

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



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Strategic matters

MIKE AND ETIS PROGRAMMES

1. This document has been prepared by the Standing Committee.\*
2. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of Parties adopted Decisions 18.21 and 18.22 on the *MIKE and ETIS programmes*, as follows:

***Directed at the Secretariat***

**18.21** *The Secretariat shall develop a proposal for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 73rd meeting on possible approaches to address the financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE and ETIS programmes.*

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

**18.22** *The Standing Committee shall review the proposal developed by the Secretariat in terms of Decision 18.21 and make recommendations for consideration at the 19th meeting of the Conference of Parties.*

3. In document [SC74 Doc. 13](#), the Secretariat provided the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC74, Lyon, March 2022) with information relating to the resources required by the Secretariat to continue supporting MIKE implementation; approaches implemented to enhance operational sustainability; funding diversification options considered; current and future funding needs; and proposed possible approaches to address the financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE and ETIS programmes. The document focused on the MIKE programme since the Review of the ETIS programme, reported on in document CoP19 Doc. 21 addressed the operational and financial sustainability of the ETIS programme.
4. At SC74, the Standing Committee noted and supported the following approaches proposed by the Secretariat to address the financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE and ETIS programme:
  - a) the incorporation of the MIKE and ETIS programmes in a resource mobilisation strategy to be developed by the Secretariat;
  - b) the identification of key elements of support and analytical capacity to be integrated in the core budget of the Secretariat;
  - c) the preparation of proposals for support to the MIKE programme for consideration by donors;

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- d) further exploration of the options to secure support from alternative funding sources, such as the private sector and through crowdfunding; and
  - e) the continued enhancement of operational performances, including improvements to the MIKE Online Database and online training, and identifying and implementing cost-effective approaches to deliver on MIKE objectives.
5. The Standing Committee also noted at SC74 that three multi-year projects managed by the Secretariat in support of the MIKE programme will come to an end in 2023 (European Union-funded CRWCP project in Africa), 2024 (European Union-funded MIKES+ project in Africa) and 2023 (US-funded project in Southeast Asia); and that the Secretariat has not been able to secure funds to support MIKE implementation in south Asia. The Secretariat brought to the attention of the Standing Committee that, if funding cannot be secured over the next year, the ability to meet the responsibilities assigned to the Secretariat in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) will be compromised, thereby having a direct impact on the objectives of the MIKE programme set out in the Resolution. The Standing Committee encouraged donors and Parties to provide funds to the Secretariat to support MIKE implementation in Africa and Asia.
  6. The Standing Committee requested the Secretariat to provide a report to the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee on the resources secured to support the implementation of the MIKE programme in Africa and Asia, with any relevant recommendations in this regard. The Standing Committee further agreed to submit three Decisions for consideration by the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### Recommendations

7. The Conference of Parties is invited to adopt the draft decisions relating to the financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE and ETIS programmes contained in Annex 1 to the present document.

#### COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARIAT

- A. The Secretariat recommends that the Conference of the Parties adopt draft decisions 19.BB and 19 CC relating to the financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE and ETIS programmes contained in Annex 1 to the present document, with a minor amendment to 19.BB to clarify that the implementation of the decisions is subject to external funding:

Proposed new text is underlined, proposed deletions are indicated in ~~strike through~~

#### ***Directed to the Secretariat***

**19.BB** The Secretariat shall

- a) subject to external resources, pursue the following approaches to address the financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE programme:

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- B. The Secretariat furthermore does not recommend the adoption of Decision 19.AA since the Secretariat proposes to have them incorporated in the draft resolution on *Financing and the costed programme of work for the Secretariat for the triennium 2023-2025*, contained in Annex 1 to document CoP19 Doc. 7.4 on the *Budget and work programme for 2023 to 2025*.
- C. The Secretariat recommends that the Conference of the Parties delete Decisions 18.21 and 18.22.

DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE  
FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE MIKE AND ETIS PROGRAMMES

***Directed to the Parties***

**19.AA** All Parties, governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations, donors and other entities are encouraged to support elephant range States and the Secretariat in their efforts to implement the MIKE and ETIS programmes as mandated in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on *Trade in elephant specimens*, and the Secretariat in the implementation of 19.BB.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

**19.BB** The Secretariat shall

- a) pursue the following approaches to address the financial and operational sustainability of the MIKE programme:
  - i) prepare proposals for support to the MIKE programme for consideration by donors;
  - ii) further explore alternative options to secure support from alternative funding sources, such as the private sector and through crowdfunding; and
  - iii) continue to enhance operational performances, including improvements to the MIKE Online Database and online training, and identifying and implementing cost-effective approaches to deliver on MIKE objectives.
- b) provide the Standing Committee with a report on the activities it has undertaken and the results thereof, including funding secured to support the implementation of the MIKE and ETIS programmes.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

**19.CC** The Standing Committee shall review the report by the Secretariat in terms of Decision 19.BB and make recommendations, as appropriate, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of Parties

**TENTATIVE BUDGET AND SOURCE OF FUNDING  
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OR DECISIONS**

According to Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP18) on *Submission of draft resolutions, draft decisions and other documents for meetings of the Conference of the Parties*, the Conference of the Parties decided that any draft resolutions or decisions submitted for consideration at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties that have budgetary and workload implications for the Secretariat or permanent committees must contain or be accompanied by a budget for the work involved and an indication of the source of funding. The Secretariat proposes the following tentative budget and source of funding.

<b>Decision</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Indicative costs (USD)</b> (excludes Programme Support Costs)	<b>Source of funding</b>
Decision 19. BB	Preparation of proposals for support to the MIKE programme for consideration by donors  Explore alternative options to secure support from alternative funding sources	25,000	Extrabudgetary funds