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FIRST MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE WEST AFRICAN POPULATIONS OF THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT (Loxodonta africana) Accra, Ghana, 30-31 March 2009

SUMMARY OF TRANS-BOUNDARY AREAS CONTAINING ELEPHANTS IN WEST AFRICA

(Prepared by the Secretariat in collaboration with IUCN/AfESG)

Introduction

At the workshop on the African Elephant organised by CMS on 23 June 2008 in Mombasa on the occasion of the Pan African CITES/MIKE meeting, some countries expressed their desire to strengthen trans-boundary cooperation concerning the management of elephants. In order to facilitate the strengthening of that cooperation in the context of the implementation of the MoU and the joint CMS/CITES work programme, the secretariat prepared the table below in collaboration with IUCN/AfESG on the basis of the available knowledge.

Actions requested:

The meeting is invited to:

- Amend and complete the table, if necessary;
- Consider the necessity of developing specific complementary projects at some of the trans-boundary areas.

Principal projects / programmes in the priority trans-boundary areas for elephants (see: Strategy for the Conservation of West African Elephants)

Areas	No. of	Actions being implemented	Actions to be undertaken	Partners
	elephants			
East corridor:	700-800 for	1. MIKE programme		1. CITES
Nazinga-Parc	the two East			
Kabore Tambi-Red	and West			
Volta Ecosystem-	corridors			
Doung	below			
Countries involved: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo				
West corridor:	700-800 for	1. MIKE programme		1. CITES
Nazinga-Parc de	the two East			
Molle	and West			
	corridors			
Countries involved:	below			
Burkina Faso, Ghana,				
Bia-Gossou-	150 - 200	Protected Areas		1. EC
Bossemati-	(Ghana	Development Programme		
Djambarakrou	area)			2. FFEM,
		2. Community Forest		CARE
Countries involved:		Biodiversity Programme		Int.
Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana				
W-Arly-Pendjari-	4500	1. MIKE programme		1. CITES
Réserves Est Burkina				
Countries involved:		2. PRoCGRN Pendjari:		2. GTZ

Areas	No. of elephants	Actions being implemented	Actions to be undertaken	Partners
Burkina Faso, Benin, Niger	-	aerial monitoring of elephant populations in the Pendjari biosphere reserve		3. Université d'Abomey Calavi du Bénin
		 3. Research into the role of the elephant <i>Loxodonta africana</i> in the ecosystems and rural villages in the Pendjari biosphere reserve in the North-East of Bénin 4. Ecological monitoring of elephants by range finding 		4. ECOPAS (EU)
Taï-Grebo -National Forest Countries involved: Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia	50 -?	1. Analysis of human/elephant conflicts and the factors that determine their distribution		1. WWF 2. CITES, WCF, GTZ
		2. MIKE programme (elephant inventory)3. Ecological monitoring (determination of the density and distributions		3. WWF, WCF

Areas	No. of	Actions being implemented	Actions to be undertaken	Partners
	elephants			
		of the elephants)		
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Ziama-Wenegizi	200-300	1. MIKE programme		1. CITES
Countries involved:		2. Project on the		2. KFW
Guinea, Liberia		management of natural		
		resources		
Gourma / Mali-Sahel	500	1. Project on the		1. FFEM,
Burkina		conservation and		World Bank
		evaluation of biodiversity		
Countries involved:		and elephants		2. Wildlife
Burkina Faso, Mali				Foundation
		2. Elephant project "The		(US)
		future of the elephants of		
		Gourma"		3.CITES
		3. MIKE programme		

Other trans-boundary areas containing elephants

Areas	No.	Actions being implemented	Planned Actions	Partners
	elephants			
Parcs Comoé				
Comoe-Leraba				
Countries involved:				
Burkina Faso, Cote				
d'Ivoire				

Areas	No.	Actions being implemented	Planned Actions	Partners
	elephants			
Region de Sikasso				
Countries involved:				
Burkina Faso, Cote				
d'Ivoire, Mali				
Reserve Baba Rafi				
Countries involved:				
Niger, Nigeria				
Niokolo Bajar				
Countries involved:				
Senegal, Guinea				
Corubal -Dulombi				
Countries involved:				
Guinea, Guinea Bissau				
Ouré Kaba-Outamba				
Killimi				
Countries involved:				
Guinea-Sierra Leone				
Gola Forest				
Countries involved:				
Liberia, Sierra Leone				