

# KENYA & COTE D' IVOIRE



## **IVORY TRADE CONTROLS & DECISION MAKING PROCESS**



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- Remind of CoP14 Resolutions and Decisions regarding African elephant conservation
  - ❖ CoP 14.75-14.79
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  - ❖ Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP14)
- Projects to meeting agenda on the African Elephant
  - ❖ African elephant meeting (23-25 June 2008)
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  - ❖ 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee



## Trade in raw Ivory

### Annotation 5 g )ii) to current CITES Appendices

#### **Raw ivory from elephant populations of BW,NA,ZA,ZM :**

*"Trade takes place only to trading partners that have been verified by the Secretariat , in consultation with the SC, to have adequate national legislation & domestic trade controls to ensure that the imported ivory will not be re exported and will be managed in accordance with all requirements of Resolution CoNF. 10.10 (Rev. CoP14)"*



# Verification Missions & reports

## **SC 57 Doc. 33.2**

SC 54 (2006) recommends Japan be designated trading partner

Secretariat Mission to China (March /April 2007:

SC 57 (Hague): no recommendation to CoP14 to designate China

CoP14: China's request for designation rejected in a vote

Marc/April 2008 mission to BW,NA, ZA, and ZM to audit legal stocks registered as at 31 Jan 2007



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- Seizure of 750kg of raw ivory in China in March 2008
- Secretariat mission to China (Mar 2008) recommends to SC 57 designation of China as a trading Partners
- *Establishes stocks held as BW- ca. 43.6 tons, NA-9.2 tons, ZA,- 51.1 tons & ZM, 3.75 tonnes.*



# Contradictions:

- *Argument: Legal supplies from Southern Africa to legal demand in Asia should help reduce motivation for elephant poaching & illegal trade*
- *Secretariat confirms China certainly remains destination for illegal ivory*
- *Secretariat conscious that illicit ivory trade continues & criminals will undoubtedly launder poached ivory*





# Elephant Action Plan

- **Forensic Science & DNA profiling necessary**

*(Issue slotted for discussion at Elephant meeting, Oral update to be provided to SC 57).* **USF&W recommended but why not Sam Wasser**

**Kenya invite to expert on DNA profiling rejected by Secretariat**



## SC 57 : Action requested

- **Secretariat Recommends to SC 57 (July 2008) China be designated trading partner.**
- **If agree, China designated as a trading partner**
- **Secretariat oversees off load of ca.107 of raw ivory**
- *SC can decide to cause trade to cease partially or completely in event of non-compliance*



## AEC : Action requested

- Common position on recommended designation of China as trading partner should be taken and communicated at Elephant meeting -23-25 June 2008
- Coalition members do a position statement for reporting to SC57 meeting by SC members in the Coalition





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- **AHSANTE SANA**
- **Thank you very much**
- **Merci beaucoup**  
**& God Bless AEC,**  
**God Bless Africa**

