

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



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Doha (Qatar), 12 march 2010

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

Elephants

MIKE AND ETIS SUBGROUP

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 57th meeting (SC57, Geneva, July 2008), the Standing Committee re-established a MIKE-ETIS Subgroup with the following membership: China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Japan, Kenya, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zambia (Chairman). The Subgroup met in the sidelines of the 57th and 58th meetings (SC58, Geneva, July 2009) of the Standing Committee, which took note of its reports (see documents SC57 Com. 5 and SC58 Com. 3).
3. At its latest meeting, the Subgroup agreed to meet in the sidelines of the 59th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC59) and to address the following issues:
 - A MIKE gap-analysis and needs assessment, based on research conducted by the MIKE programme for reporting to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
 - The future of the MIKE programme beyond mid-2011;
 - The financial status of the MIKE and ETIS programmes, including information on budget allocations during Phase II (2007-2011);
 - MIKE and ETIS data handling policies; and
 - Potential revisions concerning MIKE and ETIS in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP14) (*Trade in elephant specimens*).
4. The Subgroup requested the MIKE Coordinator and the ETIS Director to engage in intersessional discussions with the members of the Subgroup on the topics indicated above.

Recommendation

5. Given the serious time constraints for the MIKE-ETIS Subgroup to convene during SC59, the Secretariat suggests that the Subgroups tries meeting on 11 March 2010, and report to the Committee at the present meeting on progress in addressing the issues specified in paragraph 3.