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“Biodiversity of the Mediterranean Region: Challenges and
Opportunities for Hunters”

Call for Support for Giant Sable in Angola

RECOMMENDATION CICGA57.RECO2

RECOGNISING that the Giant Sable (*Hippotragus niger variani*) is listed on Appendix 1 of CITES;

REMEMBERING the joint initiative of the Angolan Government and the CIC in 1998 to save the Giant Sable from extinction;

RECALLING the longstanding contributions of the CIC, *inter alia* its Recommendation “Conservation of the Giant Sable Antelope in Angola”, adopted by the 52nd CIC General Assembly in Abu Dhabi in 2005, and other hunting organisations like the *Shikar Club* and the *Dallas Safari Club* to the conservation of the Giant Sable in Angola;

APPRECIATING the conservation efforts of the Angolan Government, Angolan scientists and field workers and of the local population in Cangandala and Luando as well as international wildlife experts and NGOs from South Africa, Europe and the United States;

RECOGNIZING that the presence of a small but viable number of wild roaming Giant Sable (*Hippotragus niger variani*) has been confirmed in direct field observations;

RECOGNIZING further that the recent captures of mature bulls and cows and their *in situ* management will contribute to safeguarding the future of this majestic animal;

RECALLING that the CIC supports the *in situ* conservation and management of endemic species within their natural environment;

CONCERNED that commercial breeders’ interest from outside Angola in genetic material (e.g. semen, embryos, etc.) of the Giant sable could potentially lead to illegal translocation of live animals and/or genetic material;

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1. CALLS all international hunting organizations to support the ongoing projects of capture, radio-collaring, adaptive management of captive and free roaming *Hippotragus niger variani*, safeguarding the habitat and providing just compensation for the local rural communities by cooperating with the Angolan authorities and project managers in establishing the necessary administrative, monitoring and communication structures and financial base.

2. ENCOURAGES national and international development agencies and multilateral environmental agreements to support the Angolan government in conserving the Giant Sable.