



August 30, 2016

RE: CITES Voting Members: Elevating AFRICAN ELEPHANTS STATUS from ‘THREATENED’ to ‘HIGHLY ENDANGERED

Dear Voting Member:

In September of this year, the CITES Convention in Johannesburg, South Africa will determine the fate of the African elephants. Consideration will be given to elevate African elephants from current listing of ‘threatened’ to HIGHLY ENDANGERED. With only an approximately 300,000 left in the wild how can any voting member NOT consider protecting these majestic creatures from sure extinction?

- Every 10-15 minutes, an elephant loses its life.
- Approximately 100 elephants are lost every single day.
- Poaching is the single most significant factor for the mammals losing their lives.
- In addition to elephants, humans, positions to protect elephants are also being killed.
- Both situations are UNACCEPTABLE!

When global tourists come to Africa countries, it is not to attend a music concert. People visit to African countries to see the ICONIC, KEYSTONE SPECIES THAT EXIST ONLY IN AFRICA – ELEPHANTS, RHINOS, LIONS, ETC. AND, While it may seem like an immediate financial win to allow elephants to continue to be hunted and killed for profit – In the LONG term this decision will doom elephants for extinction and lead African countries over a financial cliff.

Therefore, I’m asking the CITES designation, regarding African elephants, to VOTE to list the African Elephant as CRITICALLY ENDANGERED! Thank you for your help to SAVE African Elephants from EXTINCTION!

Sincerely,

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City/State/Zip/Country _____

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