Enhancing ETIS to guide CITES policy

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ETIS Phase II

Project runs September 2009 – August 2012

Aims:

- To update ETIS after 10+ years in operation

- To make the ETIS data more accessible to your countries to enhance elephant conservation

ETIS Phase II has been supported in various ways by:

- MIKE/ETIS Subgroup of CITES Standing Committee

- CITES Secretariat

- MIKE & ETIS Technical Advisory Groups

ETIS Phase II

- Design and build a new database
    - with on-line data entry and access for CITES MAs

- Develop an analytical framework
    - Validate methodology by publishing in scientific journals
    - Define key indicators for reporting

- Revised standard operating procedures for ETIS

- Training materials for using the new database
    - CDs in English and French for all CITES MAs

Brief Overview

- Former database
  - Paper-based submission of records
  - Data (Country reports) on paper sent to CMAs approx every 2 years

- New database on a secure server (back-up in TRAFFIC office)
  - Approved **D**ata **P**roviders (CITES MAs for all 175 Parties)
    - Enter data on their seizure records directly
    - Access to their data on-line and for download
  - **S**ystem **A**dministrator in TRAFFIC Office
    - Data entry and management of all records
    - Produce statistical summaries and reports

Data Provider

- Register on-line & await approval
  - Approval is by CITES Secretariat

- Enter data on individual seizures

- View *all* details of "***my***" records – "***I***" am the country of discovery

- View *some* details of records that implicate ***my*** country

- This is the same information currently in ETIS Country Reports

- Can access resources including:
  - ***my*** most recent country report
  - CoP Reports etc...

Database ETIS Phase II

- Development in English…final version also in French and Spanish

- Final version intending to launch at 62nd Meeting of the Standing Committee in July 2012

- Demonstration follows using development version
  - Data Provider for Ethiopia
  - Data in the development version is for testing and development and so some of it may be fictitious