



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/061

Geneva, 10 May 2024

CONCERNING:

ANGOLA

Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade

1. The Secretariat hereby informs Parties that the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Angola is withdrawn with immediate effect.
2. In Notification to the Parties No. 2024/033 of 7 February 2024, the Secretariat informed Parties that, pursuant to recommendations of the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting (SC77; Geneva, November 2023) due to the failure of Angola in submitting a satisfactory progress report on the implementation of its National Ivory Action Plan (NIAP) by 10 January 2024, Parties should not authorize any commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Angola until further notice.
3. At the invitation of Angola, the Secretariat conducted a technical mission in Angola from 22 to 23 April 2024 to provide specific assistance to Angola on NIAP implementation. During the mission, the Secretariat assisted the CITES authorities in the examination of the status of each action point of its NIAP. As a result of the mission, the Secretariat was able to verify the evidence provided by the CITES authorities for the assessment of the new progress made by Angola in NIAP implementation. In particular, it has clarified the status of certain action points that were not duly reflected in previous reports, e.g., action points related to intelligence and investigatory services and strengthening of enforcement.
4. Following the mission, an updated NIAP progress report was submitted by Angola on 1 May 2024. As the progress report confirms that new substantial progress has been made towards the implementation of the NIAP of Angola, the Secretariat's assessment concluded that sufficient progress was made and the new NIAP progress report submitted by Angola is adequate.
5. The Secretariat therefore withdraws the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Angola with immediate effect. Angola's [updated NIAP progress report](#) is available on the NIAP webpage on the CITES website.
6. This Notification replaces and invalidates Notification to the Parties No. 2024/033 of 7 February 2024.