

Stat. 2315, as amended. Part I of the Act is classified generally to subchapter I (§ 4211 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4201 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, and also as part of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, and not as part of the African Elephant Conservation Act which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-141 substituted “section 5304 of this title, part I of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211 et seq.), and section 4264 of this title” for “section 5304 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, part I of the African Elephant Conservation Act, and section 4265 of this title”, “section 2204 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4224)” for “16 U.S.C. 4224”, “section 2205 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4225)” for “16 U.S.C. 4225”, and “section 2101 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211)” for “16 U.S.C. 4211”.

Pub. L. 107-111 and Pub. L. 107-112 amended section identically, substituting “Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, part I” for “Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act, subchapter I”.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 4244, 4263, 5303, 6302 of this title.

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§ 4261. Findings

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Asian elephant populations in nations within the range of Asian elephants have continued to decline to the point that the long-term survival of the species in the wild is in serious jeopardy.

(2) The Asian elephant is listed as an endangered species under section 1533 of this title and under appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

(3) Because the challenges facing the conservation of Asian elephants are so great, resources to date have not been sufficient to

cope with the continued loss of habitat and the consequent diminution of Asian elephant populations.

(4) The Asian elephant is a flagship species for the conservation of tropical forest habitats in which it is found and provides the consequent benefit from such conservation to numerous other species of wildlife including many other endangered species.

(5) Among the threats to the Asian elephant in addition to habitat loss are population fragmentation, human-elephant conflict, poaching for ivory, meat, hide, bones and teeth, and capture for domestication.

(6) To reduce, remove, or otherwise effectively address these threats to the long-term viability of populations of Asian elephants in the wild will require the joint commitment and effort of nations within the range of Asian elephants, the United States and other countries, and the private sector.

(Pub. L. 105-96, § 2, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2150.)

SHORT TITLE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-141, § 1, Feb. 12, 2002, 116 Stat. 13, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 4265a of this title, amending sections 3709, 4214, 4245, 4246, 4263, 4265, and 4266 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 4214 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2002.’”

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 105-96 provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.’”

§ 4262. Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are the following:

(1) To perpetuate healthy populations of Asian elephants.

(2) To assist in the conservation and protection of Asian elephants by supporting the conservation programs of Asian elephant range states and the CITES Secretariat.

(3) To provide financial resources for those programs.

(Pub. L. 105-96, § 3, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2150.)

§ 4263. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) The term “CITES” means the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, signed on March 3, 1973, and its appendices.

(2) The term “conservation” means the use of methods and procedures necessary to bring Asian elephants to the point at which there are sufficient populations in the wild to ensure that the species does not become extinct, including all activities associated with scientific resource management, such as conservation, protection, restoration, acquisition, and management of habitat; research and monitoring of known populations; assistance in the development of management plans for managed elephant ranges; CITES enforcement; law enforcement through community participation; translocation of elephants; conflict resolution initiatives; and community outreach and education.