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Dear **Secretary-General Scanlon**,

Greetings from the CITES Management Authority of the Philippines for terrestrial species!

Please find attached the Philippines' Third Progress Report on the implementation of the National Ivory Action Plan based on the template provided by the CITES Secretariat. The report covers the accomplishments for the period July 2014 to September 2015. Kindly acknowledge receipt thereof.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

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PHILIPPINES' IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL IVORY ACTION PLAN (NIAP)

THIRD PROGRESS REPORT (01 July 2014 -15 September 2015)

PART A: Synopsis of NIAP implementation

CATEGORY 1: LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

1.1 Registration of ivory and ivory products in compliance with Res. Conf. 10.10 (Rev. 16)

The policy being developed under this category (DENR Administrative Order "Registration of Raw and/or Worked Elephant Ivory") is currently undergoing public review. All comments generated from the general public will be consolidated and relevant inputs will be considered in the revision of the draft by end of September 2015. A national consultation on the draft policy will be held in October 2015. The proposed policy will be endorsed for consideration by the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) by December 2015.

1.2 Annual re-inventory of government stockpile of ivory

The Philippines has submitted the complete inventory of government stockpile of elephant ivory to the CITES Secretariat through the letter DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) to Secretary-General John E. Scanlon dated 13 February 2015. A copy of this report is attached herewith as "Annex 1". No confiscation of elephant ivory took place in the Philippines between 01 July 2014 and 15 September 2015 (cut-off date of this report).

CATEGORY 2: NATIONAL LEVEL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, INVESTIGATION AND NATIONAL INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

2.1 Continuous operation and mobilization of the Philippine Operations Group on Ivory and Illegal Wildlife Trade (POGI)

The POGI and the DENR-Regional/Field Offices, in collaboration with and assistance of the Philippine National Police and other key enforcement agencies conducted fifteen (15) law enforcement operations within the report period. These resulted to the seizure/confiscation of about 6,667 specimens of wild fauna worth about PhP16,936,200.00 and filing of eleven (11) criminal complaints/cases against eighteen (18) law violators. So far, three criminal cases have been resolved. The concerned law violators were convicted and meted with penalties in accordance with Republic Act 9147 ("Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act" of 2001).

2.2 Capacity building of personnel/officers of the DENR and partner-agencies/organizations on wildlife law enforcement

The Philippines, through the DENR-BMB, in partnership with *Tanggol Kalikasan* (a local non-government organization composed mostly of environmental lawyers), United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and US Department of the Interior (US-DOI), implemented the fourth and fifth series of the **Training of Trainers on the Application of the Wildlife Law Enforcement Manual of Operations**. These were conducted on 24-28 November 2014 and 7-11 September 2015, respectively (Annex 2, Fig. 1). A total of 115 officers/personnel from various government enforcement agencies and members of non-government organizations (NGOs) underwent the said training. These included representatives from the Philippine Navy (PN), Philippine National Police (PNP), PNP-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG), PNP-Maritime Group (PNP-MG), PNP-Aviation Security Group (PNP-AVSEGROUP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Customs (BoC), Department of Transportation and Communication - Office for Transportation Security (DOTC-OTS), Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), Local Government Units and NGO partners such as Wild Bird Club of the Philippines (WCP), Sagip Sierra Madre Environmental Society, Inc. (SSMESI), UP Mountaineers, and Save Philippine Seas (SPS). The trainees now form part of the wildlife conservation and law enforcement network in the country.

CATEGORY 3: International enforcement collaboration

3.1 Training on Ivory Identification and Stockpile Management

Two training sessions on **Ivory Identification and Marking System and Workshop on the Trade in Elephant Ivory** were conducted within the report period, particularly on 12-14 November 2015 and 17-19 November 2015 (Photo attached as Annex 2, Fig.2). The participants consisted of representatives from the Bureau of Customs (BoC), National Museum of the Philippines (NMP), Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), and DENR- Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Units. A total of 60 officials/personnel from said agencies participated in said training. The training sessions were made possible through the technical and financial support from the TRAFFIC Southeast Asia and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and technical assistance of the National Museum of the Philippines.

3.2 Participation in international training programs/conferences/ meetings

- a) The Philippines, through the Philippine Center for Transnational Crime (PCTC), with funding support from the Philippine-Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), organized and hosted the **International Workshop on the Prohibition of the Illicit Trade of Wildlife** held last 27-28 November 2014. It aimed to serve as a venue to identify problems concerning illicit trade in wildlife and come up with proposed measures that can be pursued through

the concerted efforts of the neighboring countries. It was attended by Subject Matter Experts from the INTERPOL, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC), CITES, ASEAN-Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN), TRAFFIC Southeast Asia, Authorities from Brunei Darussalam and Vietnam, Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) and DENR-BMB; Observers from USAID (Philippines and Thailand), USDOJ and USFWS; and, local participants from the PNP (Maritime Group, Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, Anti-Cybercrime Group, Directorate for Plans), Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission (PAOCC), DA-BFAR, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) and PCTC.

