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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

**STATUS OF SIGNATURES**  
**TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING**  
**CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE WEST AFRICAN POPULATIONS**  
**OF THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT (*LOXODONTA AFRICANA*)**



<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the West African Populations of the African Elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>)</b>
<b>TYPE</b>	Article IV(4)
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English, French
<b>DEPOSITARY</b>	CMS Secretariat
<b>COVERAGE</b>	West African Populations of the African Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>
<b>RANGE STATE/REIO</b>	13: BENIN, BURKINA FASO, COTE D'IVOIRE, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, LIBERIA, MALI, NIGER, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, Sierra Leone, TOGO
<b>FINAL ACT</b>	Not applicable
<b>SIGNATURE</b>	Opened for signature on 27 June 2000  Signed by 13 States: BENIN (22.11.05), BURKINA FASO (22.11.05), COTE D'IVOIRE (22.11.05), GUINEA (22.11.05), GUINEA-BISSAU (22.11.05), LIBERIA (22.11.05), MALI (22.11.05), NIGER (22.11.05), NIGERIA (22.11.05), Sierra Leone (22.11.05), TOGO (22.11.05), SENEGAL (08.01.07), GHANA (30.05.07)
<b>IN EFFECT</b>	Immediately following the signature by the third State; open for signature indefinitely, will become effective for each subsequent Range State on the date of signature
<b>ACTUALLY IN EFFECT</b>	22 November 2005
<b>RAT/ACP/APP/ACC</b>	Not applicable
<b>MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORY STATES</b>	Regular meetings will take place, to be convened by the CMS Secretariat in liaison with the MoU's technical advisor, the IUCN Species Survival Commission African Elephant Specialist Group.
<b>SECRETARIAT</b>	CMS Secretariat
<b>FINANCING</b>	None specified in the MoU
<b>RESERVATIONS</b>	Not applicable
<b>OTHER</b>	Signed also by CMS Secretariat (22.11.05) and IUCN/SSC (22.11.05)



## KEY TO AGREEMENT SUMMARY SHEETS

<b>TITLE</b>	Full title of the Agreement (and any acronym)
<b>TYPE</b>	Type of Agreement (concluded under the terms of either Article IV(3) or Article IV(4) of the Convention on Migratory Species)
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Legal status of Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	Language of the authentic texts of the Agreement
<b>SPONSOR</b>	Name of the Government which sponsored negotiations to conclude the Agreement
<b>DEPOSITARY</b>	As specified in the text of the Agreement, name of the Government or intergovernmental organization providing depositary services for the Agreement
<b>COVERAGE</b>	Taxonomic coverage of the Agreement
<b>RANGE STATE/REIO</b>	CMS Parties are shown in upper case, non-Parties are shown in normal letters (includes Regional Economic Integration Organizations)
<b>FINAL ACT</b>	Date of signature of the Final Act of the meeting at which the text of the Agreement was adopted, and a list of signatories to the Final Act
<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<p>As specified in the text of the Agreement, provisions for signature of the Agreement. Actual number of signatures of Range States + REIOs, followed by a listing of the individual signatories in chronological order</p> <p>Symbols used:</p> <p>"ds" means the signature is definitive (no further legal measures necessary for the Agreement to be legally binding);</p> <p>"+" means the Agreement has been signed, but must still be ratified;</p> <p>"acp" means the Agreement has been accepted;</p> <p>"app" means the Agreement has been approved;</p> <p>"acc" means the Agreement has been acceded to.</p>
<b>IN FORCE/ IN EFFECT</b>	Provisions concerning entry into force of the Agreement or effective date of the Memorandum of Understanding, as specified in the text of the Agreement or MoU
<b>ACTUALLY IN FORCE/IN EFFECT</b>	Actual date of entry into force/effect of the Agreement or MoU
<b>RAT/ACP/APP/ACC</b>	Actual number of States and REIOs having signed definitively, ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Agreement, followed by a listing of the relevant States/REIOs in chronological order (according to the date of deposit of relevant instrument)
<b>MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES/ SIGNATORY STATES</b>	Dates or provisions with respect to holding the first meeting of the Parties (Agreements) or Signatories (MoU), if specified in the text of the Agreement

<b>SECRETARIAT</b>	Full address of the Secretariat or Interim Secretariat for the Agreement
<b>FINANCING</b>	Financial considerations, if specified in the text of the Agreement
<b>RESERVATIONS</b>	Any provisions with regard to the possibility for Parties to enter reservations, if specified in the text of the Agreement
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	As appropriate, a brief description of the Agreement's provisions
<b>SPECIES EXAMPLES</b>	A few examples of species covered by the Agreement
<b>OTHER</b>	Other remarks