#### Implementation report format

The format below follows the structure of the *CITES Strategic Vision:* 2008-2020 and aims to collect information to enable the Strategic Vision indicators to be implemented.

#### **CITES** vision statement

Conserve biodiversity and contribute to its sustainable use by ensuring that no species of wild fauna or flora becomes or remains subject to unsustainable exploitation through international trade, thereby contributing to the significant reduction of the rate of biodiversity loss and making a significant contribution towards achieving the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Article VIII, paragraph 7 (b), of the Convention requires each Party to submit to the CITES Secretariat a report on legislative, regulatory and administrative measures taken to enforce the provisions of the Convention.

The report format allows Parties to present information in a standard manner, so that it can be easily collated, with three main objectives:

- i) To enable monitoring of the implementation and effectiveness of the Convention;
- To facilitate the identification of major achievements, significant developments, or trends, gaps or problems and possible solutions; and
- iii) Provide a basis for substantive and procedural decision-making by the Conference of the Parties and various subsidiary bodies.

Information on the nature and extent of CITES trade should be incorporated into the annual report [Article VIII paragraph 7 (a)], whereas the report provided under Article VIII paragraph 7 (b) should focus on measures taken to implement the Convention.

The report should cover the period indicated in <u>Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16)</u> which urges that the report should be submitted to the Secretariat one year before each meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP). The reason for setting the report to be due a year in advance of the following CoP is to allow information to be collated so it can be considered by the Standing Committee in advance of CoP, and enable publication of the Strategic Vision indicators in advance of CoP.

Reports should be prepared in one of the three working languages of the Convention (English, French, Spanish).

Parties are *strongly* encouraged to prepare and submit their reports in electronic form. This will facilitate timely integration of information from Parties into publication of the Strategic Vision Indicators. If reports are only provided in hard copy, resources will be needed at the Secretariat to make an electronic copy, and this is not good use of Secretariat resources.

The completed report should be sent to:

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If a Party requires further guidance on completing their report, please contact the CITES Secretariat at the address above.

Party	Australia
Period covered in this report	2015-2017
Department or agency preparing this report	Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment
Contributing departments, agencies and organizations	Australian Department of Home Affairs (Australian Border Force)

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

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

All Aichi Targets relevant to CITES, particularly Aichi Target 2, Target 6, Target 9, Target 12, Target 17 and Target 18.

Indicator 1.1.1: The number of Parties that are in category 1 under the national legislation project.

1.1.1a	Have any CITES relevant policies or legislation been developed during the period covered in this report? Yes ⊠ No □
	If 'Yes', have you shared information with the Secretariat? Yes ⊠ No ⊡Not Applicable ⊡
	CITES Notification 2015/015 and CITES Notification 2018/025 include information on Australia's stricter domestic measures for African lions, introduced in March 2015.
1.1.1b	Does your legislation or legislative process allow easy amendment of your national law(s) to reflect
	changes in the CITES Appendices (e.g. to meet the 90 day implementation guidelines)?  Yes  No  V
	If 'No', please provide details of the constraints faced:
	Amendments to international treaties and subsidiary instruments, including changes to the CITES Appendices agreed by the Conference of the Parties, must be tabled in both houses of Australia's Parliament. The proposed amendments, together with an analysis of the likely impacts of those amendments, must be tabled for at least twenty days while the Parliament is sitting, then reviewed by a Parliamentary Committee. The review should occur before the amendments come into effect under Australian law.
	Completing this process within 90 days can be challenging or even impossible, depending on how long it takes for the final notification of amendments to the appendices to be circulated by the Secretariat, the time of year at which the new listings take effect, and the dates the Parliament sits.
	As an example, the CoP17 notification of list amendments was circulated on 7 November 2016, then corrected and reissued on 29 November 2016. The Australian Parliament does not sit over the Australian summer (December to February) so there were not 20 sitting days for the Parliament to consider the amendments before they came into effect on 2 January 2017.
	The earliest possible issuance of the formal notification of amendments to Appendices I and II would be very helpful in allowing Australia to meet our treaty amendment

obligations. Holding CoPs during the months March to August would also be helpful, although we do understand there are many considerations for the timing of CoPs.

