

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



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MIKE AND ETIS SUBGROUP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

This information document has been submitted by the Secretariat in relation to agenda item 51.1 on *Elephant conservation, illegal killing and ivory trade*.

The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup was first established by the CITES Standing Committee at its 41st meeting (Geneva, February 1999). At its 49th meeting (Geneva, April 2003) the mandate of the subgroup was expanded to include ETIS. At the 68th meeting of the standing committee (SC68, Johannesburg, October 2016) the committee reconstituted the subgroup. According to its previously established terms of reference,

- 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.*

At SC68, the Standing Committee agreed to the following composition of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup:

- Four African elephant range States: Congo, Ethiopia, Niger and Namibia;
- Two Asian elephant range States: China and Indonesia; and
- Two representatives from Europe and North America: Belgium and Canada

The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup intends to meet in the margins of SC69, and report back to the Standing Committee. The agenda for the meeting is outlined below.

MEETING AGENDA - 28 – 29 NOVEMBER 2017

1. Adoption of the agenda and nomination of chair and vice-chair.....SC69 Inf. XXX
2. Review of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup Terms of ReferenceMESG17 Doc. 1
3. Update on MIKE ImplementationMESG17 Doc. 2
4. Update on ETIS implementationMESG17 Doc. 3
5. Review and discussion of ETIS analysisMESG17 Doc. 4
6. Potential process for 'degazetting' MIKE sitesMESG17 Doc. 5
7. Any other business *No document*

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE
MIKE AND ETIS SUBGROUP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
(SC61 DOC. 44.3, ANNEX 1)

In the context of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP17) 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

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