

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



Third African elephant meeting
Gigiri, Kenya
1-3 November 2010

PROVISIONAL WORKING PROGRAMME

Day 1 [Monday, 1 November 2010]

09.00-10.00: Registration

- *Participants are expected to arrive at the UN Complex, Gigiri by 09:00 to give enough time for security checks and registration process. On arrival, UN Security will facilitate entry of participants to the main meeting registration centre located at the Pavilion, where the MIKE administration staff will issue participants with conference badges. The badges must be worn throughout the meeting period as UN Security carries out random checks within the compound.*
- *The participants will obtain a full set of documents at the registration desk.*
- *The meeting will take place in Conference Room 3. When required, two break-out rooms can be made available. Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be provided for meeting sessions taking place in Room 3.*

10.00-10.45: Welcome and opening of the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

- *Mr Ibrahim Thiaw, Director of the Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has kindly accepted the invitation of the CITES Secretariat to chair the meeting. A co-chair will be proposed to assist the Chairman.*
- *The meeting will further be facilitated by staff of the CITES Secretariat and its MIKE programme, and the IUCN/SSC African Elephant Specialist Group.*

2. Adoption of the agenda and working programme

- *A provisional agenda and working programme have been circulated beforehand to the meeting participants. The participants will be invited to provide their comments and adopt final versions thereof.*
- *The overall objectives of the meeting are to (a) inform the African elephant range States about the outcomes of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15, Doha, 2010) concerning elephants, review the status of relevant Decisions and discuss their implementation; (b) allow African elephant range States to exchange experiences regarding the management and conservation of*

elephant populations in Africa, and (c) be informed about new and emerging elephant conservation issues.

- Participants will be invited to review and agree to the conclusions and recommendations emanating from this consultative meeting.*
- A meeting report similar to those emanating from the First and Second African Elephant Meetings (see documents SC57 Inf. 13 and SC58 Doc. 36.4) will be prepared and distributed for review and comment by participants, and for communication to other audiences as appropriate.*

3. Opening address via video conferencing by the Secretary-General of the CITES Secretariat

- The CITES Secretary-General will give an opening address via video conferencing technology which, to the extent possible, will be interactive.*

10.45-13.00: Updates on illegal killing of elephants and illegal trade in ivory

4. Update on MIKE

- The MIKE Coordinator will provide an update of the implementation of the MIKE programme, focusing on developments and activities since CoP15, the instructions to the MIKE programme as agreed to by the Parties, and the programme's planned activities.*

5. Update on ETIS

- The ETIS Director will provide an update of the implementation of ETIS programme activities since CoP15 and the perspectives for the next year.*

6. Compiling and utilizing data on illegal killing from a variety of unofficial sources and the potential for integration with MIKE

- The AfESG Secretariat will present a paper investigating ideas on how to understand the story of illegal killing more effectively by using information from a variety of unofficial sources, such as expert networks, newspaper reports, and non-governmental organizations. It explores the possibilities for integrating these data with MIKE to provide an early warning system and to gain deeper understanding of the dynamics surrounding illegal killing. Meeting participants will be invited to provide feedback on the ideas presented, as well as additional thoughts on the issue.*

13.00-14.30: Lunch break

14.30-17.30: Valid CITES Decisions and Resolutions concerning elephants

7. Outcome of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15) with regard to enforcement issues and elephants: address via video conferencing by John Sellar, Chief Enforcement Support, CITES Secretariat

- The Chief Enforcement Support of the CITES Secretariat will provide an overview of the outcomes of CoP15 with regard to enforcement matters relating to elephants and the trade in elephant ivory, and an appreciation of the current status of the illegal trade in ivory and ongoing efforts to combat illegal trade. This will be provided using video conferencing technology which, to the extent possible, will be interactive.*

- *Items touched upon are expected to include Decisions 13.26 (rev. CoP15) (the ivory trade Action Plan), 15.74 (proposed ivory trade mechanism) and 15.72 (Ivory and rhino horn Task Force).*

10. Decision 13.26 (Rev. CoP15): Action plan for the control of trade in elephant ivory

- *The content and general status of the Action plan will be briefly introduced by the CITES Secretariat. It is proposed that two specific aspects thereof, regulations of internal trade in ivory and cooperation with relevant research projects on the identification of ivory, be reviewed more fully.*
- *In a first contribution, the findings of a report by TRAFFIC that analyzes the results of the Elephant and Ivory Trade Questionnaire that had been circulated pursuant to Decision 13.26 (Rev. CoP14) will be presented. As reported to the Standing Committee at its 57th meeting (see document SC57 Doc. 33.2) TRAFFIC was asked by the CITES Secretariat to consider the information contained in these questionnaires and provide an analysis thereof which would, in part, relate the questionnaire findings to ETIS seizure data. The African elephant range States will be invited to comment on the findings and feedback will be sought on how established problems might best be addressed.*
- *In a second contribution, a new research project by the University of Mainz with support from the German CITES Management Authority, which aims to identify and age elephant ivory using isotope analysis, will be presented. The African elephant range States will have the opportunity to ask questions to the researcher leading this project and be invited to comment on this initiative.*