We recognise the excellent work of the Secretariat in running the Conferences of the Parties under significant constraints and appreciate any accommodation that can be made for Australia's circumstances.

**Objective 1.2** Parties have in place administrative procedures that are transparent, practical, coherent and user-friendly, and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens. Aichi Target 3.

Indicator 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.

		Yes	No	No information
1.2.1a	Do you have standard operating procedures for application for and issuance of permits?			
	Are the procedures publicly available Standard instructions on how to apply for permits and the assessment process are available here: <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/permits">http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/permits</a> .  Standard Operating Procedures for assessment officers are not publicly available.			
1.2.1b	Do you have:			
	Electronic data management and a paper-based permit issuance system?	$\boxtimes$		
	Electronic permit information exchange between Management Authorities of some countries If 'Yes', please list countries		$\boxtimes$	
	Electronic permit information exchange to Management Authorities of all countries?		$\boxtimes$	
	Electronic permit data exchange between Management Authorities and customs?	$\boxtimes$		
	Electronic permit used to cross border with electronic validation by customs?  The Australian CMA shares electronic permit details with the Australian Border Force, who validates these permits electronically through the electronic border clearance system. ABF retains the right to call in paper documents as part of a risk-based approach to wildlife trade permit compliance. Further work is required to ensure the entire suite of validations can be undertaken for all types of border movements.  If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide information on chovercome:	⊠	☐ s faced o	r issues

Authority and the Australian Border Force was an issue that had to be overcome.				
The Australian Border Force are rolling out fully electronic border clearance processes which validate permit data provided by the CITES management Authority and remove the need for exporters and importers to physically present paper permits except where the system identifies the shipment as risky.				
The 'wet-stamping' recommendation in CITES Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) remains a significant impost on the resources of border authorities and does not work effectively with a risk-based electronic border clearance process.				
If 'No', do you have any plans to move towards e- permitting¹?				
As our permit systems develop and international capability increases, Australia will work towards full electronic permitting.				
If you are planning to move towards e-permitting, please explain what might help you to do so:				
Removal of the 'wet-stamping' paper permit validation requirement.      Mechanisms to facilitate the exchange of data between Parties.				

Indicator 1.2.2: The number of Parties making use of the simplified procedures provided for in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16).

1.2.2a	Has your country developed simplified procedures for any of the following?					
		Tick all applicable				
		Yes	No	No information		
	Where biological samples of the type and size specified in Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16) are urgently required.  Note: Although outside the period of this report, this matter was under consideration as part of the 10-yearly independent review of Australia's domestic implementing legislation. The report of this review was released on 28 January 2021, the Australian Government is considering its response.					
	For the issuance of pre-Convention certificates or equivalent documents in accordance with <u>Article VII</u> , paragraph 2.	$\boxtimes$				
	For the issuance of certificates of captive breeding or artificial propagation in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 5.		$\boxtimes$			
	For the issuance of export permits or re-export certificates in accordance with Article IV for specimens referred to in Article VII, paragraph 4.		$\boxtimes$			

e-permitting refers to the electronic (paperless) management of the permit business process, including permit application, Management Authority – Scientific Authority consultations, permit issuance, notification to customs and reporting.