The Workshop focused on four major themes, such as: i) Law Enforcement and Intelligence; ii) Capacity Building, Technology Transfer and Cross Learning; iii) Information and Education Campaign; and, iv) Policies & Governance. The measures/actions identified during the workshop that could be incorporated in the DENR-BMB activity plans and implemented within the next few years, include the following:

- i) Law Enforcement and Intelligence
 - Create a database on wildlife crimes similar to INTERPOL's
 - Design and implement appropriate capacity building programs, including forensic investigation
- ii) Capacity Building, Technology Transfer and Cross Learning
 - Strengthen anti-smuggling capacity to increase detections of protected wildlife in strategic "bottlenecks" such as ports, airports and land checkpoints. Priority areas are development of intelligence products, training on intelligence-led profiling, species ID, training on CSI forensics & evidence gathering especially for environmental crimes, and cover surveillance & controlled deliveries;
 - Move from anti-poaching enforcement to sustainable livelihood, use of SMART patrolling and other technology against poaching
 - Promote the exchange of technology related to forensic capacity and the use of e-learning opportunities
 - Improve information exchange about capacity building initiatives within ASEAN
- iii) Information and Education Campaign
 - Educate the grassroots and include environmental education in school/academic curriculum
 - Deal with the demand using existing technology
- iv) Policies & Governance
 - Implement activities in support to the East Asia Summit Declaration on Combating Wildlife Trafficking (EAS Declaration) adopted on November 13, 2014 during the EAS Summit held at Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, especially with regard to:

- conservation actions and commitments that have already been made with respect to CITES and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and to other relevant multilateral biodiversity-related environmental agreements;
 - recognition of environmental crime as a serious transnational crime; and,
 - full implementation of the ASEAN Regional Action Plan on Trade in CITES Wild Fauna and Flora
- b) The Philippines, through the Philippine Center on Transnational Crime (PCC) participated also in the **"Conference on Wildlife and Timber Trafficking in Southeast Asia"** organized by the Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) - Thailand, Royal Thai Police in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), FREELAND Foundation, and other organizations working on environmental crime issues. The Conference aimed at finalizing a concept paper for the inclusion of Environmental crime as one of the transnational crime areas under the purview of the ASEAN-SOMTC. It was held in Bangkok, Thailand last April 6-9, 2015.
- c) Further, the Philippines participated in the 10th ASEAN-WEN and 11th ASEAN Experts Group on CITES (AEG-CITES) Meetings which were held on 05-08 May 2015 in Brunei Darussalam. The ASEAN-WEN and AEG-CITES Meetings are regular (annual) events of AMS aimed at: exchanging information on current developments and discussing issues concerning wildlife law enforcement and CITES implementation in each AMS and in the region; and, promoting better coordination and collaboration between and among law enforcement agencies and CITES authorities in the region.

CATEGORY 4: Awareness and education

4.1 Conduct of seminars on national and international policies governing ivory for authorities at major air and sea ports

As part of the DENR-BMB's "Stop Illegal Wildlife Trade" campaign, two orientation-seminars were conducted to enhance knowledge of, and to generate support from, other government agencies and the civil society in implementing measures to reduce illegal trade in elephant ivory and other wildlife resources. These seminars were conducted on 30 June 2015 and 30 July 2015. These awareness raising activities were designed for and participated by government authorities and private companies, including airline companies and international courier service providers operating at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and Mactan-Cebu International Airport. A total of 90 representatives from aforesaid agencies/companies attended the seminars.

4.2 Production and dissemination of information and educational materials

- a) Two hundred (200) pieces of tarpaulins (photo of sample tarp attached as Annex 2, Fig. 3) were produced and displayed at BMB compound and

DENR Regional, Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices nationwide to promote the conservation of Elephants and in commemoration of the 33rd year of Philippines' membership to CITES.

- b) The Philippines also joined in the global celebration of the **2nd World Wildlife Day** last 03 March 2015. The activities undertaken as part of the celebration were “Nature Walk” and “poster/slogan making contest participated in by high school students from various schools. The highlight of the celebration was the holding of the “Second Wildlife Law Enforcement Awards” (Annex 2, Fig. 4). One hundred twelve (112) officers and staff from seven enforcement agencies/units were honored for their valuable contributions in successful wildlife enforcement operations in 2014. The awardees included 93 uniformed men and women from the Philippine National Police forces (Maritime Group [32], Aviation Security Group [2], PNP-Field Stations [35] & PNP-CIDG [34]); 15 from the Philippine Army; two from the National Bureau of Investigation (Region 9 Office) and two from the Department of Transportation and Communications-Office for Transportation Security (DOTC-OTS). The award however goes beyond formal recognition of the honorees' gallant efforts. It calls for stronger support and greater commitment from each of the awardees and their respective institution. It is also a way to encourage support from a wider sector of the society and the Filipino citizenry.

