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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

DRAFT MEDIUM TERM INTERNATIONAL WORK PROGRAMME *(Prepared by the Secretariat)*

1. The Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the West African Populations of the African Elephant (the “MoU”) and the associated Strategy for the Conservation of West African Elephants (“Strategy”) provide the framework for Signatories to work closely together to improve the conservation status of the African Elephant in West Africa. At paragraph 3, the MoU suggests that the objectives contained in the Strategy could be achieved through the development and implementation of national elephant conservation and management strategies and plans. At paragraph 4, the MoU provides for the exchange of scientific, technical and legal information to co-ordinate conservation measures and for co-operation with other Signatory States, appropriate international organizations and the recognized experts at the IUCN/SCC African Elephant Specialist Group.

2. In order to give effect to the spirit of collaboration promoted by the MoU, the concrete measures taken should be coordinated, in particular those taken by Signatory States at a national level in the context of their respective national elephant conservation and management strategies and plans. To that end, the Secretariat has prepared the attached draft Medium Term International Work Programme (“Work Programme”). It lists objectives related to the MoU and Strategy, suggests actions to be taken according to priority and provides for the allocation of actions amongst the parties involved. The Work Programme is organised around the following main subject headings:

- Information necessary for management
- Enhanced institutional capacity for management
- Reduction of the rate of loss of elephant habitat
- Reduction of conflict between humans and elephants
- Better understanding and effective control of the ivory trade
- Illegal killing of elephants contained
- Elephant conservation issues better understood at all levels
- Strengthening of cooperation between Range States

3. Funding will be needed to support the activities listed in the Work Programme.

Multilateral, bilateral and other sources of funding will need to be secured through funding applications prepared by lead countries and collaborators.

4. Columns on financial and timing issues have been included, but figures have not been indicated. The meeting may wish to consider whether an estimate of an activity's costs may be more appropriately made after the projects are conceptualised by the lead countries and their collaborators. The information could be then subsequently provided to the Secretariat. Countries may wish to also consider the timeframe over which they will implement the measures to be taken.

5. Signatory States are invited to consider which activities they wish to lead in collaboration with other Range States. Relevant intergovernmental, international and national organisations are invited to consider collaborating on the Work Programme's implementation.

Action requested:

The meeting is invited to:

- Provide specific comments on the draft Work Programme.
- Consider the desirability of creating a working group to consider the draft Work Programme in detail and revise as needed for the meeting's review and subsequent adoption.

Annex

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

2009 – 2011

Objectives	Measures	Priorities ¹	Timing	Financial considerations (budget, partners)	Party responsible	Partners
1.0 Information necessary for management					States	
1.1 Organise inventories of elephants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose the method Plan the areas to undergo an inventory (e.g.: trans-boundary areas) Implementation (choose experts, seek financing etc.) 	VH				CMS MoU, MIKE, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
1.2 Study seasonal movements of trans-boundary elephants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify study areas Identify the institutions/experts Choose the methodology Planning and implementation 	VH				Local communities, CMS MoU, MIKE, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
1.3 Undertake genetic studies to determine the taxonomic status of the forest and savannah elephants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on studies undertaken Identify priority areas Implementation (choose experts, seek financing) 	M				CMS MoU, scientific experts, other partners
2. 0 Enhanced institutional capacity for management					States	

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

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2.1 Organise training courses at the a site-specific and sub-regional level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the training subjects • Identify training needs (on-site agents, guards, community contact points, NGOs) • Implementation (choose the trainers etc.) 	H				Local communities, CMS MoU, MIKE, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
2.2 Supply of equipment needed to the relevant agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate requirements • Seek necessary funding • Distribute and provide training for use 	H			States	Local communities, CMS MoU, MIKE,IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
3.0 Reduction of the rate of loss of elephant habitat						
3.1 Evaluate the habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a status report on elephant habitat (distribution, water/food/salt resources etc.) • Qualitative and quantitative development 	VH				Local communities, CMS MoU, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
3.2 Develop management plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare management plan by site incorporating a review of the distribution, creation and management of 	H				Local communities, CMS MoU, IUCN, WWF,

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	corridors, water sources, fire management, the number of humans/elephants etc.					AWF, other partners
4.0 Reduction of conflict between humans and elephants					States	
4.1 Report on conflict sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation and mapping Extent of the conflict 	VH				Local communities, CMS MoU, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
4.2 Resolution of conflicts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of the causes of the conflicts Solutions proposed 	VH				Local communities, CMS MoU, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
4.3 Reinforcement of capacities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training sessions Persons involved locally (managers, local populations etc.) 	VH				Local communities, CMS MoU, IUCN, WWF, AWF, other partners
5.0 Better understanding and effective control of the ivory trade					States	

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5.1 Conduct studies into ivory trade in each country		M				Experts, ETIS, Traffic, other partners
5.2 Initiate policies on the control of ivory trade at the level of CEDEAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status report • Harmonisation of legislation • Strengthening of law and policies in the sub-region 	M				Experts, ETIS, Traffic, other partners
5.3 Reinforce the capacities of the persons involved in controlling the trade in ivory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation of training sessions (police, customs etc.) • Development of a network of inter-governmental information on the illegal trafficking 	M				ETIS, Traffic
6.0 Illegal killing of elephants contained					States	
6.1 Strengthen control policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status report • Harmonisation of legislation 	VH				CEDEAO
6.2 Strengthen the capacities of the persons involved in the struggle against poaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation of training sessions (police, customs etc.) • Development of a network 	VH				MIKE, IUCN, WWF, AWF

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	of inter-governmental information on the illegal trafficking					
6.3 Supply of necessary equipment to the agents concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate requirements Seek necessary funding Distribute and provide training for use 	VH				MIKE, IUCN, WWF, AWF
7.0 Elephant conservation issues better understood at all levels					States	
7.1 Information, education and communication (IEC) campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify IEC's requirements (target groups) Create the tools Implementation 	H				Local communities, CEDEAO, CMS MoU, IUCN, WWF, AWF
7.2 Distribution of legislative texts on the conservation of the elephants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of texts (statutes, management, poaching and illegal trade) Use of media School information 	H/M				Institutions, local NGOs, CMS MoU, IUCN, WWF, AWF
8.0 Strengthening of cooperation between Range States					States	

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8.1 Creation of a technical consultation network for the management of each area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of technical inter-State agreements • Regular meetings 	H				CEDEAO, CMS MoU, IUCN
8.2 Development of joint initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the areas of legislation, research, management, the struggle against poaching and illegal trade, training, public information etc. 	H				Local communities, local NGOs, CMS MoU, MIKE, CEDEAO, IUCN, WWF, AWF