	Are there other cases judged by a Management Authority to merit the use of simplified procedures?  If 'Yes', please provide details:  Australia issues multiple consignment authorities to facilitate multiple shipments of the species listed on the authority. These are issued on the basis of a non-detriment finding by Australia's CITES Scientific Authority and demonstration of the legal source of the specimens. Multiple consignment authorities cannot be issued for			
	Appendix I-listed species.  For export, the exporter must complete a specimen export record, which acts as a single use CITES permit, for each shipment detailing the exact details of the specimens and quantities being exported.			
	Most multiple consignment authorities are issued for orchids, corals, crocodile products and guitars. They are also only issued to companies that have demonstrated compliance with Australian CITES requirements.			
	Each permit used under the authority must be acquitted to the Australian CITES Management Authority for monitoring, compliance and reporting purposes.			
)bjectiv	e 1.3 Implementation of the Convention at the national le adopted by the Conference of the Parties.  All Aichi targets relevant to CITES, particularly Targe			
ndicator	1.3.1: The number of Parties that have implemented relevand Decisions of the Conference of the Partie recommendations.			
1.3.1a	Has your country responded to all relevant special reporting during the period covered in this report, including those in of the Conference of the Parties, Standing Committee reconstitutions issued by the Secretariat (see [https://www.cites.org/eng/resources/reports.php	the Reso	lutions a	nd Decisions

1.3.1a Has your country responded to all relevant special reporting requirements that are active during the period covered in this report, including those in the Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties, Standing Committee recommendations, and Notifications issued by the Secretariat (see [https://www.cites.org/eng/resources/reports.php

Responses provided to ALL relevant reporting requirements ☐ Responses provided to SOME of the relevant reporting requirements ☐ No special reporting requirements ☐ No special reporting requirements applicable ☐ 1.3.1b

Were any difficulties encountered during the period covered in this report in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties? Yes ☐ No ☐ If 'Yes', please provide details of which Resolution(s) or Decision(s), and, for each, what difficulties were / are being encountered?

Australia has not yet implemented Res. Conf. 16.8 (Rev. CoP17) Frequent cross-border non-commercial movements of musical instruments. While Australia recognises musical instrument passports for import, they are not valid export documents under Australian

law. Although outside the period of this report, this matter is under consideration as part of the 10-yearly independent review of Australia's domestic implementing legislation. The report of this review is expected in late 2020.

Currently, musical instrument passports cannot be issued by the Australian CITES Management Authority. Export of musical instruments from Australia, which might otherwise travel on a musical instrument passport, require either an Australian export permit or pre-Convention certificate issued by the Australian CITES Management Authority. Introduction of musical instrument passports in Australia would require a legislative amendment.

Implementation of Res. Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP17) *Control of trade in personal and household effects* remains challenging because of the varied application of this exemption internationally, noting Australia also applies stricter domestic measures for personal and household effects (see <u>CITES Notification 2018/025</u>). Although outside the period of this report, this matter is also under consideration as part of the 10-yearly independent review of Australia's domestic implementing legislation. The report of this review is expected in late 2020.

As noted above, the 'wet-stamping' requirement in Res. Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) *Permits and Certificates* is challenging to implement because the physical validation of permits and certificates by customs officials does not work efficiently with Australian Border Force's electronic border clearance processes.

Implementation of the listing of 300 species of *Dalbergia* timber posed particular challenges. Parties interpreted the annotation agreed at the 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties very differently, which led to international confusion. Several Parties took out reservations but continued to trade. There were challenges in ensuring that the documentation issued by these Parties was adequate. Many Parties were unprepared because the full scale of trade in *Dalbergia* products was not understood before the listing decision. Identification of *Dalbergia* timbers at the border continues to be a challenge.

**Objective 1.4** The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species. Aichi Target 1, Target 12, Target 14 and Target 19.

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.

1.4.1a	Have you undertaken any reviews of whether species would benefit from listing on the CITES Appendices?
	If 'Yes', please provide a summary here, or a link to the report of the work (or a copy of that report to the Secretariat if the work is not available online):
	Australia agreed to undertake reviews of four bird species nominated for periodic review at the 25 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Animals Committee (helmeted honeyeater, Norfolk Island boobook, Coxen's fig parrot, and hooded parrot). The review outcomes were that:
	1) Cyclopsitta diophthalma coxeni (Coxen's fig parrot) and Psephotus dissimilis (the hooded parrot) should remain on Appendix I. Reviews are available at:  https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/ac/28/E-AC28-20-03-04.pdf and https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/ac/28/E-AC28-20-03-05.pdf

