



MIKE Site Nomination

What is MIKE?

The Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) Programme has been implemented by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), in collaboration with African elephant range States and with the support of the European Commission and other donors since 2001. The MIKE Programme aims to generate reliable and impartial data on the illegal killing of elephants and the status and trends in African elephant populations, in order to provide an objective basis for elephant conservation decision-making and action.

Since its inception, the MIKE Programme has supported ranger-based monitoring and the collection of information on elephant mortality in 58 sites across 30 African countries. Based on the information provided by these sites, MIKE has been at the forefront of documenting the alarming increases in levels of elephant poaching and has highlighted the urgent need for action to reduce the increasing threat to elephant populations across Africa as a result of the escalating international illegal trade in their ivory.

What do MIKE sites do?

All MIKE sites are required to fulfil the requirements set out in the MIKE Site Monitoring Guidelines and Procedures document. If you do not already have a copy of this document, please contact your MIKE Subregional Support Officer (SSU) to obtain a copy (see contact details overpage), or download it from <http://cites.org/eng/prog/mike/>. Key MIKE site responsibilities are as follows:

- Nominating a site focal point with responsibility for overseeing MIKE-related activities at the site, as well as a national focal point if not already in place (Terms of Reference for both the site and national focal points can be found in the MIKE Site Monitoring Guidelines and Procedures document);
- Regularly collecting, synthesising and transmitting elephant mortality and patrol effort data according to the MIKE standardized formats and prescribed timeframes;
 - Carrying out self-assessments of site law enforcement capacity, through completion of the MIKE Site-level Law Enforcement Capacity Assessment;
 - Facilitating independent verification of site data when requested by the MIKE SSU.

What benefits do MIKE sites receive?

Due to limited funding which is already fully committed to existing MIKE sites, it is not possible to provide new MIKE sites with financial or material support. However, where feasible, the MIKE Programme will endeavour to provide new MIKE sites with access to training opportunities being provided to existing MIKE sites. In addition, all MIKE sites benefit from:

- Inclusion of MIKE site monitoring data in the analysis and regular CITES reporting on the implementation of the MIKE Programme across all participating range States;
- Acknowledgement of the MIKE sites' participation in and contributions to MIKE in MIKE Programme visibility activities;
- Representation at the range State level in the MIKE Programme regional steering committee and partners meetings.

How to nominate a MIKE site

The MIKE Programme encourages range States that have suitable conservation areas with elephant populations that are not already MIKE sites to nominate these areas for inclusion as new MIKE sites.

To do so, the wildlife management agency mandated for managing the proposed site should complete the attached application form electronically and email it to the relevant MIKE SSU (see contact details below). The application form must be accompanied by the following:

- A letter signed by the head of the management agency for the site being proposed, nominating the site and confirming the agency's willingness to meet the MIKE site requirements (A template for this letter is provided at the end of this Nomination Form);
- Geographical Information System (GIS) files of the proposed MIKE site showing the site's boundaries and other key features;
- A fully completed MIKE Site-level Law Enforcement Capacity Assessment (a copy of the self-assessment form can be obtained from the MIKE Subregional Support Unit).

Proposals for new MIKE sites will be reviewed by the MIKE Technical Advisory Group (TAG), and the concerned wildlife management agency will be informed in due course whether their application has been accepted.

MIKE also encourages NGOs supporting monitoring activities at potential new MIKE sites to work with their host wildlife management agencies in submitting application forms for their sites and, once accepted, in fulfilling the MIKE site monitoring data requirements according to the MIKE Site Monitoring Guidelines and Procedures. However, the MIKE Site Application Form is only to be submitted by representatives of the wildlife agency mandated for managing the proposed MIKE site (at the national or sub-national level as appropriate).

MIKE Subregional Support Unit Contact Details

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MIKE Site Application Form

On behalf of the responsible wildlife management agency, we would like to propose the following site for inclusion in the MIKE Programme.

We acknowledge the commitments that the responsible wildlife management agency is required to make by joining the MIKE Programme, as well as the obligation to provide monitoring data in accordance with the MIKE Site Monitoring Guidelines and Procedures.

As part of this application, we are also submitting GIS files of the proposed MIKE site showing the site's boundaries and other key features, as well as the MIKE Site-level Law Enforcement Capacity Assessment for the site in question (assessment form available from MIKE SSU).

Site name and designation (e.g. national park, etc.)

Contact person for MIKE application follow-up

Title/role

Organisation

Country

Email

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Site Description

1. Please provide a complete description of the proposed MIKE site. In this regard, the MIKE Programme prefers that, where feasible, entire elephant populations are contained within a single MIKE site. If your proposed site includes a core conservation area with adjacent conservation areas managed by other agencies or by the community, please define all the areas included, the protected status of each area, the management agency responsible for each area, and the size in square kilometres.

