

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation issues

Elephants

FUNDING OF AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MIKE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. On 7 April 2006, the European Commission informed the Secretariat that it had approved a grant of EUR 9,814,000 to support the CITES MIKE programme for Africa, for the next five years (2006-2011). The Secretariat refers to this new phase of MIKE funding as MIKE II.
3. The Secretariat wishes to express its thanks to the European Commission for its continued support to the MIKE programme.
4. The Secretariat wishes to thank Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Japan, the Netherlands, South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as the International Elephant Foundation and the Japan Federation of Ivory Arts and Crafts Associations for their support to the first phase of the MIKE programme in Africa (2001-2006).
5. The Secretariat also wishes to thank Australia, India, Japan and the United States of America, the International Elephant Foundation, the Japan Federation of Ivory Arts and Crafts Associations and the Wildlife Conservation Society for their support for the MIKE programme in Asia.

Administration

6. The Standing Committee created a subgroup at its 41st meeting (Geneva, February 1999) to oversee, on its behalf, further development, refinement and implementation of MIKE. At its 49th meeting (Geneva, April 2003) the Committee decided to extend the mandate of the subgroup to include ETIS. The CITES Secretariat is charged with hiring appropriate experts to provide technical support, and establishing a MIKE Central Coordinating Unit (MIKE CCU) which is located in Nairobi, Kenya.
7. The structure of the MIKE programme (see Annex) has been previously presented in reports to the Conference of the Parties and the Standing Committee, and is described on the CITES website [www.cites.org](http://www.cites.org). This organizational structure has proven effective during the first phase of the MIKE programme, and in particular it has ensured that the beneficiary countries are fully engaged in working with the Standing Committee and the Secretariat in achieving the proper implementation of the MIKE programme. MIKE II retains the same organizational structure.
8. Institutional support to facilitate the sub-regional and regional data management and analysis and to accomplish the day-to-day operations of the MIKE programme is provided by the MIKE CCU in Nairobi, working together with six Sub-regional Support Units (West Africa, Central Africa, East

Africa, Southern Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia). Each Sub-regional Support Unit is staffed by one Sub-regional Support Officer (SSO), except in West Africa and Central Africa, which in MIKE II will each have two Sub-regional Support Officers.

9. To facilitate and streamline the operation of the MIKE CCU as an operation of the Secretariat and to facilitate administrative arrangements and programmatic linkages with the Secretariat and UNEP, the Secretariat has established new administrative arrangements for the MIKE CCU and for the administration of the MIKE Sub-regional Support Officers, and it has reassigned operational responsibility for the MIKE programme within the Secretariat.
10. As of 1 October 2006 the MIKE CCU is being accommodated within the offices of UNEP's Division of Environmental Conventions in Nairobi, Gigiri, while the full range of administrative and financial services is provided by the Division of Administrative Services of UNON. This includes human resources and fund management, accounting, procurement, and other general support services.
11. MIKE CCU staff will be appointed by UNEP upon recommendation of the CITES Secretariat on a full-time basis for the duration of the project. The MIKE CCU staff comprises the MIKE Coordinator (L-5), a Data Analyst (L-3), a Programme Assistant – HR (GS-5), and a Programme Assistant (GS5).
12. The Secretariat is completing arrangements with IUCN – The World Conservation Union, through its regional offices, to have IUCN take on the responsibility for the employment, housing and operation of the Sub-regional Support Officers in the sub-regions. Sub-projects will be developed with IUCN regional offices to cover the operations of each of the Sub-regional Support Units and MIKE activities at the sub-regional and national level.
13. To facilitate and enhance the training and capacity building elements of the MIKE programme, operational responsibility for the MIKE programme within the Secretariat has been assigned to the Capacity Building Unit.

#### Funding

14. At its 53rd meeting, the Standing Committee authorized the Secretary-General to advance from the CITES Trust Fund, only if necessary, funds to support the MIKE Programme up to a maximum of USD 199,000 while the Secretariat secures external funding. This advance was necessary to provide for a bridging arrangement between the first phase of the MIKE programme and MIKE II.
15. The Secretariat is pleased to report that the amount of USD 199,000 advanced from the CITES Trust Fund to support the MIKE programme has been partially reimbursed to the Trust Fund. Japan and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland provided additional funding for the MIKE implementation during the bridging period and USD 104,467 was reimbursed to the Trust Fund.
16. While basic operational funding for the MIKE programme in Africa has been secured with the support from the European Commission, medium- and long-term funding for MIKE operations in Asia have not yet been secured.
17. The current funding for the MIKE programme in Asia is expected to finish by the end of 2006. Proposals have been submitted to donors to solicit funding and the Secretariat hopes to announce during the present meeting whether these proposals have been successful. As a matter of priority, the Secretariat is seeking funds from donors to support MIKE operations in Asia.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE MIKE PROGRAMME

Figure 1. Organizational structure of the MIKE programme

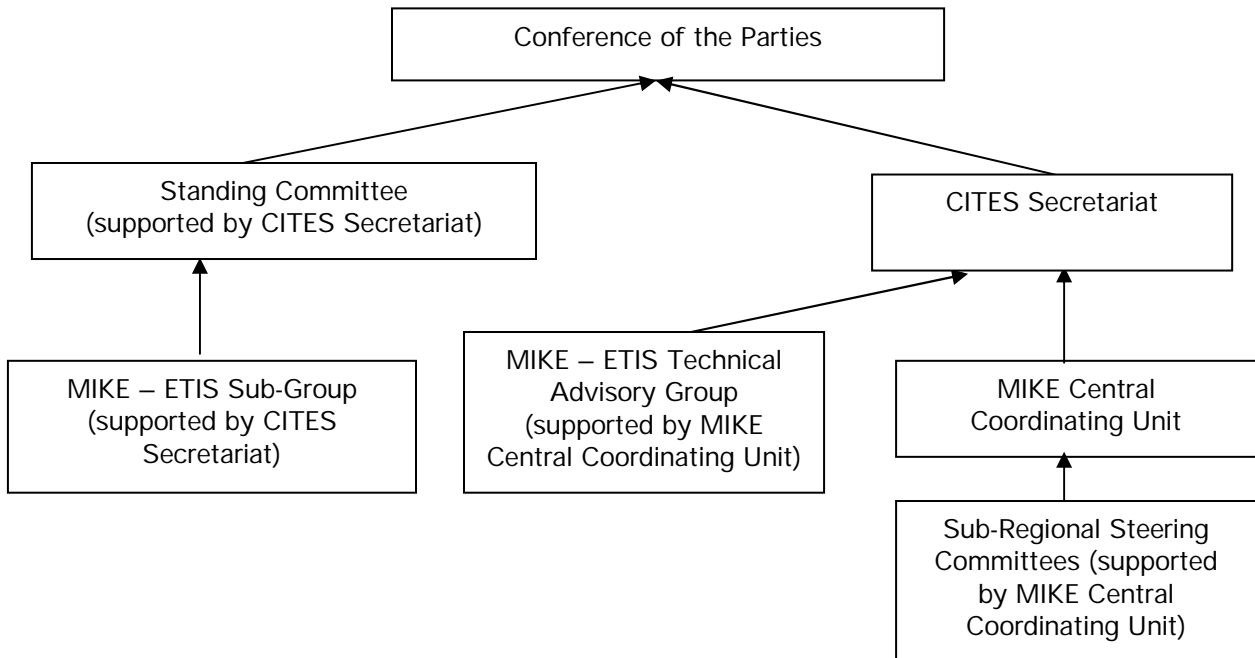


Figure 2. MIKE Sub-Regional Organization Chart (example: East Africa)

