

### A. General information

Party Estonia	
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004	
Details of agency preparing this report Ministry of the Environment Narva mnt 7a 15172 Tallinn Estonia	
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	

### B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	<p>Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.</p>	<p>Yes (fully) <u>Yes</u> (partly) No No information/unknown</p>
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2	<p>If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following details:</p> <p><b>1. Nature Conservation Law</b>- entered into force 10.05.2004</p> <p>* Definition of the protected species (protected objects) includes the species listed in annexes A-D of the EC Reg. No 338/97.  * Any transaction with the specimens of the species listed in annexes A-D of the EC Reg. No 338/97 is permitted in accordance of the regulation.  * Ministry of the Environment is the Management Authority under the EC Reg. No 338/97.  * Minister of the Environment will designate the Scientific authority referred to in EC Reg. No 338/97.  * Facultative delegation has been given to the Minister of the Environment to enact (in case of necessity) measures stricter than those under EC Reg. No 338/97 (referred to points 3 and 8 of the preamble)  * Government will designate custom offices for carrying out the custom procedure for export and import of specimens of the species listed in annexes of the EC Reg. No 338/97 and will state which offices are specifically intended to deal with live specimens.</p> <p><b>2. Regulation of the Minister of the Environment 28.05.2004 No 57 "Designation of the Scientific authority"</b></p> <p>This regulation establishes the Estonian Scientific Committee of CITES as SA. It consists of 5 members with different taxonomic expertise. Head of this committee is Mr. Tiit Maran.</p> <p><b>3. Regulation of the Government 10.06.2004 No 213" Designated custom offices for import and export of specimens of endangered species of fauna and flora"</b></p> <p>Plants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Luhamaa border point - Riia-Pihkva road;</li> <li>2) Narva-1 border point - Tallinn-Narva road;</li> <li>3) Tallinna-1 border point - Tallinn Airport;</li> <li>4) Paldiski-2 border point - Paldiski South Harbour.</li> </ol> <p>Animals (except live animals):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Luhamaa border point - Riia-Pihkva road;</li> <li>2) Paldiski-2 border point - Paldiski South Harbour.</li> </ol> <p>Live animals:</p> <p>Luhamaa border point - Riia-Pihkva road.</p> <p><b>4. Regulation of the Government 08.04.2005 No 69 Computation procedure of and compensation rates for environmental damages caused by destroying or damaging of protected natural objects or species or other species of birds and mammals.</b></p> <p>In the case of infringement of rules established under EC Reg. No. 338/97 for transactions and operations with specimens of species listed in Annexes A-D of the same Regulation, compensation for environmental damages will be 200 - 1 000 000 EEK (12-65 000 EUR), depending on the level of threatenedness and on the market value of the specimen concerned.</p> <p>Title and date: _____ Status: _____</p> <p>Brief description of contents:</p>
3	<p>Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention? <u>Yes</u> (only unofficial translation of the Nature Conservation Law  No  No information</p>

4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted.	<u>legislation attached</u> provided previously not available, will send later					
5	Which of the following issues are addressed by any stricter domestic measures that your country has adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention)?	Tick all applicable					
		The conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
	Trade		x			x	
	Taking		x			x	
	Possession		x			x	
	Transport		x			x	
	Other (specify)		x			x	
	Additional comments						
6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?	Tick all applicable					
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information		
	Powers of CITES authorities	x					
	Clarity of legal obligations	x					
	Control over CITES trade	x					
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use				x		
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	x					
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	x					
	Implementing regulations	x					
	Coherence within legislation	x					
	Other (please specify):						
	Please provide details if available:						
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?	Yes No No information					
	Please provide details if available:						
8	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Convention?	Tick all applicable					
	Subject	Yes	No	No information			
	Access to or ownership of natural resources		x				
	Harvesting		x				
	Transporting of live specimens		x				
	Handling and housing of live specimens		x				
	Please provide details if available:						
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:						

### C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	No information
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?			
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:		x	
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	x		
	Border controls	x		
	Other (specify)			
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?	x		
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.			
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	x		
5	If information available: Significant seizures/confiscations Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.	Number  16		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?		x	
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	x		
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results?  As Environmental Inspectorate does not have the right to confiscate, they have to forward the cases to the court. See an attached list of violations, cases proceeded by Environmental Inspectorate are included  Please attach details as Annex.			
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?	Tick if applicable		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Return to country of export</li> <li>- <u>Public zoos or botanical gardens</u></li> <li>- Designated rescue centres</li> <li>- Approved, private facilities</li> <li>- Euthanasia</li> <li>- <u>Other (specify) Collection of confiscated goods for training purposes</u></li> </ul>			
	Comments:			

