



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### AUSTRALIA

#### Stricter domestic measures regarding import and export of African lion specimens and other species

1. This Notification is being published at the request of Australia.
2. Australia wishes to inform the CITES Parties that it has introduced stricter domestic measures to treat African lions as though they are listed on Appendix I of CITES. The new provisions, which came into effect on 13 March 2015, will limit Australian trade in African lion specimens, including preventing imports and exports of newly obtained African lion hunting trophies. The new measures will apply to imports to, and exports/re-exports from, Australia.
3. Australian trade in African lion specimens will only be permitted if the specimen:
  - was obtained prior to the listing of African lion on CITES, i.e. prior to 1977 (non-live specimens only);
  - is traded as part of a non-commercial exchange of scientific specimens between registered institutions (non-live specimens only);
  - is traded for research purposes (live and non-live specimens);
  - is traded for education purposes (live and non-live specimens);
  - is traded for exhibition purposes (non-live specimens only); or
  - is traded as part of a Cooperative Conservation Program (for live specimens only).
4. Australia requests that export/re-export permits or certificates for African lion specimens being imported to Australia are only issued by Parties if the specimen meets one of the above requirements. These requirements are in place for trade to and from Australia for all Appendix-I listed species.
5. Import, export or re-export permits that were issued by Australia prior to the introduction of this measure will remain valid and can be used to transport African lion specimens provided the import, export or re-export occurs within the permit validity period and is compliant with the permit conditions.
6. Australia also wishes to remind Parties that stricter domestic measures are also in place for all Appendix-I listed elephants and cetaceans. Australia also has stricter regulations for trade in rhinoceros specimens: import or re-export of Appendix-II listed rhinoceros hunting trophies is no longer permitted; and radiocarbon dating is required to conclusively demonstrate the pre-Convention status of a rhinoceros horn specimen before a pre-Convention certificate will be issued by Australia.

7. For additional information on Australia's stricter domestic measures, please refer to the following web link: <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/cites/stricter-measures>.
8. For further information on the import, export and re-export of specimens of African lion in Australia, contact the CITES Management Authority of Australia at [wildlifetrade@environment.gov.au](mailto:wildlifetrade@environment.gov.au).