



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2016/034

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CONCERNING:

CHINA

Provisional measures on the suspension of import
of tusks and ivory carvings of elephants

1. This Notification is published at the request of China.
2. China wishes to advise the Parties that as a step forward aiming at management of international trade in ivory and its products and the conservation of elephant species, the Chinese government has decided to take stricter domestic measures on international trade in ivory. On 20 March 2016, the Chinese Wildlife Authority (State Forestry Administration) published Bulletin No. 3, 2016, which states that the import of tusks and ivory carvings of elephant (*Elephantidae* spp.) in the following forms will be suspended from 20 March 2016 to 31 December 2019:
 - a) Pre-Convention tusks from elephant and its products;
 - b) Ivory carvings of African elephant obtained after the Convention entered into force; and
 - c) Tusks as hunting trophies obtained in Africa.
3. The import of tusks and its products for non-commercial purposes such as cultural relics, scientific research or education, cultural exchange, public exhibition and law enforcement or judiciary purposes are not included in this suspension.
4. During the period 20 March 2016 to 31 December 2019, the Chinese Wildlife Authority will not accept any applications to import the specimens mentioned in paragraphs 2 a), b) and c) of the present Notification.