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## **White House September 25<sup>th</sup> 2015:.**

The United States and China commit to enact nearly complete bans on ivory import and export, including significant and timely restrictions on the import of ivory as hunting trophies, and to take significant and timely steps to halt the domestic commercial trade of ivory. “



In November 2015, in the Cotonou Declaration by 22 African nations agreed to “enact, implement and enforce legislation prohibiting domestic ivory trade and **support all proposals and actions at international and national levels to close domestic ivory markets worldwide.**”



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## **National Geographic:**

“Elephants Win as Hong Kong’s Leader Says It Will Ban Ivory Trade”

“Shutting down the world’s largest legal ivory market would be a conservation milestone.”



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### U.S. Proposes to Close Domestic Ivory Markets and Protect Pangolins, African Grey Parrots, Chambered Nautilus, and More at CITES

**April 28, 2016:** In five short months, delegates from around the globe will meet for the world's leading forum to debate and discuss issues related to international wildlife trade. The [17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties \(CoP17\)](#) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, or CITES, will convene in Johannesburg, South Africa, from September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Nearly two years ago, the United States began its public process to gather and evaluate information related to species involved in international trade. Two years of hard work culminated yesterday in the submission of 11 documents and the co-sponsorship of several others to be considered by CITES member countries at the upcoming meeting. In the coming months, we will continue to [engage the public](#) as we evaluate documents submitted by other countries and develop negotiating positions on the full agenda



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## **The Future:**

**When will China close its domestic market to ivory trade?**

**Will it be a permanent ban?**

**What action will China take with existing stocks of ivory?**

**Will China reaffirm its ban on trade in rhino horn?**

**Will China abide by the CITES ban on trading tiger products?**