



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Launch of the new Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS) Online

1. The Secretariat is pleased to inform the Parties that [ETIS Online](#), a new online platform for the Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS), has been launched on 15 October 2020.
2. The Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS) was established under Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) on *Trade in elephant specimens* with the following objectives:
 - i) *measuring and recording levels and trends, and changes in levels and trends, of illegal elephant killing and trade in ivory and other elephant specimens in elephant range States, ivory consumer States and ivory transit States;*
 - ii) *assessing whether and to what extent observed trends are related to measures concerning elephants and trade in elephant specimens taken under the auspices of CITES; changes in the listing of elephant populations in the CITES Appendices; or the conduct of legal international trade in ivory;*
 - iii) *establishing an information base to support the making of decisions on appropriate management, protection and enforcement needs; and*
 - iv) *building capacity in elephant range States and, as applicable, countries involved in trade in elephant specimens, to implement and make use of MIKE and ETIS in managing elephants and enhancing enforcement.*

ETIS is supervised by the CITES Standing Committee, and managed and coordinated by TRAFFIC in consultation with the MIKE & ETIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat.

3. The Standing Committee, at its 69th meeting (Geneva, November 2017), requested TRAFFIC to finalise the delivery of an online facility for Parties to access, download or upload seizure data in a timely manner.
4. Accordingly, TRAFFIC has developed the online facility, referred to as *ETIS Online*, with financial support from Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, the European Union and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Access to *ETIS Online* is restricted to designated CITES Management Authority representatives, and access to data is provided in accordance with the data access policy outlined in Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18) as requested by the Standing Committee at its 69th meeting (Geneva, November 2017).
5. The system, which is available at <https://etisonline.org>, allows Parties to view and download the data they submitted. Parties can further also obtain their ETIS country report, which details the number and weight of seizures made within the country, as well as seizures by other Parties in which their country was implicated.

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6. *ETIS Online* allows Parties to create new records using an online form, or to upload multiple seizure records in bulk, using a specially designed template file. CITES Management Authorities are encouraged to designate individual(s) or representative(s) to obtain an account to become a data provider and user of *ETIS Online*. The designated representative can request an account by completing the relevant forms on *ETIS Online* (<https://etisonline.org>).
 7. Training materials to assist users are available on the *ETIS Online* website. TRAFFIC also plans to offer online training webinars in due course.
 8. Noting that there are significant gaps in data submissions to ETIS for 2018 and 2019, Parties are reminded to submit to ETIS any outstanding reports on seizures of elephant specimens made within their territories. This can be done through *ETIS Online* or through regular submission channels.
 9. For data not submitted through *ETIS Online*, data forms to be used for submission of seizure data to ETIS are available for download on the *ETIS Online* platform. Completed forms can be submitted directly to TRAFFIC in printed form or electronically for inclusion in ETIS. Alternatively, it can be submitted to the CITES Secretariat for passing to TRAFFIC.
 10. Forms submitted directly to TRAFFIC should be sent by mail or email to:

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PO Box 11536
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Email: etis@traffic.org.
 11. Parties are welcome to contact the Secretariat at info@cites.org if there are any questions regarding the *ETIS Online* platform.