

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



Seventy-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 6–10 November 2023

MIKE AND ETIS SUBGROUP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. This document has been submitted by Secretariat in relation to agenda item 63.1.\*
2. The MIKE Subgroup was first established by the Standing Committee at its 41st meeting (SC41; Geneva, February 1999) to oversee further the development, refinement and implementation of the programme known as Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE). At its 49th meeting (SC49; Geneva, April 2003), the mandate of the Subgroup was expanded to include ETIS. The Terms of Reference is attached as an Annex to this document.
3. At the 76th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC76; Panama, November 2022), the Standing Committee reconstituted the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup and agreed to the following composition of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup:
  - Four African elephant range States (2 anglophone and 2 francophone): Chad, Kenya, Senegal and Zambia;
  - Two Asian elephant range States: China and Indonesia; and
  - Two representatives from Europe and North America: Belgium and United States of America
4. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup intends to meet in the margins of SC77, and report back to the Standing Committee. The agenda for the meeting is outlined below.

MIKE ETIS Subgroup meeting agenda: 6 – 10 November 2023

1. Adoption of the agenda and attendance of the meeting by other observers
2. Presentation of aggregated summaries of validated ETIS data on ETIS Online
3. Agenda items referred to the MIKE ETIS Subgroup by the Standing Committee.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR THE MIKE AND ETIS SUBGROUP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

In the context of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on Trade in elephant specimens, the Standing Committee may establish under its direction a MIKE and ETIS Subgroup to oversee the further development, refinement and implementation of the systems known as Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) and the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS).

The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup should normally be reconstituted at the meeting of the Standing Committee immediately following a meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Tasks of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup***

The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup will:

- a) regularly review the institutional and administrative arrangements of MIKE and ETIS, and provide advice and formulate recommendations as appropriate;
- b) review policies regarding the collection, compilation, use and publication of MIKE and ETIS data, analysis and findings;
- c) examine and make recommendations to the Standing Committee as appropriate on proposals from MIKE and ETIS concerning:
  - the financial and operational sustainability of the programmes;
  - the participation of elephant range States and Parties in the implementation of MIKE and ETIS; and
  - other matters which may arise in conjunction with meetings of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup.
- d) when necessary examine Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on Trade in elephant specimens, including the framework outlined in its Annex 1 for ETIS and in Annex 2 for MIKE, to ensure that it remains valid and pertinent;
- e) be kept informed about the technical and scientific oversight provided to MIKE and ETIS through the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group;
- f) consider documents regarding MIKE and ETIS that are submitted to the Standing Committee;
- g) review progress made by MIKE and ETIS when it meets in the sidelines of the meetings of the Standing Committee, and appraise any intersessional reporting; and
- h) report to the Standing Committee at its regular meetings.

### **Composition**

- a) The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup will normally consist of eight members of the Standing Committee: two from Anglophone Africa, two from Francophone Africa, two from Asia and two from Europe or North America.
- b) The members of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup should be Party members (and in certain cases, alternate members) of the Standing Committee that are: a) involved in the on-the-ground implementation of the MIKE programme; b) funding or otherwise actively supporting MIKE or ETIS; or c) showing a particular interest in the implementation and developments of MIKE and ETIS.

### **Modus operandi**

- a) Once constituted, the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup should elect a chair and a vice-chair amongst its membership.
- b) The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup should convene at the meetings of the Standing Committee in years when there is no meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and should work intersessionally principally through email.
- c) Meetings of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup are open to members of the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group, Party representatives, representatives of the IUCN/SSC African and Asian Elephant Specialist Groups, and any other observers as agreed to by the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup.

The CITES Secretariat, through its MIKE programme, shall serve as the secretariat for the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup.