



THE ELEPHANT PROTECTION INITIATIVE

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Feb '14: EPI is launched



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Aims of the EPI



- **Provide both immediate and longer-term funding to implement the African Elephant Action Plan;**
- Close domestic ivory markets in those participating states still operating a domestic market;
- Observe a moratorium on any consideration of future international trade for a minimum of 10 years and thereafter until African elephant populations are no longer threatened; and
- To put all stockpiles beyond economic use.

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The EPI:



- 5 Founding Counties:
Botswana, Chad, Gabon, Ethiopia, Tanzania
 - Joined by:
Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Liberia, Gambia, Congo
- Supported by over 26 NGOs/IGOs

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- Secretariat of the EPI
- One aim: to support the EPI
- Via: Provision of technical tools for meeting EPI aims
 - Inventory
 - NEAP
 - Putting ivory out of economic use on guidelines
 - Closing domestic market support
- Provision of financial support to meet EPI aims

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Implement the African Elephant Action Plan



- Key Objective of the EPI is to implement the AEAP
 - AEAP broad stroke needs for elephant conservation
 - Agreed on by all range states
- National Elephant Action Plans – a means for implementing the AEAP with country specific action plans.
- EPI – developing a means to fund the AEAP implementation

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NEAPs developed

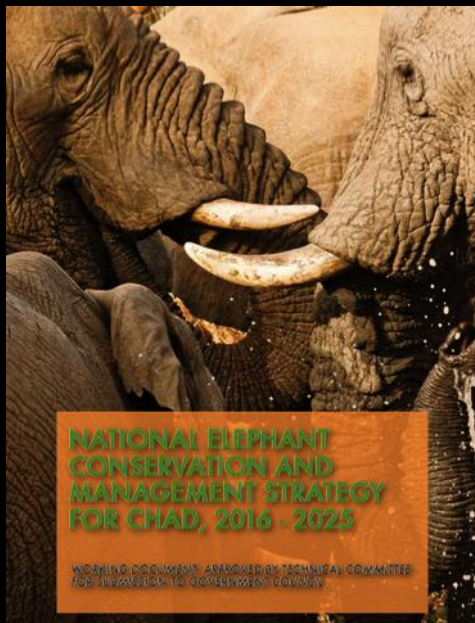


Developed (final draft or finalized)

- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Chad
- Malawi
- Uganda

To be developed in the coming months

- Mozambique
- Congo
- Liberia



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Putting Ivory out of Economic Use



Implement a Stockpile Management System

- Up to date inventory of each stockpile
- Use of an APP to digitally inventory each time
- Secure online Server System to review results for management decisions.
- Digital chain of custody record

> Improved governance of ivory stockpiles

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STOPPING SUPPLY
SECURING STOCKPILES FROM THE ILLEGAL TRADE

THE INVENTORY PROTOCOL AND TECHNOLOGY
AND THE STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Why Inventory:



- Comply with CITES requirements
- Comply with other National Legal requirements
- Support law enforcement
 - Evidentiary values;
 - Accountability + Stock control;
 - Understanding of illegal poaching hotspots and trafficking routes
- Stopping Supply
 - Unsecured ivory stockpiles are an inducement to crime and corruption
 - Leaked ivory stockpiles supply the illegal market
 - Perpetuates demand
 - Perpetuates criminal activity

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CITES' Requirements



- Maintain an inventory of government-held stockpiles of ivory and, where possible, of significant privately held stockpiles of ivory...; and report to the Secretariat each year before 28 February
- Indelibly mark all whole tusks, and cut pieces of ivory that are both 20 cm or more in length and one kilogram or more in weight, with the country of origin, the year and the weight in kilograms (e.g. KE 00/127/14), giving a unique number for each piece of marked ivory.
- Collect samples from all large-scale ivory seizures (i.e. 500kg or more) that take place in their territories, and provide these to relevant forensic and other research institutions in support of enforcement and prosecutions



Stop Ivory Protocol



A tool for **planning** and **carrying out** an inventory



Enables range State compliance with CITES Requirements



Enables collection of important scientific data for conservation

Dr Samuel Wasser
University of Washington

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Stop Ivory Technology



STATE OF THE ART
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY



BESPOKE SOFTWARE

Stockpile Management System - Technology to record data and manage stock

Enables rapid data recording from any location, including photographs

Intuitive to use

Allows real-time wireless upload and analysis of data

Training for non-computer literate operator in less than 15 minutes

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The inventory – Data collection

MEASURING THE TUSK



SI Inventory > Cambodia Ivory Inventory

Outside curve length in cm

25.8



SI Inventory > Cambodia Ivory Inventory

Inside curve length in cm

23.7



SI Inventory > Cambodia Ivory Inventory

Circumference at base in cm

38.2

The inventory – Data collection

RECORDING TUSK DATA, WITH PHOTO, ON HUAWEI TABLET



The inventory – Data Management



SUMMARY OF STOCKPILES

Elephant Ivory

	Total Weight (Kg)	No of Inventory IDs	No of pieces
T	5,813.727	1942	1942.0
U	1,415.488	819	1026.0
W	415.49	20	567.0
Grand Total	7,644.705	2781	3535.0

Elephant Ivory Archived

	Total Weight (Kg)	No of Inventory IDs	No of pieces
Grand Total	None	None	None

Rhino Horn

Trophy	Count (No. of Pieces)	Weight (Kilogrammes)
Rhino Horn	25	17.61

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The inventory – Data collection



ET/DEC 2013/1922/1.7

INDIVIDUAL ITEM DETAIL

Location:	EWCA, Coffee and Tea building Addis Ababa	Weight:	1.7
Reviewer:	Teresa	Type:	T
Date Recovered:	12/19/2013	Base Circumference:	None
		Outer Curve Length:	None
		Inner Length:	None
Data collected by:	teamfour	Storage Reference:	SH
		Storage Number:	None

Photo:



ET/DEC 2013/2030/7.32

Location:	EWCA, Coffee and Tea building Addis Ababa	Weight:	7.32
Reviewer:	Teresa	Type:	W
Date Recovered:	12/21/2013	Base Circumference:	None
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		Inner Length:	None
Data collected by:	teamtwo	Storage Reference:	SH
		Storage Number:	None
		Description:	None

Photo:



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Inventories



Ethiopia
Malawi
Cambodia
Gabon
Mozambique
UK

Kenya
Congo
Uganda
South Sudan
Chad



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