



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/078

Geneva, 30 October 2018

CONCERNING:

### MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

1. Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP16) on *Trade in elephant specimens* directs the Standing Committee to establish a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to provide technical oversight to the programme for Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) and the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS).
2. At its 70th meeting (Sochi, October 2018), the Standing Committee agreed to a revision of the composition of the TAG to fill two vacancies in the 'global expert' category. This was based on recommendations from its MIKE-ETIS Subgroup regarding candidates proposed by the Secretariat, in consultation with TRAFFIC.
3. As a result, the following global experts were appointed as new members of the TAG:
  - Holly Dublin
  - William Link
4. In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the TAG, the Chairs of the African and Asian Elephant Specialist Groups of the International Union for Conservation of Nature are to be co-opted to the TAG. Benson Okita has been appointed as the new chair of the IUCN African elephant Specialist Group (AfESG) and will therefore join the TAG as a co-opted expert member.
5. The composition of the TAG, as of 5 October 2018, is as follows:

#### Global experts

- Eleanor Jane Milner-Gulland
- Holly Dublin
- Hugo Jachmann
- William Link

#### Sub-regional experts

- Leonard Mubalama (Central Africa)
- Chris Thouless (Eastern Africa)
- Russell Taylor (Southern Africa)
- Emmanuel Hema (West Africa)
- Raman Sukumar (South Asia)

- Li Zhang (Southeast Asia)

Co-opted experts

- Benson Okita (IUCN/SSC African Elephant Specialist Group Chair)
  - Vivek Menon (IUCN/SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group Chair)
  - Fiona Underwood (ETIS statistician)
6. The Standing Committee and the Secretariat would like to express their sincere appreciation to the former members of the MIKE and ETIS TAG for their considerable services to the Convention, and would like to welcome the new members joining the TAG.
  7. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2016/012 of 16 February 2016.