

CoP13 Prop.5 [United States of America] Deletion of the Bobcat *Lynx rufus* from Appendix II

Populations of this North American cat species are well-managed and appear to be stable or increasing throughout its range. It is harvested for fur in large, but apparently sustainable, numbers. However, its pelts are similar in appearance to those of other cat species, particularly when traded as pieces or finished products. As all other wild Felidae are included in the CITES Appendices, deletion of this species from Appendix II could cause enforcement problems.

Recommendation: REJECT

CoP13 Prop.6 [Kenya] Transfer of the African Lion *Panthera leo* from Appendix II to Appendix I.

Africa's largest cat species has a wide but increasingly fragmented distribution throughout the continent and numbers have declined in recent decades, particularly in West and Central Africa. Populations in East and Southern Africa are more stable. The extent of the overall decline is uncertain, but appears to be less than suggested in the guidelines found in *Resolution Conf. 9.24* for the inclusion of species in Appendix I. However, an urgent assessment of trade in African Lions under the Significant Trade Review process is recommended.

Recommendation: REJECT