

**Medium Term International Work Programme
concerning Conservation Measures for the West African Populations of the African Elephant
(*Loxodonta africana*)**

2012-2014

Objectives	Activity	Priorities ¹	Partners
1.0 Information necessary for management			Note: to the extent possible, all information collection activities should involve key stakeholders particularly communities and local government
1.1 Undertake inventories of elephants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose the method 2. Plan the areas to undergo an inventory (e.g.: trans-boundary areas) 3. Implementation (seek financing, choose experts etc.) 	VH	CMS, MIKE, USFWS IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
1.2 Study seasonal movements of trans-boundary elephants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify study areas 2. Identify the institutions/experts 3. Choose the methodology 4. Planning and implementation 	VH	Local communities, CMS, MIKE, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
1.3 Undertake genetic studies to determine the taxonomic status of forest and savannah elephants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on studies undertaken 2. Identify priority areas 3. Build capacity for sample analysis with the sub-region. 4. Implementation (choose experts, seek financing) 	M	CMS, scientific experts, other partners
1.4 Evaluate the socio-economic value of elephants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elaborate tools to evaluate sources of revenue 2. Implement those tools 		Academic institutions, NGOs, experts

¹ VH = Very High; H = High; M = Medium.

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	3. Evaluate the service provided by elephants to traditional medicine and to cultural activities and other associated beliefs		
1.5 Evaluate and improve the cost/benefit ratio	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the essential needs of the local people in order for them to cohabit with elephants 2. Ascertain the cost/benefit ratio 3. Monitor the evolution of the cost/benefit ratio 	H	Academic institutions. NGOs, experts Universities
2.0 Enhanced capacity for management			
2.1 Organise training courses at a site-specific and sub-regional level	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify training needs (on-site agents, guards, community contact points, NGOs) 2. Develop training topics 3. Implementation (choose the trainers etc.) 	H	Local communities, CMS, MIKE, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
2.2 Supply equipment needed to the relevant personnel and field stations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate requirements 2. Seek necessary funding 3. Distribute the equipment and provide training on its use 	H	Local communities, CMS, MIKE, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
3.0 Reduction of the rate of loss of elephant habitat			
3.1 Evaluate elephant habitats	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a status report on elephant habitat (distribution, water/food/salt resources etc.) 2. Monitor the possible threats and improvements 	VH	Local communities, CMS, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
3.2 Develop and/or revise management plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare management plans by site; incorporating a review of the distribution, creation and management of corridors, water sources, fire management, the number of humans/elephants, reintroduction if necessary etc. 	H	Local communities, CMS, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
3.3 Implement management plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation of the plans prepared 		

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4.0 Reduction of conflict between humans and elephants			
4.1 Report on sites where there are conflicts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigation and mapping 2. Evaluation of type and extent of conflict and trends over time 	VH	Local communities, CMS, IUCN, WWF, AWF, MIKE, WAP Project, International NGOs, other partners
4.2 Contribute to the resolution of conflicts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of the causes of the conflicts 2. Implementation of solutions 3. Identify the essential needs of the local people in order for them to cohabit with the elephants 4. Ascertain the cost/benefit ratio, and if necessary, suggest mechanisms to reduce the negative impacts and to increase the benefits 	VH	Local communities, CMS, IUCN, WWF, AWF, MIKE, WAP Project, International NGOs, other partners
4.3 Build capacities for personnel dealing with conflicts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote and distribute information on interactions between humans and elephants 2. Training sessions with people involved locally (managers, organisations working in and around conservation areas, local populations etc.) 3. Equipment 4. Experience sharing 	VH	Local communities, CMS, IUCN, WWF, AWF, MIKE, WAP Project, International NGOs, other partners
5.0 Implementation of CITES			International NGOs
5.1 Conduct studies into ivory trade in those countries identified by ETIS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate the implementation of activities among Range States 	VH	Experts, ETIS, TRAFFIC, CITES, WWF, MIKE, International NGOs, IUCN, other partners
5.2 Initiate policies on the control of ivory trade at the level of ECOWAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State of play 2. Conduct a study on the harmonization of legislation, if necessary 3. Strengthening of laws and policies in the sub-region 	VH	Experts, ETIS, TRAFFIC, CITES, ECOWAS, other partners

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5.3 Strengthen capacities of individuals and institutions involved in controlling the trade in ivory	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organisation of training sessions for defence and security forces (police, customs, forestry commission, etc.) 2. Development of an intergovernmental information network on illegal trafficking 	M	ETIS, TRAFFIC, CITES, MIKE, International NGOs
6.0 Illegal killing of elephants contained			
6.1 Strengthen control policies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status report 2. Harmonisation of legislation 3. Organization of monitoring patrols 4. Joint missions to encourage opinion sharing 	VH	ECOWAS, CITES, MIKE, IUCN, International NGOs
6.2 Strengthen capacities of individuals and institutions involved in the fight against poaching	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organisation of training sessions (communities, field officers, guards) 2. Development of a framework of inter-governmental information on illegal poaching 3. Provide agents with the necessary equipment 	VH	MIKE, IUCN, WWF, AWF, CITES, ECOWAS, International NGOs
6.3 Supply necessary equipment to the agencies concerned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate equipment requirements 2. Distribute and provide necessary training 	VH	MIKE, IUCN, WWF, AWF
7.0 Better understanding of Elephant conservation issues at all levels			
7.1 Organise information, education and communication (IEC) campaigns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify Campaign requirements (target groups, topics) 2. Create and promote the IEC tools 3. Lobby for the mobilization of financial resources 4. Distribute information on interactions between humans/elephants through the media and other communication channels 5. Distribute and make accessible legislative and regulatory texts on the conservation of 	H	Local communities, ECOWAS, CMS, IUCN, WWF, AWF

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	elephants (status, habitat, management, killing and illegal trade)		
8.0 Strengthened cooperation between Range States			
8.1 Create a technical consultation network for the management of each trans-boundary area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop and implement technical agreements between Range States in the fields of legislation; research; management; anti-poaching and the fight against illegal trade; education; public information, etc) 2. Organise regular meetings 3. Create an information-sharing mechanism to improve the monitoring of transboundary movements of elephants 	H	ECOWAS, CMS, IUCN, local authorities, local NGOs, MIKE, WWF, AWF
9.0 Mobilization of financial, material and human resources			
9.1 Establish networks of competencies at national and sub-regional levels	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and mobilize existing competence 2. Define the networks' missions 3. Establish the networks 4. Build capacities of the members of the networks 5. Recruit other complementary competencies if necessary 	H	Agencies and other institutions Experts and Consultants NGOs Institutions Universities
9.2 Mobilize financial resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify potential sources of finance 2. Develop national and sub-regional projects 3. Submit projects to potential funders 4. Support the implementation of an African Elephant Fund 	VH	Experts and consultants NGOs Institutions Universities
10. Monitoring and evaluation			
10.1 Monitor the implementation of the MoU	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish indicators for each objective and activity 	H	IUCN, WWF, AWF Governments Universities

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	2. Seek synergies with other MoUs or other instruments 3. Consolidate the results 4. Prepare monitoring reports		
10.2 Evaluate the work programme	1. Evaluate the performance of the programme 2. Update the programme	M	IUCN, WWF, AWF Experts Universities