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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Strategic matters

Dialogue meetings

RESULTS OF THE DIALOGUE MEETING ON THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT

Introduction

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat and has been adopted by the participants in the seventh dialogue meeting of African elephant range States as the official record of the outcome of the meeting.
2. At its 53rd meeting (Geneva, June – July 2005), the Standing Committee agreed to Terms of Reference for dialogue meetings. On 26 February 2007, in accordance with those Terms of Reference, the Standing Committee called for the Secretariat to convene a dialogue meeting of range States of the African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*). This dialogue meeting was consequently held from 31 May to 1 June 2007 at the World Forum Convention Center, The Hague, The Netherlands, preceded by an associated one-day meeting to discuss MIKE, ETIS and other elephant matters.
3. The Secretariat raised sufficient funds to cover the attendance costs of at least one representative of each Party range State of the African elephant coming from developing countries that had requested financial assistance. The range States and the Secretariat are extremely grateful to the European Commission and the Governments of Germany, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America for their generous support.
4. With the assistance of the Secretariat, the Chairman of the Standing Committee, as Chairman of the dialogue meeting, consulted the CITES Management Authorities of the range States of the African elephant on the provisional agenda for the meeting on 20 March 2007. The Secretariat subsequently distributed the final provisional agenda to these Authorities on 13 April 2007 and invited them to send representatives to the meeting. The range States approved the agenda for the meeting which is contained in Annex 2 to this document, subject to item 7.5 being discussed in close connection with item 8.
5. The dialogue was attended by 25 of the 36 range States that are party to the Convention. A list of participants is contained in Annex 1 to this document. The range States elected Niger and the United Republic of Tanzania as Vice-Chairmen of the meeting. They further approved the participation as observers of one representative from each of the Parties who provided funding for participants to attend the meeting and of representatives of TRAFFIC and IUCN-The World Conservation Union to serve as resource persons.

Proposals to amend the Appendices for *Loxodonta africana* to be considered at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14).

6. Proponents of proposals to amend the Appendices with respect to the listing for *Loxodonta africana* to be considered at CoP14 introduced their proposals and explained the rationale for them. This enabled

the range States to have a good appreciation of all aspects of the proposals and to engage in an in-depth discussion of the issues raised by them. There was a full and frank exchange of ideas and consideration of the options available for finding a consensus between the range States over the proposals. All participants expressed a strong desire to obtain such a consensus.

Conclusion

7. In the light of these constructive debates, the range States agreed to continue their discussions on an informal basis during the period leading up to the discussion of the matter at CoP14.

List of participants in the seventh dialogue meeting of African elephant range States

1. H.E. Sr. Cristian Maquieira A. (Chairman of the Standing Committee). Chairman
2. Government officials designated by CITES Management Authorities of the range States of the African elephant.

Botswana

Representative: CHIMIDZA Diana
Alternate representative: TAOLO Cyril

Cameroon

Representative: AMINE Mahamat
Alternate representative: TARLA Francis

Central African Republic

Representative: OYELE MINILE SAKO Fred Stevy

Congo

Representative: BOCKANDZA-PACO Frédéric L.

Côte d'Ivoire

Representative: ZOUZOU Elvire Joëlle

Eritrea

Representative: YOHANNES Hagos

Ethiopia

Representative: HAILU Tadesse

Ghana

Representative: LAMPTEY Ernest Lante

Kenya

Representative: KIPNG'ETICH Julius
Alternate representative: OMONDI Patrick

Liberia

Representative: FREEMAN Theophilus V.
Alternate representative: KAMARA Morris

Malawi

Representative: BHIMA Roy

Mali

Representative: NIAGATE Bourama

Mozambique

Representative: MAHANJANE Sansao Bonito

Namibia

Representative: LINDEQUE Malan
Alternate representative: MUPETAMI Louisa

Niger (Vice-chairman)

Representative: ABDOU MALAM Issa

Nigeria

Representative: MSHELBWALA John Hyelakuma
Alternate representative: OMENI Fidelis O.

Rwanda

Representative: MUDAKIKWA Antoine

Senegal

Representative: SY Addoulaye

South Africa

Representative: MBENGASHE Maria
Alternate representative: MEINTJES Sonja

Swaziland

Representative: MBATHA George M.

Togo

Representative: TENGUE Kokou Trévé

Uganda

Representative: TINDIGARUKAYO-KASHAGIRE Justus

Alternate representative: MAKOMBO John

United Republic of Tanzania (Vice-chairman)

Representative: KIBEBE Julius

Alternate representative: AMBWENE Frederick

Zambia

Representative: CHISANGANO Francesca

Alternate representative: CHANSA Wilbroad

Zimbabwe

Representative: CHIMUTI Tapera

Alternate representative: MTSAMBIWA Morris Z.

2. Observers

European Commission (EGGINK Henk)

Germany (MUNZERT Elisabeth)

Ireland (O'CRIDAIN Colman)

Japan (NAKAO Fumiko)

Netherlands (VERKOOIJEN Patrick)

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (SALMON Trevor)

United States of America (JONES Marshall)

3. Invited resource persons

IUCN-The World Conservation Union (DUBLIN Holly)

TRAFFIC (MILLIKEN Tom)

4. Secretariat

DE MEULENAER Tom

MORGAN David

SELLAR John

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associated meeting of elephant range States to discuss MIKE and ETIS
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AGENDA

1. Opening remarks and explanation of the Rules of Procedure
2. Election of the Vice-Chairmen
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Admission of observers

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5. Monitoring of illegal hunting in elephant range States – implementation of MIKE
6. Monitoring of illegal trade in ivory and other elephant specimens – implementation of ETIS
7. CoP14 agenda items relating to elephants other than amendment proposals
 - 7.1 Consideration of Decision 10.2 under Review of Decisions (document CoP14 Doc. 22)
 - 7.2 Trade in elephant specimens (document CoP14 Doc. 53.1)
 - 7.3 Monitoring of illegal trade in ivory and other elephant specimens (document CoP14 Doc. 53.2)
 - 7.4 Monitoring of illegal hunting in elephant range States (document CoP14 Doc. 53.3)
 - 7.5 Illegal ivory trade and control of internal markets (document CoP14 Doc. 53.4)

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8. CoP14 Proposals to amend the Appendices
 - 8.1 Introduction to proposal CoP14 Prop. 4
 - 8.2 Introduction to proposal CoP14 Prop. 5
 - 8.3 Introduction to proposal CoP14 Prop. 6
9. Consistency of the amendment proposals in relation to Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP13)
 - 9.1 General considerations
 - 9.2 Biological criteria for inclusion in Appendix I

9.3 Precautionary measures

10. Adoption of a communiqué from the seventh dialogue meeting of African elephant range States

11. Concluding remarks