

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



Seventy-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee
Lyon (France), 7 - 11 March 2022

MIKE AND ETIS SUBGROUP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. This information document has been prepared by the Secretariat in relation to agenda item 68.
2. 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 72nd meeting of the Standing Committee (SC72, Geneva, August 2019) the committee reconstituted the subgroup.
3. At SC72 ([SC72 SR](#)), the Standing Committee agreed to the following composition of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup:
 - Four African elephant range States: Congo, Ethiopia, Namibia and Senegal;
 - Two Asian elephant range States: China and Indonesia; and
 - Two representatives from Europe and North America: Belgium and Canada
4. At SC69, Canada was elected as the Chair of the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup and Namibia as the vice-chair. The MIKE ETIS Subgroup has not met in person since SC70.
5. The MIKE and ETIS Subgroup intends to meet in the margins of SC74, and report back to the Standing Committee. The agenda for the meeting is outlined below.

MIKE ETIS Subgroup meeting agenda: 7 – 11 March 2022

1. Adoption of the agenda and attendance of the meeting by other observers
2. Membership of the MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group (MESG19 Doc. 1)
3. ETIS page on CITES website: Accounting for non-reporting in ETIS data aggregates (MESG19 Doc. 2)
4. Agenda items referred to the MIKE ETIS Subgroup by the Standing Committee.
5. Documents can be accessed on the MIKE and ETIS Subgroup page on the CITES website (link: <https://cites.org/eng/prog/mike/index.php/portal#MESG19>)

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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.