

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



INDICATORS FOR OBJECTIVES CONTAINED IN THE CITES STRATEGIC VISION: 2008-2013

THE STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 1 ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH AND IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONVENTION

Introduction

The effectiveness of the Convention depends upon its full implementation by all Parties, whether they are consumers or producers of wild animals and plants. Full implementation relies, in turn, upon each Party's:

- commitment to the Convention and its principles;
- scientific expertise and analyses;
- capacity building; and
- enforcement.

Commitment to the Convention and its principles

The proper functioning of the Convention depends to a great extent on the commitment of Parties to comply with and implement the Convention and its principles.

Parties cooperate in managing shared wildlife resources.

Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures.

Indicators

- 1.1.1 The number of Parties that are in category 1 under the national legislation project.
- 1.1.2 The number of Parties that have designated Management Authorities and Scientific Authorities.
- 1.1.3 The number of Parties subject to CITES recommendations on trade.

Objective 1.2 Parties have in place administrative procedures that are transparent, practical, coherent and user-friendly, and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens.

Indicators

- 1.2.1 The number of Parties that have adopted standard transparent procedures for the timely issuance of permits in accordance with Article VI of the Convention.
- 1.2.2 The number of Parties making use of the simplified procedures provided for in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP13).

Objective 1.3 *Implementation of the Convention at the national level is consistent with decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.*

Indicators

- 1.3.1 The number of Parties that have implemented relevant Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

Objective 1.4 *The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species.*

Indicators

- 1.4.1 The number and proportion of species that have been found to meet the criteria contained in Resolution Conf. 9.24 or its successors. This includes both the periodic review and amendment proposals.
- 1.4.2 The number of unlisted species subject to significant levels of international trade, for which the trade and biological information is evaluated via a transparent mechanism including IUCN Red List and other data to identify species that would benefit from inclusion in the Appendices and the number of such species subsequently included in the Appendices.

Objective 1.5 *Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.*

Indicators

- 1.5.1 The number of surveys undertaken by exporting countries of:
 - a) the population status as well as the trends and impact of trade upon Appendix-II species; and
 - b) the status of and trend in Appendix I species and the impact of any recovery plans.
- 1.5.2 The number of Parties that have adopted standard procedures for making non-detriment findings.
- 1.5.3 The number and proportion of annual export quotas based on population surveys.
- 1.5.4 The number of Appendix-II species for which trade is determined to be non-detrimental to the survival of the species as a result of implementing recommendations from the Review of Significant Trade.

Objective 1.6 *Parties cooperate in managing shared wildlife resources.*

Indicators

- 1.6.1 The number of bilateral and multilateral cooperative agreements that specifically provide for co-management of shared species by range states.
- 1.6.2 The number of cooperative management plans including recovery plans in place for shared populations of CITES listed species
- 1.6.3 The number of workshops and other capacity-building activities that bring range states together to address the conservation and management needs of shared species.

Objective 1.7 *Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade.*

Indicators

- 1.7.1 The number of Parties that have, or are covered by:
 - regional enforcement action plans;
 - regional enforcement networks;
 - national enforcement action plans; and
 - national inter-agency enforcement coordination networks.
- 1.7.2 The number of Parties with designated national CITES enforcement focal points.
- 1.7.3 The number of Parties that have criminal law and procedures in place for investigating and penalizing CITES offences.
- 1.7.4 The number of Parties making use of risk assessment in order to better target their CITES enforcement effort.

Objective 1.8 *Parties and the Secretariat have adequate capacity-building programmes in place.*

Indicators

- 1.8.1 The number of Parties with national and regional training programmes and information resources in place to implement CITES including the making of non-detriment findings, issuance of permits and enforcement.
- 1.8.2 The number of training and capacity-building programmes conducted or assisted by the Secretariat.
- 1.8.3 The proportion of Parties having received capacity building support from the Secretariat on request.

GOAL 2 **SECURE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MEANS FOR THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

Objective 2.1 *Financial resources are sufficient to ensure operation of the Convention.*

Indicators

- 2.1.1 The number of Parties meeting their obligations with regard to their assessed contributions to the Trust Fund.
- 2.1.2 The percentage of the work programme agreed by the Conference of the Parties that is fully funded.

Objective 2.2 *Sufficient resources are secured at the national/international levels to ensure compliance with and implementation and enforcement of the Convention.*

Indicators

- 2.2.1 The number of Parties with dedicated staff and funding for Management Authorities, Scientific Authorities and wildlife trade enforcement agencies.
- 2.2.2 The number of Parties that have undertaken one or more of the following activities in the past two years:
 - increased the budget for activities;
 - hiring more staff;
 - development of implementation tools;
 - improvement of national networks;

- purchase of technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement; and
- computerization.

Objective 2.3 *Sufficient resources are secured at the national/international levels to implement capacity-building programmes.*

Indicators

- 2.3.1 The number of capacity building activities mandated by Resolutions and Decisions that are fully funded.

GOAL 3 **CONTRIBUTE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING THE RATE OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS BY ENSURING THAT CITES AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCESSES ARE COHERENT AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE**

Objective 3.1 *Cooperation between CITES and international financial mechanisms and other related institutions is enhanced in order to support CITES-related conservation and sustainable development projects, without diminishing funding for currently prioritized activities.*

Indicators

- 3.1.1 The number of Parties funded by international financial mechanisms and other related institutions to develop activities that include CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements.
- 3.1.2 The number of international projects funded by international financial mechanisms and other related institutions that include CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements.
- 3.1.3 The number of countries and institutions that have provided additional funding for conservation and sustainable development projects in order to further the objectives of the Convention.

Objective 3.2 *Awareness of the role and purpose of CITES is increased globally.*

Indicators

- 3.2.1 The number of Parties that have been involved in CITES awareness raising campaigns to bring about better accessibility to and understanding by the wider public of the Convention requirements.
- 3.2.2 The number of Parties that have undertaken market surveys indicating the public's understanding of the role and purpose of CITES.
- 3.2.3 The number of visits on the Secretariat's website.
- 3.2.4 The number of Parties with web pages on CITES and its requirements.

Objective 3.3 *Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced.*

Indicators

- 3.3.1 The number of biodiversity conservation goals, objectives and principles of CITES and those of relevant multilateral environmental, trade and development agreements and conventions that are identified and implemented in an integrated manner.
- 3.3.2 The number of additional biodiversity conservation, trade and development goals, scientific and technical programmes that integrate CITES requirements agreed between

environmental and trade agreements and programmes and international financial mechanisms.

- 3.3.3 The number of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations participating in and/or funding CITES workshops and other training and capacity-building activities.

Objective 3.4 *The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development goals set at WSSD is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.*

Indicators

The following indicators apply to this objective: 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.5.4, 1.6.1, 1.6.2, 2.2.2, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.5.1 and 3.5.2.

- 3.4.1 Improving conservation status of CITES-listed species as shown by tools such as the IUCN Red List Index.

Objective 3.5 *Parties and the Secretariat cooperate with other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources, as appropriate, in order to achieve a coherent and collaborative approach to species which can be endangered by unsustainable trade, including those which are commercially exploited.*

Indicators

- 3.5.1 The number of cooperative actions taken to prevent species becoming threatened by unsustainable trade.
- 3.5.2 The number of times other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources are consulted on issues relevant to species subject to unsustainable trade.