2. Where more than one agency is involved in the management of the MIKE site, have they also agreed to the nomination of the new MIKE site?

They have been consulted and agree

They have not yet been consulted

Other (please specify)

3. Where more than one agency is involved in the management of the MIKE site, have you also agreed on mechanisms for coordinating the collection, management and transmission of MIKE data?

We have agreed that our agency will take the lead in managing and transmitting the MIKE data

We have agreed that each agency will be responsible for managing and submitting its own MIKE data

We have not yet agreed on the MIKE data coordination arrangements

Other (please specify)

4. To become a MIKE site, the MIKE Programme will need geo-referenced shapefiles (*.shp) detailing the exact boundaries of the entire site. Please confirm that you are able to provide these shapefiles.

GIS shapefiles of the entire proposed MIKE site are being submitted along with this application form

Elephant Population Status

5. What was the most recent elephant population estimate for the entire proposed MIKE site? Please specify the year of the estimate. Please also submit the most recent elephant population survey report if available.

6. Over the last five years, what was the overall elephant population trend?

Increasing Stable Decreasing

7. Over the last five years, what was the overall trend in elephant poaching?

Increasing Stable Decreasing

Site Management

8. Is a law enforcement monitoring (LEM) system currently being used as part of site management?

A computer-based LEM system is used

A paper-based LEM system is used

No LEM system is used

9. If a computer-based LEM system is currently being used, please specify which one.

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Other (please specify)

10. Are there any NGOs based at the site supporting site management and monitoring?

Yes No

11. If yes, please specify which NGOs are present, which aspects of site operations they currently support, and what their support consist of.

Commitments to the MIKE Programme

12. The following checklist summarises the key commitments that your agency is making in order for the proposed site to join the MIKE Programme. Please confirm that your agency and the site management are prepared to fulfil each of these commitments by ticking the relative boxes.

The MIKE Site Monitoring Guidelines and Procedures have been reviewed, and the site management authority will comply with and fulfil the requirements as set out.

A MIKE site focal point has been identified and will be appointed, and contact details notified to the MIKE Programme.

A MIKE national focal point has been identified and will be appointed, if not already in place, and contact details notified to the MIKE Programme.

MIKE focal points will comply with the TOR as set out in the MIKE Site Monitoring Guidelines and Procedures.

The site is able and willing to mount adequate patrols to fulfil MIKE data collection requirements.

The site will put in place adequate structures for storing and managing patrol data.

The site management agency will provide the MIKE SSU with data according to the standardised MIKE formats and prescribed timeframes.

Checklist for MIKE Site nomination package

13. The following items are included in this MIKE Site nomination package:

This Nomination Form, fully completed.

The MIKE Site nomination letter from the responsible management agency.

GIS files (i.e. shapefiles) showing the boundaries and key features of the proposed MIKE Site.

The Site-level Law Enforcement Capacity Assessment, fully completed for the proposed MIKE Site.

Template for Wildlife Management Agency MIKE Site Nomination Letter

[This template letter can also be downloaded from the MIKE Programme website]

Letterhead of the responsible wildlife management agency

To: The MIKE Programme Coordinator
Central Coordination Unit
CITES Secretariat
C/O UNEP/DELIC, PO Box 30552
Nairobi 00100, Kenya

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to nominate [name of the conservation area or CA complex] to become a MIKE site under the CITES MIKE Programme.

I can confirm that should the [name of CA] be accepted as a MIKE site, our agency commits to fulfilling the obligations of MIKE sites as set out in the MIKE Site Monitoring Guidelines and Procedures, including but not limited to the following:

- Nominating a site focal point with responsibility for overseeing MIKE-related activities at the site, as well as a national focal point [if not already in place];
- Regularly collecting, synthesising and transmitting elephant mortality and patrol effort data according to the MIKE standardized formats and timeframes;
- Carrying out self-assessments of site law enforcement capacity, through completion of the MIKE Site-level Law Enforcement Capacity Assessment;
- Facilitating independent verification of site data when requested by the MIKE Sub-Regional Support Unit.

The name and designation of the proposed site focal point is:

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The name and designation of the proposed national focal point is: [only include if your country does not already have a MIKE national focal point]:

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In addition to this nomination letter and the completed MIKE Site Nomination Form, I am pleased to also submit in fulfilment of the site nomination package, GIS files giving the proposed MIKE Site's boundaries and other features, and a completed MIKE Site-level Law Enforcement Capacity Assessment form.

Yours faithfully,

Signature of head of responsible wildlife management agency.

Official stamp of the nominating agency.