

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

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Reports

Reports of Regional Representatives

AFRICA

1. The attached Annex was submitted by South Africa. It contains the report for the Southern Africa sub-region.
2. As it was received by the Secretariat some time after the deadline for submission of documents, it is provided herewith only in the language in which it was submitted.

REPORT OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA
REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN THE SADC REGION FOLLOWING COP11

1. Workshop on the implementation of MIKE

Following a meeting in November 1999, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe began implementation of MIKE at the selected sites at the beginning of 2000.

A regional workshop aimed at reviewing the implementation of MIKE in the southern African subregion and in ensuring full implementation in the region by involving Mozambique and Zambia took place in South Africa from 12 to 14 September 2000 and was attended by more than 40 participants representing Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe as well as a representative from the CITES Secretariat.

The programme of the workshop covered the background of MIKE and the specific requirements of full implementation; discussion of all the documentation required by the system as well as practical demonstrations on the use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and carcass evaluation.

Outcomes

- national and site coordinators identified for each of the six countries
- Steering Committee comprised of the six national coordinators was established
- strategy for data flow within the subregion developed
- forms customised to local conditions
- need for a standard database format recognised
- commitment from all countries to continue implementation at all selected sites
- identification of additional sites in each country
- commitment of national and site coordinators to meet again to discuss future coordination and any problems encountered with implementation.

2. Meeting in Gaborone, Botswana

The meeting took place on 7 May 2001 in Gaborone, Botswana and was attended by representatives from the following countries: Botswana, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

The objective of the meeting was to reflect on COP11 and its implications for the region as well as reflect on preparations for COP12.

Outcomes

- establishment of a SADC Task Team to coordinate regional coordination in preparation for CITES COP12. South Africa has been appointed chair of this Task Team.