

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

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REVIEW OF THE ETIS PROGRAMME

1. This document has been submitted by Japan in relation to agenda item 21.\*

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In agenda item 21, the Standing Committee proposes an amendment to Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18), Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) and related draft decision. After careful consideration of the document and to ensure the effectiveness of data governance, Japan thinks that the process should include verification of transparency and engagement of the related Parties.

Therefore, Japan proposes to revise to the amendments to Resolutions and draft decisions as follows (red colored words).

1. [Res. Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) Annex 1 Paragraph 2]

**In addition to the seizure data, ETIS TRAFFIC also maintains a series of subsidiary information, including on law enforcement effort and efficiency, rates of reporting, legal and illegal elephant product markets, governance issues, background economic data and other factors to enable and inform the statistical analysis and its interpretation. Upon consultation with the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG), the subsidiary data required for analysis and interpretation may be revised and updated, in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat, as necessary to improve the analysis and the resulting output and interpretation. The Secretariat will consult to the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup of the Standing Committee such revise and update and explain how the Parties to access such subsidiary data and how the data is scientifically rigorous, material, relevant and impartial. Parties will be informed about the additional data elements to be added and its rationale through a Notification and on CITES website.**

2. [Res. Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) Annex 1 Paragraph 5]

**The statistical methodology, underlying code and supporting documentation, including how data is processed, biasadjusted and then used in the ETIS analysis, will be made available to all Parties. The Secretariat shall consult to the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup of the Standing Committee such statistical methodology, underlying code and supporting documentation and respond to the inquiries by the Parties including parameters. The statistical modelling and techniques will be reviewed and refined as deemed necessary by the TAG, TRAFFIC and the CITES Secretariat, and submitted to the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup of the Standing Committee for consideration.**

3. [Res. Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) Paragraph 27]

27. g) summaries and aggregates of data provided to MIKE and ETIS, and the analyses of such data, constitute information that will be considered to be in the public domain once they are published on the CITES website, or otherwise publicly distributed; the detailed data on individual seizure cases, elephant mortalities and law enforcement submitted to MIKE or ETIS are owned by the respective data providers, which in most case are the CITES Parties; any such data relating to a CITES Party will be accessible to that Party, and the members of the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group for information and review purposes, **and the members of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) for global research and analysis, unless otherwise specified by the reporting Party, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP18) on National reports**, but will not be released to any third party without the consent of the Party concerned; data may also be released to contractors (e.g. statisticians) or other researchers (e.g. MIKE ETIS Subgroup approved research collaborations) under appropriate nondisclosure **consents and, compliance with obligations under data use consents with information users, including the ICWC, the use of data and published results will be appropriately monitored by the Secretariat and reported to the Parties** ; and

With regard to the draft decisions, it is also necessary to ensure the direct engagement of the related Parties. Therefore, we propose to add the words as follows (red colored words):

4. [DRAFT DECISIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REVIEW OF THE ETIS PROGRAMME]

**Directed to the Secretariat**

**19.AA** Subject to external funding, the Secretariat shall, ~~in consultation with the MIKE-ETIS Technical Advisory Group and TRAFFIC,~~ reveal the current practical criteria for categorization of NIAP process including scrutinizing case study from the perspective of examining the validating criteria; submit the report to the 77<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee for consideration; and establish the intersessional working group to identify the terms of reference of the work of developing new criteria.

**19.BB** The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the MIKE-ETIS Technical Advisory Group and TRAFFIC in accordance with the terms of reference in Decision 19.AA, develop draft criteria for the categorization of Parties based on the ETIS analysis and seizure data relating to elephant specimens submitted to TRAFFIC; invite Parties to review the draft criteria and comments on it; and compile the views from Parties and submit the draft criteria to the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee for consideration.

#### **Directed to the Standing Committee**

19.**BBC** The Standing Committee shall consider the draft criteria for the categorization of Parties based on the ETIS analysis referred to in Decision 19.**AAB** and recommend the adoption of criteria for the categorization of Parties, as appropriate, to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.