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DIRECTIVE

On strengthening the direction and implementation of measures for controlling and protecting endangered, rare and precious wild animals

In the recent years, the illegal trade, transportation, export, import and using of endangered, rare and precious wild animals, including the specimens of the species originated from other countries, including African rhino horns, ivory, pangolin, tigers, ect are occurring in a complex manner, negatively impacting on natural resources. Illegal trade in wild animals reduces the economic, social, and environmental benefits, generating illegal revenues, fueling national instability, and facilitating the spread of emerging infectious diseases, as well as negatively impact on the reputation of Viet Nam in compliance with international conventions to which Viet Nam is a signatory, negatively impact the cooperation relationship with other countries and international organizations.

In order to prevent and handle the violations against the legal regulations of Viet Nam as well as of international conventions of which Vietnam is a member, the Prime Minister requests Ministries, sectors, local authorities to strictly perform following tasks:

1. The Ministries: Public Security; Industry and Trade; Finance; National Defence; Agriculture and Rural Development direct functional forces to strengthen the prevention, fighting and eradicating the trans-national organized crime syndicates related to illegally trading, transporting, exporting, importing, re-exporting, temporary importing for immediate exporting, advertising, consuming specimens of endangered, rare and precious wild animals, especially rhino and ivory specimens originated from African countries; fostering the strict supervision and control of check points, including airports, sea ports, in land routes, unofficially transportation routes in the bordering areas; focusing on detecting, absolutely addressing the hot spots of illegally trading of wildlife specimens, including fake specimens, in bordering areas and domestic markets; being determined to comply with legal regulations in the

process of investigation, handling with violators; enhancing the communication to raise awareness for the public and Governmental officials in this particular area.

2. The Ministry of Justice takes lead in cooperating with relevant agencies to study and make suggestions for improving the legal provisions on addressing violations against the protection of endangered, rare and precious wild animals to make sure such violations must be addressed in compliance with legal provisions.
3. The Supreme People's Procuracy, the Supreme People's Court direct the prosecution bodies to strictly cooperate with investigation bodies to foster the investigation, prosecution and handling against the criminal violators for illegal trading, transporting rhino, ivory specimens and the specimens of other endangered, rare and precious wild animals.
4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs direct the representative agencies of Viet Nam in other countries to promote the communication and dissemination of legal provisions on wildlife conservation of such residential countries and international conventions to Vietnamese communities who are living, doing business and visiting such countries to prevent any involvement in illegal hunting, trading and transporting wild animal specimens in the countries.
5. The Ministry of Information and Communication fosters the prevention, handling any act making use of internet and online information to advertise, propaganda, trade illegal communities and services related to wild animal specimens; enhances communication, education and dissemination of legal provisions on management and protection of endangered, rare and precious wild animals for the public to know and implement.
6. Mass media agencies enhance the communication of good examples for wildlife conservation and controlling of wildlife trade; providing the objective information to secure national benefits; actively detect and strongly condemn any act against the legal provisions of Viet Nam and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora; actively engage in the activities on communicating, disseminating legal provisions; make proposals for State administration measures for strengthening wildlife protection to competent authorities.
7. The People's Committees of provinces and cities under the Central management direct their local agencies to strictly implement the legal provisions of Viet Nam and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), frequently

advocate, educate and popularize legal regulations on wildlife management and conservation; inspect, prevent, detect and strictly punish organizations and individuals that commit violations against the regulations on hunting, catching, buying, selling, transporting, breeding, slaughtering, trading, storing, exporting, importing wildlife products, derivatives in the CITES appendixes; direct inter-agency forces at border gates to strengthen inspection and control to prevent any illegal transport of wildlife specimens.

8. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development takes lead in cooperating with relevant Ministries/ sectors and People's Committees of Provinces, Cities under the Central management to urge, examine and provide guidance to ensure the strict compliance with the Directive; make proposals for further improve the policies on management, conservation, controlling the trade in endangered, rare and precious wildlife; timely addresses any uncertainty in implementing the Directive; consolidates, monitors the implementation progress and report the implementation results of the Directive at annual basis to the Prime Minister.
9. The relevant Ministries and agencies, People's Committees of Provinces and Cities under Central management, organizations, agencies and individuals, within their authorized functions and tasks are responsible to implement this Directive; submit the annual report on the implementation progress and results of the Directive to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development prior to every 15th December for consolidation and reporting to the Prime Minister; timely inform to Viet Nam CITES Management Authority to any violations against the specimens subject to CITES Appendixes and addressing results; transfer or supply specimens of wildlife species subject to CITES Appendixes to serve for forensics, storage, exchange of specimens with other relevant CITES member states and CITES Secretariat upon the request of Viet Nam CITES Management Authority./.

To:

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- Central Party Committee;
- Prime Minister; Deputy Prime Ministers;
- Ministries, Ministerial-level agencies; Governmental agencies;
- People's Committees of Provinces, Cities under Central management;

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- Office of Central Party;
- Office of Secretary General;
- Office of State President;
- Office of National Assembly;
- Supreme People's Court;
- Supreme People's Procuracy;
- Committee of Viet Nam Fatherland Front;
- Central committee of associations;
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