

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

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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Elephants

BASELINE INFORMATION FOR MIKE

1. This document has been prepared by the MIKE Central Coordinating Unit (CCU) and IUCN.
2. At its 12th meeting (Santiago, 2002), the Conference of the Parties adopted the following Decision:

12.33 By its 49th meeting, the Standing Committee, in consultation with the MIKE Central Coordinating Unit and IUCN should define the geographical scope and the nature of the data that constitute the baseline information from MIKE that must be provided before any exports can be approved.

3. The following definitions are recommended to the Standing Committee:

Geographical scope

- a) For Africa, the geographical scope will cover the scenario 3 option of 45 sites as agreed by the Parties [see document SC41 Doc. 6.3 Annex 1, presented at the 41st meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, February 1999)]. In the circumstances that MIKE data can not be collected at some sites in countries such as Côte d'Ivoire or the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, owing to civil strife, the situation will be inferred from ETIS data and other expert sources.
- b) For Asia, the geographical scope will meet the original scenario 3 criteria as agreed by the Parties (see document SC41 Doc. 6.3 Annex 1). Recent discussions with the Asia range States have opened the prospect for improving the sample of the MIKE sites for Asia in a sub-regional context, whilst guaranteeing at least the precision required under scenario 3.

Nature of the data

For each reporting site, the following information would be presented:

- a) at least one population survey;
- b) levels of illegal killing derived from a minimum of 12-months' (Africa) / 6-months' (Asia) data obtained from patrol forms and carcass forms and summarized in monthly reports;
- c) a descriptive report on the patterns of influencing factors;

- d) an assessment of the effort made in providing the illegal killing information; and
- e) a preliminary baseline analysis of paragraphs a) to d) above.