



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Support for Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)

1. In the context of its supervision of the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS), established under Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, the Standing Committee, at its 69th meeting (SC69, Geneva, November 2017), requested TRAFFIC, contingent on the provision of external funding, to:
  - a) *make available the programming code in the ETIS analysis through a repository hosting service, together with appropriate annotations and supporting documentation. This will be augmented with links to existing documents explaining the methods used in the analyses;*
  - b) *finalise the delivery of an on-line facility for Parties to access, download or upload seizure data in a timely manner. Access will be restricted to designated individuals of CITES Management Authorities. Access to data will be provided in accordance with the data access policy outlined in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17);*
  - c) *send the ETIS report to CoP18 to all Parties identified as potentially requiring attention in the NIAP process at least 30 days prior to the release of the report on the CITES website; and*
  - d) *produce materials that explain in a stepwise manner the ETIS analysis and conceptual framework. Materials will be targeted at a non-technical audience, in three languages, and made freely and widely available.*
2. The Standing Committee requested all Parties to take note that the recommended activities concerning ETIS are priorities, but will only take place if additional funding can be provided to TRAFFIC.
3. TRAFFIC developed a funding strategy that contains detailed information on the resources required to implement the Standing Committee's recommendations. It is attached as an Annex to this Notification (English only).
4. Since SC69, Belgium has indicated that it would provide funding to support the development of the ETIS website as an on-line facility (recommendation b) of the Standing Committee). The European Union, through the MIKES project, is also contributing to the implementation of the recommended activities.
5. The Secretariat hereby invites Parties, donor agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and other appropriate donors to provide financial support to TRAFFIC for its implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations concerning ETIS. Further information can be obtained from: [tom.milliken@traffic.org](mailto:tom.milliken@traffic.org).