



Long-Term Conservation of the African Lion

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KNOWING and CARING FOR the magnificent African lion;

CONCERNED, as the principle stakeholders, about the challenges of conserving the African Lion in the developing world;

MINDFUL OF the recommendations of the regional strategies arising from CITES that there will be national Action Plans for the conservation of the African lion;

AWARE OF the increasing difficulties for conserving lions due to human-lion conflicts;

CARING for the lions and all that they add to the nature experience and biodiversity;

RECOGNIZING the role and responsibility of sustainable hunting in maintaining large tracts of natural habitats outside National Parks and conserving biodiversity as a whole in these areas, including large predators and their prey basis:

The 56th CIC General Assembly in Paris from 30 April to 2 May

1. ENCOURAGES every Lion Range State to adopt its own national action plan for the conservation of the lion as suggested in the regional strategies with the cooperative help of international hunting community;
2. URGES the hunting community to support the Lion Range States in their efforts to adopt and implement their national actions plans for the conservation of the lion;
3. REQUESTS the hunting professionals to recognize and apply the best practices in sustainable hunting of the lion;
4. CONGRATULATES the management of the Niassa National Reserve, Mozambique (recipient of the 2008 CIC Markhor Award), for its accomplishment to identify and develop a sound management of lion hunting; and
5. CALLS ON others to follow this example.