

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



**Second African elephant meeting
Gigiri, Kenya
9-11 March 2009**

CONCLUSIONS

1. Amendments to the draft Work Programme
 - Two days needed for discussion on Theme 1 and one day for Theme 2
 - Theme 3 if times allows
 - Meeting activities and outputs captured in Meeting Summary/Note Verbale
 - Presentations to be circulated to participants, including those provided during Theme 3
2. *The African elephant Action Plan*

SITUATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND MEETING:

- 'A Strategic framework for an *African elephant Action Plan*' = the 'Mombasa document'
 - Range States asked to provide additional inputs in writing
 - Additional inputs incorporated by AfESG

CONCLUSION AT THIS MEETING:

- 'Mombasa document' adopted subject to incorporating agreed amendments from Kenya

SUMMARY OF WORK HERE AT THE SECOND MEETING:

- 4 Sub-Regional groups used 'Mombasa document' as basis to identify three key actions under each Objective
- 3 key actions presented in plenary per Objective and per sub region
- These were clustered and translated
- 'Draft List of priorities - version 1.3' = the 'Gigiri document'

CONCLUSION OF THE WORK HERE AT THE SECOND MEETING:

- 'Gigiri document' provides input into the African elephant Action Plan

- African Elephant Action Plan (AEAP) Working Group established: 2 delegates per subregion (Kenya, Uganda, Congo, Gabon, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mali and Nigeria) plus the United Republic of Tanzania
- 1 month for range States to comment on the 'Gigiri document'
- Tanzania agrees to host meeting of AEAP Working Group (5 day meeting; 2 reps/region; 1 secretariat; 3 facilitators) in April 2009
- Tanzania to cover the cost of accommodation, venue, food
- Additional needs are air tickets and translation/interpretation costs
- CITES Secretariat cannot organize or hold this meeting
- Terms of Reference for the AEAP Working Group:
 - Take the 'Gigiri document' forward
 - Integrate 'Gigiri document' into 'Mombasa document'
 - Establish budgeted, time bound Business Plans for activities
 - Circulate by email for comment within a set period
 - Incorporate comments from range States
 - Finalize 'Dar document' by June 2009
- 'Dar document' = African elephant Action Plan (for perhaps two/three years and then revised/updated?)
- African elephant range States to report on progress with the *African elephant Action Plan* to Standing Committee (SC58, July 2009)

3. African Elephant Fund

- Presentation on mechanism of financing the African Elephant Fund
- Donors expressed commitment to the fund, urged others to support and called on range States to finalize the Action Plan as soon as possible
- Nominations from range States for an interim steering committee with 2 delegates per subregion: Kenya, Rwanda, Congo, Gabon, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mali, Nigeria
- Virtual working group (representatives of the current 3 donors and 8 range States), convened and moderated by the Secretariat
- Range State nominations to meet in Tanzania in April 2009 and provide input in virtual working group
- The mandate of the virtual working group is to formulate recommendations regarding:
 - Composition of the steering committee
 - Definition of 'donor'
 - Nature of the fund

- Internal procedures
 - Project selection criteria
 - Practical management of the Fund (secretariat?)
- Virtual working group to forward recommendations to the CITES Secretariat by 1 June 09; enabling it to establish the African Elephant Fund and its steering committee at SC58
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