11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes <u>No</u> Not applicable No information
	Comments:	
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	<u>Yes</u> No No information
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: Estonian Customs collaborate with police and customs of different countries (e.g. joint operations with neighbouring countries, from USA - technical support, exchange of information between many countries etc. ) Also cooperation with international bodies (WCO, Europol etc.) is going on.	
14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	Yes No <u>No information</u>
15	If Yes, please describe:	
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes <u>No</u> Not applicable No information
	Comments:	
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

#### D. Administrative measures

##### D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes <u>No</u> No information
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.	
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes <u>No</u> No information
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory.	
5	How many staff work in each MA? 1 person	
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?  If yes, please give estimation 50 %	<u>Yes</u> No No information
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if applicable
	- Administration	
	- <u>Biology</u>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economics/trade</li> <li>- Law/policy</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other (specify)</li> <li>- No information</li> </ul>	
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	Yes <u>No</u> No information
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.	
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken	

**D2 Scientific Authority (SA)**

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes <u>No</u> No information
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.	
3	Has your country designated a Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	<u>Yes</u> No No information
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country?	Tick if applicable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Government institution</li> <li>- Academic or research institution</li> <li>- <u>Permanent committee</u></li> <li>- Pool of individuals with certain expertise</li> <li>- Other (specify)</li> </ul>	
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? 5	
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?	Yes <u>No</u> No information
	If yes, please give estimation	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if applicable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Botany</u></li> <li>- <u>Ecology</u></li> <li>- Fisheries</li> <li>- Forestry</li> <li>- Welfare</li> <li>- <u>Zoology</u></li> <li>- Other (specify)</li> <li>- No information</li> </ul>	
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?	Yes <u>No</u> No information

9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.						
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
No information							
10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?					Yes <u>No</u> No information	
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:						

**D3 Enforcement Authorities**

1	To date, has your country advised the Secretariat of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes <u>No</u> No information
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email). Management Authority Ministry of the Environment Kadri Alasi Narva mnt 7a 15172 Tallinn tel: +372 6262882 fax: +372 6262901 Email: <a href="mailto:kadri.alasi@ekm.envir.ee">kadri.alasi@ekm.envir.ee</a>  Environmental Inspectorate Tiina Troshkin Kopli 76 15416 Tallinn Tel: +372 696 22 43 Fax: +372 696 22 37 Email: <a href="mailto:tiina.troshkin@kki.ee">tiina.troshkin@kki.ee</a>  Estonian Tax and Customs Board Erika Brosman Narva Mnt 9j 15176 Tallinn tel: +372 6835855 fax: +372 6835812 Email: <a href="mailto:elika.brosman@emta.ee">elika.brosman@emta.ee</a>  The Police Board Central Criminal Police Anneli Kolgo-Makki Tööstuse 52 10416 Tallinn tel.: +372 6123797 fax.: +372 6123678 Emai: <a href="mailto:anneli.kolgo@kkp.pol.ee">anneli.kolgo@kkp.pol.ee</a>	
3	Has your country established a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes <u>No</u> Under consideration No information
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:	
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

**D4 Communication, information management and exchange**

1	To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized?	Tick if applicable
	- <u>Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade</u>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade</u></li> <li>- Permit issuance</li> <li>- Not at all</li> <li>- Other (specify)</li> </ul>					
2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet?					Tick if applicable
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted access	Yes, but only through a dial-up connection	Yes, but only through a different office	Some offices only	Not at all
	Please provide details where appropriate					
	Management Authority	-				
	Scientific Authority	-				
	Enforcement Authority	-				
3	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on CITES species?					
	<p style="text-align: right;">Yes <u>No</u> No information</p>					
4	If Yes, does it provide information on:					Tick if applicable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legislation (national, regional or international)?</li> <li>- Conservation status (national, regional, international)?</li> <li>- Other (please specify)?</li> </ul>					
5	Is it available through the Internet:					<p style="text-align: right;">Yes No Not applicable No information</p>
	Please provide URL:					
6	Do the following authorities have access to the following publications?				Tick if applicable	
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority		
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)</i>	x	x	x		
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)</i>	x	x	x		
	<i>Identification Manual</i>	x	x	x		
	<i>CITES Handbook</i>	x	x	x		

7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?		
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:	Tick if applicable	
	- <u>Mortality in transport?</u>		
	- <u>Seizures and confiscations?</u>		
	- <u>Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded?</u>		
	Comments:		
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?	<u>Yes</u>	No
		No information	
	If Yes, please give the URL: <a href="http://www.envir.ee/euro/konventsioonid/kon5.html">http://www.envir.ee/euro/konventsioonid/kon5.html</a>		
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public?	Tick if applicable	
	- <u>Press releases/conferences</u>		
	- <u>Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances</u>		
	- <u>Brochures, leaflets</u>		
	- <u>Presentations</u>		
	- <u>Displays</u>		
	- <u>Information at border crossing points</u>		
	- Telephone hotline		
	- Other (specify)		
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex.		
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

