

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

REPORT OF THE MIKE AND ETIS SUBGROUP

1. This document has been submitted by Kenya, as Chairman of the MIKE and ETIS subgroup of the Standing Committee.
2. 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.
3. The subgroup met on 2 and 3 October 2006 after the regular sessions of SC54, but substantive discussions were deferred to 3 October to give time for heads of delegations to arrive. The documents it considered are available on the CITES website on the SC54 page, and the Secretariat provided the subgroup with a report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS) produced by TRAFFIC. The following members of the subgroup participated at the second meeting: Cameroon, China, Germany, and Kenya (Chairman). Ghana was also present as an observer, as were representatives from the European Commission and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Secretariat acted as rapporteur. Malaysia and Zambia did not attend the subgroup meeting.
4. The Chairman identified the following discussion points:
 - a) Institutional arrangements concerning the MIKE Central Coordination Unit (MIKE-CCU);
 - b) Consideration of whether the baseline presented to the Committee [document SC54 Doc. 26.2 (Rev. 1)] meets the criteria for the baseline as adopted by the Standing Committee at its 53rd meeting;
 - c) Future meetings of the MIKE-ETIS subgroup;
 - d) Utilization of MIKE funding; and
 - e) Progress report on the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS).
5. The Chairman expressed his concern that the subgroup was not consulted concerning the change in administrative arrangements for the MIKE-CCU. The Chairman reiterated his view that the subgroup should be informed of all matters relating to the operation of the MIKE programme. This view was shared by all members of the subgroup present.

6. The Chairman, members of the subgroup, and TRAFFIC expressed concern that the organizational structure of the MIKE programme, as depicted in the first organigram in the Annex to document SC54 Doc. 26.3 was not the most updated version and did not reflect the structure presented at the previous meeting of the subgroup at SC53. The Secretariat regretted the error, pointing out that the organigram was included in the document precisely to show that no changes had been made to the organizational structure of the MIKE programme. It was agreed that the organigram presented to the subgroup at SC53 was the one that correctly reflected the basis of the work and institutional relations of the MIKE programme.
7. The Chairman and the members present agreed that the baseline information presented in document SC54 Doc. 26.2 (Rev. 1) did not yet meet the criteria for the baseline as adopted by the Standing Committee at its 53rd meeting, as data were incomplete for six MIKE sites in Southeast Asia. Concern was also expressed over the use of alternate sites.
8. The subgroup noted that the baseline information, including all Southeast Asian sites, was expected to be completed by early 2007. The Chairman, with the support of subgroup members present, agreed that the baseline information should be reviewed at the 55th meeting of the Standing Committee.
9. Owing to the limited time available, the subgroup was unable to substantially address the remaining discussion points, and the meeting closed at 18:45.