



June 27, 2014

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

We are submitting the attached Petition and supporting Appendices under the Pelly Amendment to the U.S. Fisherman's Protective Act to certify Mozambique for diminishing the effectiveness of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) for rhinos and elephants.

Mozambique's large scale poaching and illegal trade in rhino horn and elephant ivory directly undercut President Obama's July 2013 Executive Order on Combating Wildlife Trafficking. Available evidence indicates that Mozambican nationals constitute the highest number of foreign arrests for poaching in South Africa. Organized crime syndicates based in Mozambique are driving large scale illegal trade in rhino horn and elephant ivory and subsequent smuggling to Vietnam and other consuming nations such as China.

Given the scope and depth of the illegal killing and trade in rhino and elephant products by Mozambican nationals, we urge the United States to certify Mozambique and enact substantial trade sanctions that include, but are not limited to, all CITES-listed specimens exported to the United States. Due to the egregious circumstances, we request urgent certification and subsequent enactment of trade sanctions.

Thank you in advance for the prompt consideration of our appeal to help protect the world's dwindling rhino and elephant populations from the illegal activities of Mozambican nationals and the long-term failure of the Mozambican government to enact meaningful wildlife protections.

Our organizations look forward to working with your representatives to provide any additional information that may be helpful in consideration of the attached Petition.

Sincerely,

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