

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1987, see section 310 of Pub. L. 99-659, set out as a note under section 4101 of this title.

ABOLITION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of House of Representatives abolished and its jurisdiction transferred by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Fourth Congress, Jan. 4, 1995. Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on Resources of House of Representatives in case of provisions relating to fisheries, wildlife, international fishing agreements, marine affairs (including coastal zone management) except for measures relating to oil and other pollution of navigable waters, or oceanography by section 1(b)(3) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 2, The Congress. Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 4107. Repealed. Pub. L. 117-328, div. S, title II, § 204(a), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5270

Section, Pub. L. 99-659, title III, § 308, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3736; Pub. L. 101-627, title V, §§ 502, 503, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4463; Pub. L. 102-396, title IX, § 9135, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1937; Pub. L. 103-206, title VIII, § 811, Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2454; Pub. L. 103-238, § 21, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 561; Pub. L. 104-134, title I, § 101[(a)] [title II, § 211], Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321, 1321-31; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 104-140, § 1(a), May 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 1327; Pub. L. 104-297, title IV, § 402, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3618; Pub. L. 107-372, title III, § 302(a), Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3094; Pub. L. 109-479, title III, § 302(g), Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3624; Pub. L. 111-348, title I, § 104, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3671, authorized appropriations, with certain conditions, to the Secretary of Commerce for fiscal years 2007 through 2012.

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§ 4201. Statement of purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to perpetuate healthy populations of African elephants.

(Pub. L. 100-478, title II, § 2002, Oct. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 2315.)

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SHORT TITLE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-132, § 1, Dec. 6, 2007, 121 Stat. 1360, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 4211, 4245, 5304, and 5306 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2007.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-111, § 1, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2095, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 4214 of this title, amending sections 4211, 4212, and 4244 to 4246 of this title, and repealing section 4243 of this title] may be cited as the ‘African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-217, § 1, Aug. 5, 1998, 112 Stat. 911, provided that: “This Act [amending section 4245 of this title] may be cited as the ‘African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998.’”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 100-478, title II, § 2001, Oct. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 2315, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter and amending section 1538 of this title] may be cited as the ‘African Elephant Conservation Act.’”

§ 4202. Findings

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Elephant populations in Africa have declined at an alarming rate since the mid-1970’s.

(2) The large illegal trade in African elephant ivory is the major cause of this decline and threatens the continued existence of the African elephant.

(3) The African elephant is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and its continued existence will be further jeopardized if this decline is not reversed.

(4) Because African elephant ivory is indistinguishable from Asian elephant ivory, there is a need to ensure that the trade in African elephant ivory does not further endanger the Asian elephant, which is listed as endangered under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533) and under Appendix I of CITES.

(5) In response to the significant illegal trade in African elephant ivory, the parties to CITES established the CITES Ivory Control System to curtail the illegal trade and to encourage African countries to manage, conserve, and protect their African elephant populations.

(6) The CITES Ivory Control System entered into force recently and should be allowed to continue in force for a reasonable period of time to assess its effectiveness in curtailing the illegal trade in African elephant ivory.

(7) Although some African countries have effective African elephant conservation programs, many do not have sufficient resources to properly manage, conserve, and protect their elephant populations.

(8) The United States, as a party to CITES and a large market for worked ivory, shares