



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2016/009

Geneva, 11 February 2016

CONCERNING:

NIGERIA

### Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade

1. In [Notification to the Parties No. 2015/014](#) of 19 March 2015, the Secretariat informed Parties that the Standing Committee had recommended that Parties suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Nigeria as it had failed to submit an adequate national ivory action plan (NIAP) in accordance with the provisions of [intersessional recommendations](#) adopted by the Standing Committee on 2 January 2015.
2. On 23 December 2015, the Secretariat received a NIAP from Nigeria. The NIAP included milestones for April 2015 and October 2015, and since these two milestones have passed at the time of submission of the plan by Nigeria, the Secretariat was without confirmation that progress had been made towards these milestones, unable to conclude that it was an 'adequate' NIAP. The Secretariat advised Nigeria that it could not conclude that its NIAP is 'adequate' until it receives a NIAP progress report that provide confirmation that progress had been made towards these milestones. The Secretariat informed the Standing Committee accordingly at its 66th meeting (SC66, Geneva, January 2016), and the Committee as a result adopted a [recommendation](#) that required the suspension of commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Nigeria to be maintained until it submit a progress report on NIAP implementation confirming that some progress has been made towards NIAP actions.
3. On 18 January 2016, the Secretariat received a NIAP progress report from Nigeria. As the report confirms that progress has been made towards the April and October 2015 milestones, the Secretariat has concluded that the NIAP submitted by Nigeria is adequate.
4. The Secretariat therefore informs Parties that the recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Nigeria is withdrawn with immediate effect.
5. Nigeria's NIAP has been made available on the NIAP web portal at <http://cites.org/eng/niaps>.
6. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2015/014 of 19 March 2015.