

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

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Reports

ELEPHANTS (MIKE SUBGROUP REPORT)

1. This document has been prepared by the CITES Secretariat on behalf of the MIKE Subgroup.
2. Since the last Subgroup report to the Standing Committee (September 1999), the MIKE Subgroup has met via teleconference on 15th March 2000, 6th July 2000, 12th January 2001 and 10th April 2001. The records of these meetings are available on the CITES website ([www.cites.org](http://www.cites.org)).
3. After CoP11, the Standing Committee re-established the MIKE Subgroup to reflect the new membership of the Standing Committee. The following countries now make up the membership of the Subgroup:

South Africa (Chairman), Saudi Arabia (Asia representative), United Republic of Tanzania (Anglophone Africa representative), Burkina Faso (Francophone Africa representative), Thailand (Alternate Asia representative), Kenya (Alternate Anglophone Africa representative), and Cameroon (Alternate Francophone Africa representative).

Significant donors to the MIKE programme are also included on the Subgroup, namely: the United States of America (major donor country), the European Commission (an ex-officio donor member) and the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)<sup>1</sup>.

4. The following actions have been implemented to further develop, refine and implement MIKE:
  - The membership of the MIKE Technical Advisory Group (TAG), was determined by the MIKE Subgroup at its meeting in July 2000, and the TAG became operational in December that year;
  - A MIKE training workshop for Southern Africa was held in Kruger National Park, South Africa, 12-14 September 2000 (see SC45 Inf. 2);
  - A MIKE meeting for Central Africa was held in Douala, Cameroon, 23 January 2001;

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<sup>1</sup> The CEPF is a consortium of donor agencies comprising the World Bank, the GEF, Conservation International and the MacArthur Foundation. CEPF is providing USD 275,000 for MIKE implementation in West Africa.

- A MIKE Steering Committee meeting for West Africa was held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 19-21 February 2001 (see SC45 Inf. 3);
- A MIKE Steering Committee meeting for East Africa was held in Dar Es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, 27-29 March 2001 (see SC45 Inf. 4);
- The MIKE Pilot Phase has progressed in Central Africa and progress reports have been posted on the CITES website.

5. To date, funding commitments for MIKE implementation have been received from:

The European Commission (EUR 2,400,000), the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (USD 275,000), Belgian BEESWAX Fund (USD 150,000), and Japan (USD 100,000). The United States of America, together with in-kind contributions from various NGOs, has funded the Pilot Phase study in Central Africa (CHF 499,000), which concludes in June 2001. The Subgroup understands that in addition, there is significant bilateral support for MIKE related projects in Africa. No funding to date has been secured to facilitate the implementation of MIKE in Asia.