

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

Elephants

CONSTITUTION OF A MIKE-ETIS SUBGROUP

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Regarding monitoring of illegal hunting of and trade in elephant specimens in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP14) on *Trade in elephant specimens* the Conference of the Parties agrees that:
 - a) *the systems known as Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) and the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS), established under the supervision of the Standing Committee, shall continue and be expanded with the following objectives:*
 - i) *measuring and recording levels and trends, and changes in levels and trends, of illegal hunting and trade in ivory in elephant range States, and in trade entrepots;*
 - ii) *assessing whether and to what extent observed trends are related to changes in the listing of elephant populations in the CITES Appendices and/or the resumption of legal international trade in ivory;*
 - iii) *establishing an information base to support the making of decisions on appropriate management, protection and enforcement needs; and*
 - iv) *building capacity in range States;*
 - b) *this monitoring system shall be in accordance with the framework outlined in Anne 1 for monitoring of illegal trade in ivory and other elephant specimens and in Annex 2 for monitoring of illegal hunting in elephant range States;*
 - c) *information on illegal killing of elephants and trade in their products from other credible law enforcement and professional resource management bodies, should also be taken into consideration; and*
 - d) *technical oversight will be provided to both MIKE and ETIS through an independent technical advisory group to be established by the Secretariat.*
3. The Standing Committee created a subgroup at its 41st meeting (Geneva, February 1999) "to oversee, on its behalf, further development, refinement and implementation of MIKE" in the context of the implementation of the predecessor of this Resolution. At its 49th meeting (Geneva, April 2003), the Committee decided to extend the mandate of the subgroup to include ETIS, thereby

reflecting amendments to the Resolution adopted at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP12, Santiago, 2002). It was renamed the 'MIKE and ETIS sub-group'.

4. The Standing Committee reconstituted this subgroup following the 11th (CoP11, Gigiri, 2000), 12th and 13th (CoP13, Bangkok, 2004) meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Since 2003, its composition has consisted of six members of the Standing Committee: three from Africa (linguistically balanced with one member from Francophone Africa and two from Anglophone Africa), two from Asia and one from North America or Europe (see table below). Members at the subgroup have consistently been Parties that were either involved in the on-the-ground implementation of the MIKE programme, were funding part of the MIKE programme, or had shown particular interest in MIKE developments.

HISTORY OF THE MIKE AND ETIS SUBGROUP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE: STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHEN (RE-) ESTABLISHED, MEMBERSHIP AND DOCUMENT REFERENCE.

Meetings of the Conference of the Parties	Meetings of the Standing Committee	Membership of the Subgroup	Reference documents
MIKE Subgroup			
CoP10 (1997)	SC41 (1999)	Burkina Faso, Saudi Arabia (Chair), South Africa, Thailand, United States of America	SC41 Summary Report; Doc. SC.42.10.2.2
CoP11 (2000)	SC45 (2001)	Burkina Faso (Francophone Africa Representative), Cameroon (Alternate Francophone Representative), Kenya (alternate Anglophone Africa Representative), Saudi Arabia (Asia Representative), South Africa (Chairman), United Republic of Tanzania (Anglophone Africa Representative), Thailand (Alternate Asia Representative)	SC45 Doc. 22
MIKE and ETIS Subgroup			
CoP12 (2002)	SC49 (2003)	Cameroon, China, Malaysia, South Africa (Chairman), United Republic of Tanzania, United States	SC49 Summary Report (Rev. 1)
CoP13 (2004)	SC53 (2005)	Cameroon, China, Germany, Kenya (Chairman), Malaysia, Zambia	SC53 Doc. 20.2

5. The Standing Committee should consider re-establishing a MIKE-ETIS Subgroup, noting that the terms of office of Cameroon, Germany and Malaysia as members of the Committee expired after the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14, The Hague, 2007). In line with previous approaches (see paragraph 4), the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup could consist of six Standing Committee members (two from Anglophone Africa, one from Francophone Africa, two from Asia and one from Europe or North America) that are directly involved in or supporting the MIKE programme (and ETIS). The membership of the Subgroup could partially be maintained to keep a certain continuity.
6. Once reconstituted, the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup could operate under the existing Terms of Reference (see paragraph 3). As has been the practice in the past, the Subgroup could be asked to convene and report back to the Standing Committee at the present meeting. If this were the case, the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup might wish to consider the following issues:
 - a) Selection of a Chairman of the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup;
 - b) Progress in the development and implementation of MIKE;
 - c) Progress in the development and implementation of ETIS; and
 - d) Outcome of the 6th meeting of the MIKE Technical Advisory Group and of the 1st meeting of the ETIS Technical Advisory Group (Entebbe, March 2008).

Recommendations

7. The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee re-establish a MIKE-ETIS Subgroup as proposed in paragraph 5 which should report at the present meeting on the issues outlined in paragraph 6.