8. Decision 15.74: Revision of Resolution Conf 10.10 (Rev CoP15) on *Trade in elephant specimens*

- *The Secretariat will introduce this item by recalling the provisions in the Decision and outlining the various areas covered by Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP 15).*

9. Consultation with African elephant range States on the revision of Resolution Conf 10.10 (Rev CoP15): working groups

- *In support of the provisions of Decision 15.78 calling for the Standing Committee to evaluate Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) on Trade in elephant specimens, in consultation with African and Asian range States and the Secretariat, the African elephant range States will be invited to review the Resolution, indicate areas where amendments may be warranted, and propose improvements where necessary.*
- *It is proposed that these reviews take place in smaller working groups. Working groups will be provided with a number of guiding questions concerning Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) to assist in the review process.*

Day 2 [Tuesday, 2 November 2010]

10.00-13.00: Valid CITES Decisions and Resolutions concerning elephants (Cnt.)

9. Consultation with African elephant range States on the revision of Resolution Conf 10.10 (Rev CoP15): working group continuation, results and discussion

- *The working groups on the revision of Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP15) will be given further opportunities to convene.*

- *The working groups will be invited to present the outcomes of their deliberations in plenary. The African elephant range States will discuss these inputs and agree on their contribution to the Standing Committee's evaluation.*

13.00-14.30: Lunch break

14.30-15.30: Updates on emerging issues that may impact African elephants and their habitat

18.Climate change and elephants

- *Dr Ravi Prabhu, Senior Programme Officer of Forests and Climate Change of UNEP/DEPI, will provide an overview of climate change and forests in Africa, and on REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation).*

19.Carbon financing and elephants

- *Mr Matt Woods, representative of CarbonAfrica, will give a presentation on opportunities for funding elephant conservation activities through carbon finance mechanisms.*

15.30-16.30: Valid CITES Decisions and Resolutions concerning elephants (Cnt.)

11.Decision 14.79 (Rev. CoP15): African Elephant Fund

- *The Secretariat will introduce the Decision and outline the current status of its implementation. It will provide details of its proposals regarding the establishment of the African Elephant Fund and its steering committee, including the draft Terms of Reference that it has developed in consultation with the African Elephant Fund Working Group. The Secretariat will indicate a timetable for the completion of Decision 14.79 (Rev. CoP15).*
- *The African elephant range States will be invited to seek clarifications from the Secretariat wherever necessary and discuss the Secretariat's proposed actions concerning the establishment of the Fund and its steering committee. The views and recommendations of the African elephant range States will be important considerations when creating the Fund and establishing the steering committee.*

16.30-17.30: Valid CITES Decisions and Resolutions concerning elephants (Cnt.)

12.Decision 14.77: Decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory

13.Decision 14.78 (Rev. CoP15): Reporting on elephant conservation and ivory trade issues to the Standing Committee

14.Decision 15.72: CITES Ivory and Rhinoceros Enforcement Task Force

15.Decision 14.76: Funding

- *The Secretariat will introduce Decisions 14.77, 14.78 (Rev. CoP15), 15.72 and 14.76, highlighting the status of their implementation and their relevance for the African elephant range States. The participants will be invited to seek clarifications where necessary, and to comment.*

Day 3 [Wednesday, 3 November 2010]

10.00-13.00: Provisional meeting results; completion of outstanding issues

- *The meeting facilitators will present a summary of the results of the consultations and discussions during the two previous days of the meeting. The participants will be invited to comment on this summary, and propose amendments as appropriate.*
- *The participants will have the opportunity to further address those items on the agenda that could not be fully reviewed in the preceding days, were postponed or required further deliberations.*
- *The meeting facilitators will propose a schedule and process for addressing the outstanding issues and completing unfinished business.*

13.00-14.30: Lunch break

14.30-16.00: Updates on the status and conservation of African elephants

16. Recent African elephant population surveys

- *The AfESG Secretariat will present an overview of conservation and management issues facing the African elephant based on a review of survey reports and other material collected since 2006 by the CITES MIKE programme and the AfESG.*

17. Elephant meat trade study - preliminary results

- *Dr. Daniel Stiles, consultant for the AfESG, will present preliminary results from the study into the impact of the elephant meat trade in Central Africa. This project, funded by the CITES MIKE programme and undertaken by the AfESG, has been underway over the past year, and the preliminary results of the study, and implications for elephant management in the sub-region, will be presented.*

16.00-17.30: Closure

20. Conclusions and recommendations

- *The meeting facilitators will present the conclusions and recommendations emanating from the consultations at the of the 3rd African elephant meeting. The participants will be invited to review these, suggest amendments as necessary, and agree on final conclusions and recommendations.*

21. Closure of the meeting

- *The meeting is expected to close at or before 17.00.*