**D5 Permitting and registration procedures**

1	Have any changes in permit format or the designation and signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the Secretariat?	<u>Yes</u>	No	Not applicable	No information
	If no, please provide details of any:				
	changes in permit format:				
	changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials:				
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?	Tick if applicable			
		Yes	No	No information	
	Permit issuance/acceptance	-			
	Registration of traders		x		
	Registration of producers		x		

3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued or denied in the two year period? (Note that actual trade is normally reported in the Annual Report by Parties. This question refers to issued documents).					
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	6	38	12		
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?					
	Year 2					
		16	16	13	22	Other - EU certificates
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?					
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of severe omissions or mis-information?					Yes No No information
5	If Yes, please give the reasons for this.					
6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from other countries.					Tick if applicable
	Reason			Yes	No	No information
	Technical violations					
	Suspected fraud					
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment					
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition					
	Other (specify) Last day of validity was over			x		
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?					Yes No No information
	Comments The hunting quotas for lynxes and bears have been established in Estonia					
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? Not counted, permanently					
9	Has the Management Authority charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities?					Tick if applicable
	- Issuance of CITES documents:					
	- Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species:					
	- Harvesting of CITES-listed species :					
	- Use of CITES-listed species:					
	- Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:					
	- Importing of CITES-listed species:					
- Other (specify):						
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.					
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?					Tick if applicable

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Entirely:</li> <li>- Partly:</li> <li>- Not at all:</li> <li>- Not relevant:</li> </ul> Comments:
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

**D6 Capacity building**

1	Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level?					Tick if applicable
	<u>Increased budget for activities</u>		<u>Improvement of national networks</u>			
	Hiring of more staff		<u>Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement</u>			
	Development of implementation tools		Computerisation			
	- Other (specify)					
2	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>recipient</i> of any of the following capacity building activities provided by external sources?					
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)
	Target group					What were the external sources?
	Staff of Management Authority					
	Staff of Scientific Authority					
	Staff of enforcement authorities			-		Partly supported by Great Britain
	Traders					
	NGOs					
	Public					
	Other (specify)					

3	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?							
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.						Details	
	Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)		
	Staff of Management Authority Staff of Scientific Authority Staff of enforcement authorities				-			Seminar/training (CITES implementation in EU) for customs officers and environmental inspectors
	Traders NGOs Public	-						* Presentation in Tourest 2005 (Travel Trade Fair) (CITES exhibition and presentation of collection of confiscated goods). * CITES exhibition in Tallinn Airport (September - December 2004) * CITES exhibition in Environmental Information Center (February - May 2005)
Other parties/International meetings Other (specify)								
4	Please provide details of any additional measures taken							

#### **D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives**

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?							Yes <u>No</u> No information
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?							
3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the MA to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SA(s), Customs, police, others):							
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)
	Meetings				2-3			
	Consultations		1					
4	At the national level have there been any efforts to collaborate with:				Tick if applicable		Details if available	

	Agencies for development and trade Provincial, state or territorial authorities Local authorities or communities		
	Indigenous peoples Trade or other private sector associations NGOs	x	Several consultations
	Other (specify)	x	Public awareness raising through tourist agencies
5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the MA and the following agencies?		Tick if applicable
	SA Customs Police		
	Other border authorities (specify) Other government agencies Private sector bodies		
	NGOs Other (specify) Memoranda of Understanding for institutional cooperation related to environmental surveillance have been agreed between the Environmental Inspectorate and Police.		
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?		Tick if applicable
	Workshops <u>Meetings</u> Other (specify)		
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to the Convention?	Yes <u>No</u> No information	
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?		
9	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance to another country in relation to CITES?	Yes <u>No</u> No information	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided?		
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?	Yes <u>No</u> No information	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		

13	Has your country taken measures to achieve co-ordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	Yes <u>No</u> No information
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.	
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

#### **D8 Areas for future work**

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority?			
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities			
	Hiring of more staff			
	Development of implementation tools			
	Improvement of national networks		x	
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement		x	
	Computerisation		x	
	Other (specify)			
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes <u>No</u> No information		
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes <u>No</u> No information		
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.			
6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes <u>No</u> No information		
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

#### **E. General feedback**

Please provide any additional comments you would like to make, including comments on this format.

Thank you for completing the form. Please remember to include relevant attachments, referred to in the report. For convenience these are listed again below:

Question	Item	
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed
		Not available
		Not relevant
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed
		Not available
		Not relevant

C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed Not available Not relevant
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed Not available Not relevant
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed Not available Not relevant
D4 (10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes,  Comments	Enclosed Not available Not relevant