

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-141, §5(b)(2), Feb. 12, 2002, 116 Stat. 14, provided that the amendment by section 5(b)(2) of Pub. L. 107-141 is effective on the day after Jan. 8, 2002.

Sec.

- 4264. Asian elephant conservation assistance.
- 4265. Acceptance and use of donations.
- 4265a. Advisory group.
- 4266. Authorization of appropriations.

**§ 4246. Multinational Species Conservation Fund**

In fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, donations to provide assistance under 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 shall be deposited to this Fund and shall be available without further appropriation: *Provided further*, That in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, all penalties received by the United States under section 2204 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4224) which are not used to pay rewards under section 2205 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4225) shall be deposited to this Fund to provide assistance under section 2101 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211) and shall be available without further appropriation: *Provided further*, That in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, not more than three percent of amounts appropriated to this Fund may be used by the Secretary of the Interior to administer the Fund.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(e) [title I], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-231, 2681-237; Pub. L. 107-111, §6(b), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2096; Pub. L. 107-112, §6(b), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2098; Pub. L. 107-141, §5(b)(1), Feb. 12, 2002, 116 Stat. 14.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The African Elephant Conservation Act, referred to in text, is title II of Pub. L. 100-478, Oct. 7, 1988, 102 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”.

**CHAPTER 62A—ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION**

Sec.

- 4261. Findings.
- 4262. Purposes.
- 4263. Definitions.

**§ 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 of 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 2007 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-133, §1, Dec. 6, 2007, 121 Stat. 1362, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 4264 and 4266 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007’.”

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

Pub. L. 105-96, §1, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2150, 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.