

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



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REPORT OF THE MIKE AND ETIS SUBGROUP

*This document has been prepared by the Chair of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup of the Standing Committee in relation to agenda item 49.1.*

1. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup (MESG) of the Standing Committee convened in the margins of SC70 on Wednesday, 2 October 2018 and Thursday, 3 October 2018. The meetings of the Subgroup were attended by Belgium, Canada (Chair), Cameroon, China, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Namibia (Vice Chair), Niger and Zimbabwe as members of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup, Kenya and Singapore as observer Parties, members of the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG) present at SC70 and the Secretariat.
2. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup adopted an amendment to the Terms of Reference to give effect to the clarification provided at SC61 relating to attendance of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup meetings. The following text is proposed for inclusion in the Terms of Reference as section c) under **Modus operandi**:

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- c) *Meetings of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup are open to members of the ETIS and MIKE Technical Advisory Groups, Party representatives, representatives of the IUCN/SSC African and Asian Elephant Specialist Groups, and any other observers as agreed to by the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup.*
3. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup noted the update on MIKE implementation in Africa and Asia presented by the CITES MIKE Programme Coordinator. The support from the European Union provided to the MIKE Programme was acknowledged as well as the site-specific support provided by the Government of Japan. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup congratulated the MIKE team for the work done to date.
4. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup noted the update on ETIS implementation presented by the ETIS Director of TRAFFIC. The Subgroup expressed its appreciation for the diligent work done by TRAFFIC (ETIS) and supported the request by TRAFFIC to undertake a formal assessment relating to ETIS data collection. The Subgroup noted that TRAFFIC will collaborate with the CITES Secretariat on the design, content and distribution of a questionnaire in this regard.
5. In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG), as approved by the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup at SC65, the Secretariat presented nominations for new global members of the TAG. The Subgroup approved the following nominations:

Member category	Nominated
Global	Holly Dublin
Global	William Link

The Subgroup agreed to consider the nomination to be finalised by TRAFFIC inter-sessional through electronic means to avoid delays in the work of the TAG.

6. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup considered document SC70 49.3 and provided the Standing Committee with its recommendations in document SC70 Com. 15.
7. The Subgroup considered interventions made by Kenya relating to the ETIS analysis. Kenya proposed that the analysis should be clustered into two (2) periods, i.e. data for the period between 2008 and 2012 (pre-NIAP period) and 2013 to 2017 to reflect and assess the impact of the key decisions taken at previous Conferences of Parties. TRAFFIC clarified that the cluster analysis already includes data for three year periods (e.g. 2009 – 2011; 2012 – 2014; 2015 – 2017) and that broad comparisons between these could be done.
8. TRAFFIC reminded the Subgroup that the analysis for CoP18 will be shared with Parties 30 days prior to it being made available on the CITES website.
9. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup recommend that the Standing Committee request the CITES Secretariat, together with TRAFFIC, to prepare:
  - a) an annex of the comments received from Parties on the ETIS report and circulate it as part of the document to be considered by the Parties at CoP18; and
  - b) capture in the document whether comments were received and where possible, respond to issues raised by Parties.
10. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup discussed data access and non-disclosure agreements for both MIKE and ETIS programmes to facilitate the implementation of the provisions in paragraph 26 g) of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17). It was agreed that the term “non-disclosure agreement” as contained in paragraph 26 g) would be regarded as “Data Use Agreements” as it relates to conditions to the use of data release for research purposes. The Subgroup recommended that the MIKE National Focal Points in the respective range States should be engaged relating to consent to release of detailed MIKE data and the subsequent sharing of information relating to outcomes of research. TRAFFIC was requested to ensure that relevant data providers are consulted in terms of the release of data to third parties.
11. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup supported the request from TRAFFIC to make aggregated data on the number and weight of ivory seizures available on the CITES website. In this regard the Subgroup recommends that the Standing Committee request TRAFFIC to compile aggregated summaries of the validated ETIS data on an annual basis for presentation on the CITES website.

Recommendations by the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup for consideration by the Standing Committee

12. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup recommends that the Standing Committee:
  - a) Note the report; and
  - b) Support the recommendations contained in paragraphs 2, 9 and 11.