

HR 1945

Targeted Use of Sanctions for Killing Elephants and Rhinoceros Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 22, 2015)

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This bill amends the African Elephant Conservation Act to make it a policy to prevent additional African elephant ivory from entering global commerce, and to reduce demand for ivory that is driving elephant poaching by limiting natural resources-related trade with countries whose nationals are engaged in illegal ivory trade.

The Department of Commerce shall issue a certification under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 authorizing the President to prohibit the importation of any products from any country identified by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Standing Committee as a significant source or transit or destination point for illegal ivory trade.

The President, acting through the Department of the Interior, shall enter into consultations with the offending country, within 30 days after receiving a certification, to obtain an agreement under which the country will immediately and significantly reduce, and will commit to terminating, all illegal ivory trade into, out of, or within that country.

If such consultations are not concluded within 90 days or if the country refuses to enter into consultations, the President shall direct the Department of Commerce to prohibit the importation into the United States of wildlife, fish, and plant products from that country until the earlier of:

- the finalizing of the agreement, or
- the Department finds that the country is no longer a significant source or transit or destination point for illegal ivory trade.

Directs the Secretary, within 180 days after the prohibition, to determine whether:

- the prohibition is sufficient to cause the offending country to immediately and significantly reduce, and commit to terminating, illegal ivory trade, and
- that country has retaliated against the United States as a result of that prohibition.

The bill also amends the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act to make the same requirements for U.S. action against the illegal trade in rhinoceros horn.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **May 6, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.