministère de l'Administration Territoriale et de la Décentralisation (Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralzation)

MINREX: Ministère des Relations Extérieurs (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

MINDEF: Ministère de la Défense (Ministry of Defence)

SED : Secrétariat d'Etat à la Défense (Gendarmerie) (State Secretary's Office for Defence (Gendarmerie))

COMIFAC: Commission des Forêts Afrique Centrale (Central African Forest Commission)

RAPAC : Réseau des Aires Protégées d'Afrique Centrale (Central African Network of Protected Areas)