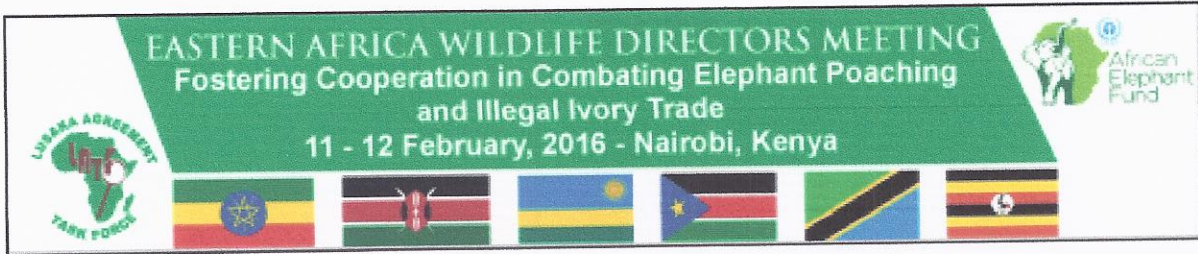


EASTERN AFRICA WILDLIFE DIRECTORS MEETING
Fostering Cooperation in Combating Elephant Poaching
and Illegal Ivory Trade
11 - 12 February, 2016 - Nairobi, Kenya



RESOLUTIONS OF THE EASTERN AFRICA WILDLIFE DIRECTORS MEETING
11 - 12 FEBRUARY 2016: NAIROBI, KENYA

LUSAKA AGREEMENT ON COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS DIRECTED AT ILLEGAL TRADE IN
WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

"FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME IN AFRICA"

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We the Chief Executives/Heads of Wildlife Authorities having met in Nairobi, Kenya from 11th to 12th February 2016 at the Eastern Africa Wildlife Directors Meeting aimed at fostering cooperation to combat wildlife crime and in particular elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade;

RECOGNIZING that the Governments of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republics of Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania (herein referred to as Partner States) are committed to combating wildlife crime and in particular elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade;

CONSIDERING that the Partner States have obligations under regional and international treaties/agreements and frameworks pertaining to wildlife and environmental conservation;

CONSCIOUS that partner states are endowed with rich biodiversity resources and particularly wildlife which is under constant threat of poaching and illegal trade in its products, parts and derivatives orchestrated by organized and sophisticated criminal syndicates;

CONCERNED that the current levels of poaching and trafficking of wildlife resources and other threats such as proliferation of small arms, livestock incursions and human encroachment in protected areas and shared ecosystems, are alarming;

RECOGNIZING the existing bilateral mechanisms/arrangements between some of the partner states and the need to strengthen them and establish similar mechanisms between other states;

TAKING NOTE of the firm commitments by governments agreed at various high level regional and international fora including the Gaborone Declaration-December 2013;2014 London Conference on Illegal Wildlife Trade in London-Feb 2014, the Arusha Regional Summit on Conservation and Combating Wildlife/Environmental Crime-November 2014; Kasane Statement-March 2015; the Brazzaville International Conference on Illegal Exploitation and Illicit Trade in Wild Flora and Fauna in Africa April 2015; that includes, among others, a commitment on cooperation to fight wildlife crime and the Implementation of the African Elephant Action Plan;

COMMITTED that in order to combat wildlife crime effectively, our States need to collaborate;

DESIRING to establish a forum to foster closer cooperation, cultivate synergy, promote sharing of information and best practices and pooling resources for conservation of wild fauna and flora in Eastern Africa;

COMMITTING to working together towards standardization of wildlife laws, policy development and joint law enforcement to curb poaching and illegal wildlife trade;

APPRECIATING the efforts by individual partner states in fighting wildlife crime including enactment and reforms of wildlife and other related laws and policies to dispense more punitive penalties against wildlife offences, establishment of multi-agency task forces,

domestication of MEAs and international conventions/agreements that support wildlife conservation;

FURTHER APPRECIATING the efforts and integral role by the Lusaka Agreement Task Force in supporting states and partners in fighting transnational wildlife crime;

RECOGNIZING the support by the African Elephant Fund, various conservation organizations and ICCWC partners such as UNODC, CITES, WCO and INTERPOL;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING the need for sustainable funding to support conservation and implementation of national, regional and international strategies/actions aimed at addressing wildlife crime in the region;

ALARMED that the African elephant is one of the iconic species that has faced the biggest threat of poaching and illicit trade;


AGREE to:

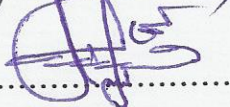
1. **Establish** an Eastern Africa Wildlife Directors forum which will comprise Chief Executives/Heads of Wildlife Authorities from Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda to deliberate on wildlife issues, review progress on implementation of agreed action plans as well as develop and implement a strategy on combating wildlife crime in Eastern Africa;
2. **Elect** Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania to serve as interim Chair, Vice Chair and Rapporteur respectively ;
3. **Designate** focal points of contact to facilitate coordination of implementation of these resolutions;
4. **Request** the Lusaka Agreement Task Force in collaboration with the interim officials to develop a framework for implementation of resolutions including Structure, Terms of Reference and action points to be considered at the next meeting;
5. **Establish** bilateral or multi-lateral cross-border mechanisms to identify threats, promote mutual understanding and coordinate regular exchange of intelligence and undertake joint enforcement activities;
6. **Enhance** collaboration with ICCWC partners such as UNODC and INTERPOL;
7. **Mobilize resources and Access** funding opportunities provided under funding mechanisms such as the African Elephant Fund to support the implementation of the African Elephant Action Plan;

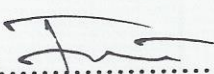
8. **Urge** the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to ratify and Republics of Rwanda and South Sudan to accede to the Lusaka Agreement on Cooperative Enforcement Operations Directed at Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora as a united front in curtailing wildlife crime in the sub-region ;
9. **Cultivate** political goodwill in governments towards influencing policy direction, intervention and support in promoting wildlife conservation across the sub-region;
10. **Develop** Strategies to support implementation of the cross-border initiatives;

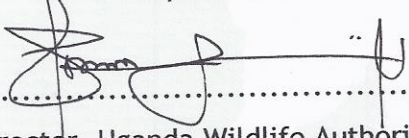
SIGNED AFTER ADOPTION BY:

Mr. Dawud Mume..........Date. 12/02/2016
 Director General, Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority - Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Mr. Julius Kimani..........Date. 12th February 2016
 Representative of the Director General, Kenya Wildlife Service, Republic of Kenya

Gen. Phillip Chol Majak..........Date. 12/2/2016
 Director General of Wildlife Service, Republic of South Sudan

Mr. Faustine Ilobi Masalu..........Date. 12th February 2016
 Representative of the Director General, Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority - The United Republic of Tanzania

Dr. Andrew G. Seguya..........Date. 12.06.2016
 Executive Director, Uganda Wildlife Authority, Republic of Uganda

OBSERVER

Mr. Bonaventure Ebayi..........Date. 12/02/2016
 Director, Lusaka Agreement Task Force

Done on this 12th day of February, 2016 at Nairobi, Republic of Kenya.