2) Lichenostomus melanops cassidix (helmeted honeyeater) and Ninox novaeseelandiae undulata (Norfolk Island boobook) should be transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II (adopted at CoP17. These proposals were adopted:roposal documents available at: <a href="https://cites.org/eng/cop/17/prop/index.php">https://cites.org/eng/cop/17/prop/index.php</a>

Australia responded to Notification 2017/069 agreeing to undertake Periodic Reviews for the six Australian species identified by the Animals Committee at its 29<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Leporillus conditor

Pseudomys fieldi praeconis

Xeromys myoides

Zyzomys pedunculatus

Dasyornis broadbenti litoralis

Dasyornis longirostris

At its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Animals Committee considered the reviews undertaken by Australia (as outlined in documents AC30 Doc. 29.2.1 to 29.2.6) and determined that, in accordance with subparagraphs 2 g) and h) of Resolution Conf. 14.8 (Rev. CoP17), the six species meet the criteria in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) for transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II. The Committee asked the Secretariat to invite Australia to submit these proposals to the Conference of the Parties at its 18th meeting. Australia submitted these proposals in December 2018; although outside the period of this report, these proposals were adopted at CoP18 in August 2019. Proposal documents available at <a href="https://cites.org/eng/cop/18/prop/index.php">https://cites.org/eng/cop/18/prop/index.php</a>

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

  Aichi Target 2, Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 9, Target 12 and Target 14.
- Indicator 1.5.1: The number of surveys, studies or other analyses undertaken by exporting countries based on the sources of information cited in Resolution Conf. 16.7 on Non-detriment findings related to:
  - a) the population status of Appendix-II species;
  - b) the trends and impact of trade upon Appendix-II species; and
  - c) the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species and the impact of any recovery plans.

1.5.1a	Have any surveys, studies or other analyses been undertaken in your country in relation to:	Yes	No	Not Applicabl e	If Yes, How many?
	- the population status of Appendix II species?				51
	- the trends and impact of trade on Appendix II species?	$\boxtimes$			51
	- the status of and trend in naturally occurring Appendix I species?				14 Plus, six periodi c reviews (1.4.1a)
	- the impact of any recovery plans on Appendix I species?	$\boxtimes$			8

Have the surveys, studies or analyses integrated relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities?	$\boxtimes$		6

If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please provide a brief summary of the results of the survey, study or other analysis (e.g. population status, decline / stable / increase, off-take levels etc), or provide links to published reference material: In addition to a brief summary below, please see Attachment A for a summary of: Species with a status change (under Australian national legislation the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999) during 2015-2017 resulting from national analysis of population status/trend Species with Australian national Recovery Plans (adopted/made over 2015-2017) that incorporate analysis of surveys, population assessments and/or trend Other studies over 2015-2017 that incorporate analysis of surveys, population assessments and/or trend Link to study (limited to studies during this reporting period) Species name (scientific) Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale Conservation Management Plan (made 28 (Blue Whale) September 2015) Threatened Tasmanian Orchids Flora Recovery Plan Orchidaceae (various) Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia (made 25 May Marine turtles (various) 2017) National Recovery Plan for the Orange-bellied Parrot, Neophema chrysogaster Neophema chrysogaster (made 6 May 2016) (Orange-bellied Parrot) Sawfish and River Sharks Multispecies Recovery Plan (made Sawfish and river sharks 27 October 2015) (various) How are the results of such surveys, studies or other analyses used in making non-1.5.1b detriment findings (NDFs)? Please tick all that apply Revised harvest or export quotas Banning export | Stricter domestic measures Changed management of the species | Discussion with Management Authorities Discussion with other stakeholders? Other (please provide a short summary): 1.5.1c Do you have specific conservation measures or  $\boxtimes$ Yes recovery plans for naturally occurring Appendix-I No listed species? Not Applicable No information See 1.5.1a and associated attachment. If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including, if possible, an evaluation of their impact: See links in response to 1.5.1a for national recovery plans for *Balaenoptera musculus*, marine turtles, sawfish and river sharks (relevant to Pristis clavata, P. pristis and P. zijsron as Appendix I species) and Neophema chrysogaster. With the exception of the sawfish and river shark recovery plan, which is the first version of such a plan, all of these recovery plans have been subject to impact evaluation and update/amendment as necessary.

