

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)						
Additional comments: Stricter measures are applicable for all Primates and Felidae, wild specimens of The European Bird and Habitat Directive and Rhinohorn and Tigerbones. Commercial activities are not allowed. Taking and Possession only allowed with an exemption of the prohibitions. Most appendix I species (Annex A of EU-regulation 338/97 are not to be kept without an exemption of the prohibition on possession.						
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	x				
Clarity of legal obligations	x					
Control over CITES trade	x	x				
Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	x	x				
Coverage of law for all types of offences	x					
Coverage of law for all types of penalties	x					
Implementing regulations Coherence within legislation	x		x			
Other (please specify):	x					
Please provide details if available: The comment on "partially inadequate" (Central Police Unit): Clarity is needed on which documents are acceptable to prove legal origin of specimens, particularly when shipments are split after import" possible mis-use through exemptions for scientific purposes.						
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?			Yes		
				No		
	Please provide details if available:			No information		x

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	Currently in progress		
	Border controls		x	
	Other (specify)	Information gathering and exchanging regarding offences of CITES		
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. (Annex 4 Survey of Seizures included) Some significant seizures: 2003: 20 Testudo graeca live, confiscated from a ship in the harbour Rotterdam from Marocco 1957 botanic orchids from wild from Papua New Guinea and 268 small bottles with parts of orchids on alcohol 2759 Cactaceae spec. (aspp. B) wild origin from Bolivia , small ca. 1-3 cm (destination probably Czech Republic. 2004: 32 tusks Loxodonta africana, transit from Nigeria to Malaysia 8 skins Equus zebra , wild from South Africa			
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?		x	

7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations. No details available. In 2003 665 violations have been prosecuted. The available data show that up to this moment 332 fines have been paid related tot these violations. The total amount of paid fines is € 158.553. In 2004 460 violations have been prosecuted. The available data show that up to this moment 163 fines have been paid related tot these violations. The total amount of paid fines is € 84.243.		
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? Please attach details as Annex. In some case tax matters are CITES-related: No details available.		
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?	Tick if applicable	
	Return to country of export	Sometimes	
	Public zoos or botanical gardens	x	
	Designated rescue centres	x	
	Approved, private facilities	x	
	Euthanasia		
	Other (specify)		
	Comments: disposal of plants and animals according to adopted policy guidelines		
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	x
1		No	
		Not applicable	
		No information	
	Comments: Information has been provided without personal data (names, addresses) of people involved.		
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.)?	Yes	x
		No	
		No information	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: – Investigation of illegal trade in Cactacea in coopration with Bolivia and the Czech republic (see Highlights C5), – Investigation in trade in Dendrobatidae in Panama, – Investigation in Galanthus spp. In cooperation with Switzerland, – Investigation on Birds of Prey with various countries.		
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	
		No information	x
15	If Yes, please describe:		
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes	x
		No	
		Not applicable	
		No information	
	Comments: An analysis has been made for use within the police force (KLPD)		
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	
		No	x
		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	x
		No	
		No information	
4	<p>If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory. The CITES Management Authority of the Netherlands consists of 3 sections:</p> <p><u>Policy section:</u> Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Department of Nature, Mr. H.J. Eggink, (1-6-2005: ir. S.J.D. Verbunt) P.O. Box 20401, 2500 EK The Hague <u>S.J.D.Verbunt@minInv.nl</u></p> <p><u>permit section:</u> The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Dienst Regelingen, P.O. Box 1191, 3300 BD Dordrecht email: cites@minInv.nl</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Plant Health Service, P.O. Box 9102, 6700 HC Wageningen (for phytosanitary certificates).</p>		
5	How many staff work in each MA?	9 at the permit section; 0,5 at the Policy section 350 at the Plant Health Service.	
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation the permit section: 100 % the Policy section: 100 % Plant Health Service: 0,1 %	Yes	
		No	
		No information	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if applicable	
		- Administration	x
		- Biology	x
		- Economics/trade	
		- Law/policy	x
		- Other (specify)	
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)?		
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved. - evaluation of tree species, by NL and UNEP-WCMC under guidance of Plants Committee	Yes	x
		No	
		No information	
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					
		No	x				
		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?	Yes	x				
		No					
		No information					
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country? Tick if applicable						
	– Government institution						
	– Academic or research institution						
	– Permanent committee	x					
	– Pool of individuals with certain expertise						
	– Other (specify)						
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? One full time co-ordinator						
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation: one co-ordinator spends 100% of time and 8 members of the committee spend between 5 and 20% of time on CITES	Yes	x				
		No					
		No information					
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)? Tick if applicable						
	– Botany	x					
	– Ecology	x					
	– Fisheries						
	– Forestry						
	– Welfare	x					
	– Zoology	x					
	– Other (specify) Breeding programmes, animal health	x					
	– No information						
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?	Yes	x				
		No					
		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. <i>Tillandsia xerographica</i>				in Guatemala		Artificially propagated plants
	2.						
	3.						
	Etc.						
10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes					
		No	x				
		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	x
		No	
		No information	
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).		

