

# CITES BIENNIAL REPORT 2007 – 2008

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6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items? <span style="float: right;">Tick all applicable</span>				
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information
	Powers of CITES authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Clarity of legal obligations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Control over CITES trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implementing regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coherence within legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Please provide details if available:					
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				No	<input type="checkbox"/>
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please provide details if available: A review of the national Nature protection legislation is planned to start in 2010					
8	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Convention? <span style="float: right;">Tick all applicable</span>				
	Subject	Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Harvesting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Transporting of live specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handling and housing of live specimens <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Please provide details if available:					
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:				
	No permits or certificates are issued for live animals listed as category Annex A in the EU CITES regulations (=CITES Appendix I species + some Appendix II) unless the specimen is permanently marked (if animal too small for marking: the animal must be marked as soon as possible).				

### 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:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Border controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex. See Annex.			
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If information available: <input type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations x Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex. The confiscations include mostly a small number of Crocodylia or snake skin items sent in postal packages. Details are attached in Annex.		Number <input type="checkbox"/> 30	
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex. Details are attached in annex.			
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of? – Return to country of export – Public zoos or botanical gardens – Designated rescue centres – Approved, private facilities – Euthanasia – Other (specify): Some dead specimens were used for training purposes the rest are stored by the Customs and/or destroyed. Comments: One confiscation of live specimens during 2007-08 at the airport: one Iguana hidden in a private person's rucksack. The specimen was deposited in a private facility.			Tick if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/> x
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? Comments:	Yes No Not applicable No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/>	
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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:			
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	<input type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	If Yes, please describe:			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes No	<input type="checkbox"/> x	

		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:		
17	<p>Please provide details of any additional measures taken:</p> <p>According to the Finnish Penal Code the maximum penalty for CITES violations is 2 years imprisonment. Also the so-called living value of the animal or plant involved is forfeited to the State (this is true for offences involving any species protected under Finnish law, be it CITES or other; almost all native mammals and birds are protected).</p>		

#### 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 No information	x <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	<p>If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.</p> <p>New telephone and/or fax numbers: Ministry of the Environment: phone +358.20.490 100 (switchboard); no changes in the fax number. Finnish Environment Institute: phone +358.20.610 123 (switchboard); fax +358.9.5490 2791.</p>		
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes No No information	x <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	<p>If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory. The Ministry of the Environment is identified as the lead MA in the CITES directory.</p>		
5	<p>How many staff work in each MA?</p> <p>Staff working with CITES: 2 staff in lead MA, 4 staff in the secondary MA Staff overall: ca 300 in lead MA and ca 630 in secondary MA</p>		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?	Yes No No information	x <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>If yes, please give estimation: Lead MA 5% per year per staff, permitting MA 50-90 % per year per staff.</p>		
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if applicable	
	– Administration		x
	– Biology		x
	– Economics/trade		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Law/policy		x
	– Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/>
9	<p>If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.</p>		
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 No information	<input type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/>	
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 No No information	x <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country?	Tick if applicable		
	– Government institution		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Academic or research institution		x	
	– Permanent committee		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Pool of individuals with certain expertise		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues?      2			
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?  If yes, please give estimation: 5 % per staff per year	Yes No No information	x <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if applicable		
	– Botany		x	
	– Ecology		x	
	– Fisheries		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Forestry		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Welfare		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Zoology		x	
	– Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– No information		<input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/>	
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			<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/>	
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under consideration <input type="checkbox"/>
			No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
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? <span style="float: right;">Tick if applicable</span>						
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade [Details: no data systems; reporting in word and excel formats]					x	
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade [Details: real data systems (Customs/Enforcement databases)]					x	
	– Permit issuance [Details: permits are word documents; no electronic system in place]					x	
	– Not at all					<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Other (specify)					<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet? <span style="float: right;">Tick if applicable</span>						
	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Scientific Authority	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Enforcement Authority	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on CITES species? <span style="float: right;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/></span>						
	[Details: no national EIS; the UNEP-WCMC trade database can be accessed.] <span style="float: right;">No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></span>						
	<span style="float: right;">No information <input type="checkbox"/></span>						

4	If Yes, does it provide information on:	Tick if applicable		
	– Legislation (national, regional or international)?			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Conservation status (national, regional, international)?			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (please specify)?			<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Is it available through the Internet:	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
	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</i> (book)	x	x	x
	<i>2003 and 2008 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices</i> (CD-ROM)	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		
	– Mortality in transport?			x
	– Seizures and confiscations?			x
	– Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded?			x
	Comments:			
	There has been no detected mortality in CITES transports.			
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?	Yes		x
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
	If Yes, please give the URL: <a href="http://www.ymparisto.fi/cites">www.ymparisto.fi/cites</a> , <a href="http://www.miljo.fi/cites">www.miljo.fi/cites</a> , <a href="http://www.environment.fi/cites">www.environment.fi/cites</a> (websites of the environment administration: in Finnish, Swedish and (short version) English; <a href="http://www.tulli.fi">www.tulli.fi</a> (customs web site where e.g. the handbook for import and export restrictions can be publicly accessed)			
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			x
	– Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances			x
	– Brochures, leaflets			x
	– Presentations			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Displays			x
	– Information at border crossing points			x
	– Telephone hotline			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex.			
	A copy of a brochure (by Customs) about import restrictions (CITES is included as one of said restrictions) is attached.			