1.5.1d Have you published any non-detriment findings that can be shared? Yes ⊠ No ☐ If 'Yes', please provide links or examples to the Secretariat within this report:

See Australia's response to Notification 2017-019 (available in full in the Annex to <u>AC29 Doc.</u> 10 / PC23 Doc. 11.1) on non-detriment findings for a comprehensive explanation of processes for making non-detriment findings in Australia. Summary supplied below.

All specimens of CITES species exported from Australia for commercial purposes must be sourced from a harvest or propagation program approved by the Minister for the Environment (or delegate) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The EPBC Act sets out step-by-step the sustainability considerations for approval of harvest for export. Having this requirement embedded in national legislation provides for consistent regulation of export trade, embeds the qualities of the non-detriment findings in the legislative process, and sets out clear expectations for exporters. The CITES Scientific Authority of Australia can therefore make non-detriment findings based on the legislative process.

Most non-detriment findings take the form of a sustainability assessment of the harvest or propagation program against legislative requirements. Requirements are set out for various program types based described below. Once the program is approved, an operator may then harvest and apply for export permits for their specimens within the boundaries defined by the approved program (including for harvest levels).

Wildlife trade management plans are generally large-scale harvest programs which are developed by the Australian state or territory government agency responsible for managing the species. All wildlife trade management plans on which non-detriment findings are made are publicly available. The plans provide the information, including the science, on which the approver makes the above assessment. A full list of approved wildlife trade management plans (including for non-CITES Australian native species) can be found at <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/trading/commercial/management-plans">http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/trading/commercial/management-plans</a>.

An example of a wildlife trade management plan for the ranching of *Crocodylus porosus* (Salt-water Crocodile) is available at <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/publications/mgt-plan-saltwater-crocodile-nt-2016-2020">http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/publications/mgt-plan-saltwater-crocodile-nt-2016-2020</a>.

**Wildlife trade operations** are operations taking specimens (including specimens of non-CITES listed Australian native species), generally from the wild. Wildlife trade operations may be approved for up to three years. In approving such an operation, the Minister (or their delegate) must be satisfied that the operation will not be detrimental to the survival or conservation status of a taxon to which the operation relates; and that the operation will not be likely to threaten any relevant ecosystem, habitat, or biodiversity. Most wildlife trade operations on which non-detriment findings are made are publicly available. A full list of approved wildlife trade operations can be found at

http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/trading/commercial/operations. Export from fisheries are assessed as wildlife trade operations. Information on these assessments can be found at <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/marine/fisheries">http://www.environment.gov.au/marine/fisheries</a>

**Artificial propagation programs** are generally small-scale operations that propagate CITES-listed plant specimens in accordance with the CITES definitions. See <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/trading/artificial-propagation">http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/trading/artificial-propagation</a>

Captive breeding programs are also usually small-scale operations that breed animals in captivity in accordance with the CITES definitions. See <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/trading/commercial/captive-breeding">http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/trading/commercial/captive-breeding</a>

	Some non-detriment findings also take the form of a public published report on the sustainability of trade in a particular taxon. This is the case for the shark species listed at CoP16, and the freshwater sawfish available at <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/publications/non-detriment-finding-five-shark-species">http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/publications/non-detriment-finding-five-shark-species</a> .						
1.5.1e	Which of the following (A to F of paragraph a) x) of Resolution Conf. 16.7) do you use in making non-detriment findings?	Yes	No				
	A. relevant scientific literature concerning species biology, life history, distribution and population trends.						
	B. details of any ecological risk assessments conducted.	$\boxtimes$					
	C. scientific surveys conducted at harvest locations and at sites protected from harvest and other impacts.						
	D. relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities.						
	E. consultations with relevant local, regional and international experts.	$\boxtimes$					
	F. national and international trade information such as that available via the CITES trade database maintained by UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), publications on trade, local knowledge on trade and investigations of sales at markets or through the Internet for example.						