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	x
		No	
		Under consideration	
		No information	
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement: First the General Inspection Service (AID) Section Nature (25 inspectors), secondly Customs and the police. At the borderposts and in all regions there is or will be specialized personnel.		
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				
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade		x				
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade		x				
	– Permit issuance		x				
	– Not at all						
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	x					
	Scientific Authority	x					
	Enforcement Authority	x					
3	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on CITES species?		Yes		X , we use and refer to the UNEP-WCMC database and CITES database and the website www.minlnv.nl		
			No				
			No information				
4	If Yes, does it provide information on:		Tick if applicable				
	– Legislation (national, regional or international)?		x				
	– Conservation status (national, regional, international)?		x				
5	– Other (please specify)? x		General Inspection service has information about groups of applicants and traders, species determination etc.				
	Is it available through the Internet:		Yes		x		
	Please provide URL: www.hetlnvloket.nl		No				
			Not applicable				
		No information					

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</i> (book)	x	x	x
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species and</i>	x		
	<i>Annotated Appendices</i> (CD-ROM)	x		
	<i>Identification Manual</i>	x	x	x
	<i>CITES Handbook</i>	x	x	
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information? Scientific Authorities should standard receive a free copy of the Checklist and Handbook			
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:			Tick if applicable
	– Mortality in transport?			yes
	– Seizures and confiscations?			yes
	–Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded?			yes
Comments:				
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?		Yes	x
	If Yes, please give the URL: www.hetinvloket.nl		No	
			No information	
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
	– Press releases/conferences – Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances – Brochures, leaflets			x
	– Presentations – Displays – Information at border crossing points			x
	– Telephone hotline – Other (specify)			x Various websites
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex.			
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: - interview of the SA on problems of research with CITES. - presentation of the SA on CITES to embassy staff. - presentations of the SA on CITES to biology students.			

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?		Yes	x
			No	
	If no, please provide details of any:		Not applicable	
			No information	
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	x		
	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 How many documents were issued?	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other: EG-certificates as exemption of the prohibition on trade in (mainly) Appendix I within the EU	Other: phytosanitary certificates	Comments
		2599 <i>of which 563 issued for several species</i>	677 <i>of which 172 issued for several species</i>	569 <i>of which 39 issued for several species</i>	2243	Approximately 30.000	
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or misinformation?	215 of which 27 did not have a valid export permit; 31 were retrospective applications	17 of which 14 were retrospective applications	7 of which 6 were retrospective applications			Most of the other denials are due to European legislation (negative advise SRG or SA)
	Year 2 How many documents were issued?	3057 <i>of which 461 issued for several species</i>	630 <i>of which 163 issued for several species</i>	658 <i>of which 42 issued for several species</i>	2778	Approximately 20.000	
How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or misinformation?	64 of which 8 were retrospective applications; 22 applications did not have a valid export permit.	10 of which 8 were retrospective applications	1 (application retrospectively)			Most of the other denials are due to European legislation (negative advise SRG or SA)	
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of severe omissions or mis-information?				Yes		
					No		
					No information	x	
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	x		
	Suspected fraud	x		
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment	x		
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition	x		
	Other (specify)			
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?	Yes		x
		No		
		No information		
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? 291 opinions in 2003 and 211 opinions in 2004 (on import-applications)			
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities? Tick if applicable			
	– Issuance of CITES documents:		x	
	– 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): EU-certificates and exemption of the prohibition on possession		x	
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. € 50 for CITES-permits and € 10 for EU-certificates and exemptions of the prohibition on possession			
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? Tick if applicable			
	– Entirely:		x	
	– Partly:			
	– Not at all:			
	– Not relevant:			
	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			
	Increased budget for activities	x	Improvement of national networks	x
	Hiring of more staff	x	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement	
	Development of implementation tools		Computerisation	x
	– Other (specify) Hiring one staff for 5 months for the SA in 2004			

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.						
	Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	Staff of Management Authority Staff of Scientific Authority Staff of enforcement authorities	x					
	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.						
	Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority Staff of Scientific Authority Staff of enforcement authorities	x x			x		Data Advice and training provided by the NL SA to other SA's in Europe
	Traders NGOs Public						
	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	x
							No	
							No information	
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet? Police, Customs, General Inspection Service and Cites MA. Eight times a year							
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			Other MA	5x SA 2x Plant Health Service			
	Consultations		SA					
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regard funding
	Indigenous peoples Trade or other private sector associations NGOs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (specify) (OM/AID) incidentally with citycouncils		
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? S A Customs Police Other border authorities (specify) Other government agencies Private sector bodies NGOs Other (specify)		Tick if applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES? Regular CITES meetings in EU (MA and SA) Workshops (of the SA on Trees Conservation in Cambridge) Meetings (of the SA on Plants in Perugia and Warsaw; EU committee and SRG meetings)		Tick if applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to the Convention?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided? – Advice of the SA NL to SA and MA of Guatemala in 2004 – General support to several CITES related projects and COP delegations		
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	If Yes, please give a brief description. Funding for IM		
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 No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	If Yes, please give a brief description. chair of SC-WG on biennial reports		
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	x	x	
	Hiring of more staff		x	
	Development of implementation tools		x	x
	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		x
		No		
		No information		
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty? Resolution Conf. 10.16 (Rev). Legal origin of commonly multigeneration captive bred animal species			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes		
		No		
		No information		x
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		x
		No		
		No information		
7	If Yes, please give a brief description. Review of Resolution conf. 12.10 in relation to resolution conf. 10.16 (Rev).			
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

E. General feedback

F.

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	Enclosed	Not available	Not relevant
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation			x
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed			x
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited (annex 4)			x
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions			x
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions			x

D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes, Enclosed are:	Enclosed Not available Not relevant	x
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