PART B: Summary evaluation of actions

CATEGORY/ PILLAR	PROGRESS RATING			
	Substantially achieved	On track	Challenging	Unclear
<i>CATEGORY 1: Legislation and Regulation</i>	1.2 Annual re- inventory of government stockpile of ivory	1.1 Registration of ivory and ivory products in compliance with Res. Conf. 10.10 (Rev. 16)		
<i>CATEGORY 2: National Level Enforcement Actions, Investigation and National Inter-Agency Coordination</i>	2.1 Continuous operation and mobilization of the Philippine Operations Group on Ivory (POGI) and Illegal Wildlife Trade			

CATEGORY/ PILLAR	PROGRESS RATING			
	Substantially achieved	On track	Challenging	Unclear
	2.2 Capacity building of personnel/officers of the DENR and partner-agencies/organizations on wildlife law enforcement			
CATEGORY 3: <i>International enforcement collaboration</i>	3.1 Training on Ivory Identification and Stockpile Management (in collaboration with TRAFFIC Southeast Asia) 3.2 Participation in international training programs/conferences/ meetings			
CATEGORY 4: <i>Awareness and education</i>	4.1 Conduct of seminars on national and international policies governing ivory for authorities at major air and sea ports 4.2 Production and dissemination of information and educational materials			

PART C: Detailed evaluation of actions

CATEGORY 1: LEGISLATION AND REGULATION		
1.1 Registration of ivory and ivory products in compliance with Res. Conf. 10.10 (Rev. 16)	On track	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The DENR, through BMB has completed the draft the policy on the registration of ivory and ivory products in pursuit of relevant CITES decisions and resolutions and the Philippine “Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act”. The draft policy, entitled “REGISTRATION OF RAW AND WORKED ELEPHANT”, which is in the form of a DENR Administrative Order (DAO), aims to provide all concerned individuals and entities the opportunity to register with the Philippine Government any raw or worked ivory in their possession and utilize the registered items for domestic trade purposes. It also aims to provide mechanism to monitor local movement of registered ivory products. It intends to cover natural or juridical persons engaged in carving, storing, selling and/or trading, whether part-time or full-time, of raw or worked elephant ivory.• Two (2) writeshops were conducted for the drafting of the policy. These were held last 13 January 2015 and 19 February 2015. Both writeshops were facilitated by an environmental lawyer & legal consultant of BMB.• Two (2) consultation workshops were also conducted to get comments and inputs for the enhancement of the draft policy. These workshops were held last 29 May 2015 and 16 June 2015. Representatives from the Philippine CITES Scientific Authorities, DENR-National Capital Region and the wildlife industry participated in the workshops.• The draft policy is now undergoing public review. A national consultation workshop will be held in October 2015

		<p>to generate further comments and recommendations from key stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy will be endorsed to the Office of the Secretary through channel by November 2015 for consideration and approval.
1.2 Annual re-inventory of government stockpile of ivory	Substantially achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The complete inventory of the Philippine government-held stockpile of elephant ivory as of January 2015 was submitted to the Secretary-General through the BMB letter dated 13 February 2015 in compliance with CITES Notification No. 2015-005, <i>“Elephant ivory stocks: marking, inventories and security”</i>. No incidence of ivory smuggling occurred in the country from 01 January to 15 September 2015, thus, the inventory records submitted to the CITES Secretariat in February 2015 remain the same.
CATEGORY 2: NATIONAL LEVEL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, INVESTIGATION AND NATIONAL INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION		
2.1 Continuous operation and mobilization of the Philippine Operations Group on Ivory (POGI) and Illegal Wildlife Trade	Substantially achieved	<p>From July 2014 to 15 September 2015, fifteen (15) enforcement operations were conducted by POGI and other partners from enforcement agencies. These operations resulted to the seizure/confiscation of about 6,667 wildlife specimens from eighteen violators. Eleven (11) criminal complaints/cases were filed in Court. Three convictions were reached so far.</p>
2.2 Capacity building of personnel/officers of the DENR and partner-agencies/organizations on wildlife law	Substantially achieved	<p>Fourth and Fifth Training of Trainers (ToT) on the Application of the Wildlife Law Enforcement Manual of Operations</p> <p>This training program of the DENR-BMB aimed, among others, to: i) enhance capacity of Wildlife Enforcement Officers</p>