11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: The main information channel is the CITES webpage <a href="http://www.ymparisto.fi/cites">www.ymparisto.fi/cites</a>
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**D5 Permitting and registration procedures**

1	<p>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?</p> <p>Changes in designation and signatures of relevant officials were communicated to the Secretariat on 20.12.2005.</p> <p>If no, please provide details of any:</p> <p>Changes in permit format: _____</p> <p>Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials: _____</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Registration of traders [caviar traders]	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Registration of producers [caviar producers]	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued or denied <b>in the two year period?</b> (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?	<b>121</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2 +102</b>	Explanation for 'Other': 2 personal ownership certificates + 102 internal EU certificates for certain CITES specimens.
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	None	None	None	None	
	Year 2					
	How many documents were issued?	<b>115</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>127</b>	Explanation for 'Other': 130 internal EU certificates for certain CITES specimens.
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	None	None	None	None	
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of severe omissions or mis-information?				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Suspected fraud			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify): expired export permits			x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas USED as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?			Yes	x	
				No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Details: No export permits for brown bear, wolf or lynx trophies / items are issued unless the bear is harvested in accordance with the national quota for hunting licenses (issued according to the Hunting Act). Import permit applications are checked against published quotas when relevant.						
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? 5 - 10 times per year					
9	Has the Management Authority 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:			x		
	– Harvesting of CITES-listed species :			<input type="checkbox"/>		
	– Use of CITES-listed species:			<input type="checkbox"/>		
	– Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:			<input type="checkbox"/>		
	– Importing of CITES-listed species:			<input type="checkbox"/>		
– Other (specify): non-CITES statements (needed by some traders when trading in specimens of non-listed species with certain countries, where the authorities for some reason require a document stating that the said species is not listed).			x			
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. 1. Export permits, import permits and re-export certificates: 75 € 2. EU certificates (for sale and/or movement of certain CITES species and specimens inside EU territory): 40 € 3. Non-CITES statements: 42 €(one certificate is usually issued for a large quantity of items, see point 9 for further explanation).					
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?			Tick if applicable		
	– Entirely:			<input type="checkbox"/>		
	– Partly:			<input type="checkbox"/>		
	– Not at all:			<input type="checkbox"/>		
	– Not relevant:			x		
Comments: All fees go to cover administrative costs.						
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	Improvement of national networks	
	Hiring of more staff		<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase of technical equipment for	

	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	monitoring/enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Other (specify)		Computerisation	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	The improvement of equipment by Customs is done mainly for other or more general reasons: Risk analysis programme, risk analysis centre and electronic export system. Effectiveness of CITES implementation has benefited from that.						
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Latvian MA arranged (together with Traffic Europe) a seminar for CITES authorities of the Nordic and Baltic countries
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visits by Customs officers to Heathrow + advice and guidance given to Customs by MA
	Traders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	MA and Customs to Customs
	Traders	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Customs and/or MA presenting/informing at exhibitions, fairs, etc. Written guidance: MA to fish producers and traders (sturgeon, caviar). MA to pernambuco traders/handicrafters. MA to hunters and traders of CITES listed game species. MA to the Finnish Orchid Society, the Herpetological Society and to the two national parrot societies.
	NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Public	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Customs and/or MA at exhibitions, fairs, etc.	
Other parties/International meetings	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MA to Estonian MA	
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	x
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meetings between the MAs, the SA and Customs are organised several times a year.  Board of Customs organises for Custom officers an annual workshop on import/export restrictions. Usually 2 days are reserved for CITES issues, and staff from the MA permit unit attend both days and gives presentations.
Consultations	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MA collaborates daily / several times per week with Customs and weekly or monthly with SA and State Veterinarians.	
4	At the national level have there been any efforts to collaborate with:					Tick if applicable		Details if available
	Agencies for development and trade					<input type="checkbox"/>		MA consults with environmental prosecutors, phytosanitary and veterinary inspection and permitting authorities, hunting authorities and regional environment centres.
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities					x		
	Local authorities or communities					<input type="checkbox"/>		MA with the Orchid Society and two parrot societies, the Herpetological Society and the Hunter's Central Organisation.
	Indigenous peoples					<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Trade or other private sector associations					x		
NGOs					<input type="checkbox"/>			
Other (specify)					<input type="checkbox"/>			

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			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Customs			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Police			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other border authorities (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other government agencies			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Private sector bodies			<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGOs			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?		Tick if applicable	
	Workshops			x
	Meetings			x
	Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to the Convention?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		x
		No information		<input 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		x
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided? Financial assistance to facilitate the participation of developing countries in international CITES meetings. The funds were given to the secretariat to be used at their discretion.			
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		x
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
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		x
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
14	If Yes, please give a brief description. The work is coordinated, as the staff of both CITES MA:s work in the same administration as the national focal points of all other MEAs in the field of nature conservation. Furthermore, in some cases the same person is responsible for CITES related issues as well as issues related to other MEAs.			
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Improvement of national networks	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Computerisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
			No	x
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
			No	x
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
			No	x
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	x
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	x
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	x
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	x
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	x
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
D4 (10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes  Brochure and article enclosed.	Enclosed	x
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>