enforcement		<p>(WEOs) and partners from various agencies/ organizations in the enforcement of Republic Act 9147; and, ii) develop a pool of trainers who can assist in building wildlife enforcement capacities at the local and national levels.</p> <p>ToT4 was held last 24-28 November 2014 at Subic Holiday Villas, SBMA in partnership with USDOJ, USAID and Tanggol Kalikasan. There were forty-five trainees from various government agencies such as Philippine Navy (PN), Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Customs (BoC), and DENR as well as non-government organizations such as the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines (WCP), UP Mountaineers, and Sagip Sierra Madre Environmental Society, Inc. (SSMESI). p</p> <p>ToT5 was conducted on 07-11 September 2015 at Citystate Asturias Hotel, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan in collaboration with the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) and support from Tanggol Kalikasan, USDOJ and USAID. It was attended by seventy (70) trainees from the DOJ, BoC, NBI, PNP-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG), PNP-Maritime Group (PNP-MG), PNP-Aviation Security Group (PNP-AVSEGROUP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine Navy (PN), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Department of Transportation and Communications-Office for Transportation Security (DOTC-OTS), Local Government Units, DENR and a non-government organization (the Save Philippine Seas).</p>

CATEGORY 3: International enforcement collaboration

3.1 Training on Ivory Identification and Stockpile Management (in collaboration with TRAFFIC Southeast Asia)	Substantially achieved	<p>Training on Ivory Identification and Stockpile Management</p> <p>The DENR-BMB, National Museum of the Philippines and TRAFFIC Southeast Asia, jointly carried out a three-day training, entitled “Training on Ivory Identification and Marking System and Workshop on the Trade in Elephant Ivory in the Philippines”, with support from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. This training was held at the Eurotel-Clark, Angeles, Pampanga in two (2) batches. The first batch was held from 12-14 November 2014 while the second batch was conducted from 17-19 November 2014. The training aimed at providing key government personnel/officials particularly those manning international airports and seaports and/or involved in the verification of wildlife shipments with necessary knowledge and skills in ivory identification and marking in aid of wildlife law enforcement. A total of fifty-eight (58) officers/permanent personnel from the Bureau of Customs (BOC), National Museum of the Philippines (NMP), and DENR, including the Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Units manning major air and sea ports in the country participated in the training activity.</p>
3.2 Participation in international training programs/conferences/ meetings	Substantially achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four (4) international meetings/workshops/conferences were attended by the Philippines within the report period. These were the “International Workshop on the Prohibition of the Illicit Trade of Wildlife and hosted by the Philippines” on 27-28 November 2014; the “Conference on Wildlife and Timber Trafficking in Southeast Asia” held last April 6-9, 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand; the 10th ASEAN-WEN Meeting held on May 5-6, 2015 in Brunei Darrusalam; and, the 11th

		ASEAN Experts Group on CITES Meeting held on May 7-8, 2015 also in Brunei Darussalam. Further details on these events are provided in pages 2-4 of this report.
<i>CATEGORY 4: Awareness and education</i>		
4.1 Conduct of seminars on national and international policies governing ivory for authorities at major air and sea ports	Substantially achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Orientation-seminars on national and international policies governing ivory and wildlife trade were conducted as part of the DENR-BMB's "Stop Illegal Wildlife Trade Campaign". These seminars were held on 30 June 2015 and 30 July 2015. The 90 participants were government authorities and private entities including airline companies and international courier service providers at Ninoy Aquino International Airport and Mactan-Cebu International Airport.
4.2 Production and dissemination of information and educational materials	Substantially achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two hundred (200) pieces of tarpaulins (photo of sample tarp attached as Annex 2, Fig. 3) were produced and displayed at BMB compound and DENR Regional, Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices nationwide to promote the conservation of Elephants and in commemoration of the 33rd year of Philippines' membership to CITES.



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Subject: Elephant ivory stocks: marking, inventories and security

Dear Secretary-General Scanlon,

Greetings from the CITES Management Authority of the Philippines for terrestrial species!

In compliance with **CITES Notification No. 2015/005: Elephant ivory stocks: marking, inventories and security**, please find attached the complete inventory of the Philippine government's ivory stock as of January 2015 following the prescribed format/model for the purpose.

In relation to this, we wish to inform you that the Philippine has not seized/confiscated any ivory specimens from 2010 until to date.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

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**Training of Trainers on the Application of the Wildlife Law
Enforcement Manual of Operations**



24-28 November 2014, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Zambales, Philippines



07-11 September 2015, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, Philippines

Training on Ivory Identification and Marking System and Workshop on the Trade in Elephant Ivory in the Philippines



1st Batch (12-14 November 2014)



2nd Batch (17-19 November 2014)

A sample of the tarpaulin as campaign material to promote the conservation of Elephants and highlight the Philippines' membership to the CITES



Some of the 112 recipients of the “2nd Wildlife Enforcement Awards”