Indicator 1.5.2: The number of Parties that have adopted standard procedures for making non-detriment findings.

1.5.2a		Y	'es	No	No informatio n
	Do you have standard procedures for making non-detrime findings in line with Resolution Conf. 16.7?	ent [	$\boxtimes$		
·	If 'Yes', please briefly describe your procedures for making or attach as an annex to this report, or provide a link to wh found on the internet:				
	See Australia's response to Notification 2017-019 (availab <u>Doc. 10 / PC23 Doc. 11.1</u> ) on non-detriment findings for a processes for making non-detriment findings in Australia. \$ 1.5.1d.	comprel	hens	ive ex	planation of
1.5.2b	When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of the	į			
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	Resolution Conf.	16.7		_	$\boxtimes$
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	2008 NDF work	snop		L	$\boxtimes$
	Species specific guid	lance			
		Other		[	
	If 'Other' or 'Species specific guidance', please specify det	tails:			
1.5.2c	How often do you review and/or change your non-	Case by	case		
	detriment findings?	Annually			
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	Please describe the circumstances under which non-detrir changed:	ment find	dings	would	d be
	See Australia's response to Notification 2017-019 (availab Doc. 10 / PC23 Doc. 11.1) on non-detriment findings for a processes for making non-detriment findings in Australia. \$ 1.5.1d.	comprel	hens	ive ex	planation of

Indicator 1.5.3: The number and proportion of annual export quotas based on population surveys.

1.5.3a	Do you set annual export quotas?	Yes	$\boxtimes$
		No	

	If 'Yes', do you set quotas based on population survey, or by other means? Please specify, for each species, how quotas are set:  Species Name (scientific) Example: Crocodylus porosus	Population Survey? ⊠	Historical harvest data ⊠				
	Quotas or harvest limits, where applicable, are set using appropriate methodology (including population survey) on a case-by-case basis. More information can be supplied if necessary, and can be found within the sustainability assessments publicly available on our website e.g.						

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

  Aichi Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 10, Target 12 and Target 19.
- Indicator 1.6.1: The number of bilateral and multilateral agreements that specifically provide for comanagement of shared CITES listed species by range States.

1.6.1a	Is your country a signatory to any bilateral and/or multilateral agreements for co-management of shared species?Yes ⊠ No □
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details, including the names of the agreements, and which other countries are involved:
	Australia is a signatory to the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention), and to bilateral migratory bird agreements with Japan (JAMBA), China (CAMBA) and the Republic of Korea (ROKAMBA).

Indicator 1.6.2: The number of cooperative management plans, including recovery plans, in place for shared populations of CITES-listed species.

Do you have any cooperative management plans, including recovery plans, in place for shared populations of CITES-listed species? Yes \( \subseteq \text{No } \( \subseteq \)
If 'Yes', please list the species for which these plans are in place and provide a link or reference to a published plan for each species.
Species Name (scientific) Link or reference to a published plan

Indicator 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, CITES listed, species.

1.6.3a	Have the CITES authorities <i>received or benefited</i> from 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 <sup>1</sup> ?

Please provide the names of Parties, and any non-Parties, involved.

Staff of Management Authority			CITES Secretariat, Australian National University, Oceania Regional Capacity- building workshops. Supported by: New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, SPREP, PEW, EU
Staff of Scientific Authority			Oceania Regional Capacity-building workshops. Supported by: New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, SPREP, PEW, EU
Staff of enforcement authorities			Nil
Traders			Nil
NGOs			Oceania Regional Capacity-building workshopsupported by SPREP and PEW as well as others (see above)
Public			Nil
Other (please specify):			

1.6.3b	Have the CITES authorities been activities to other range States?	the pro	oviders	of any	of th	e fo	llowing capacity-building
	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						Presentations at Oceania Regional CITES Capacity- building workshop
	Staff of Scientific Authority						Presentations at Oceania Regional CITES Capacity- building workshop
	Staff of enforcement authorities				$\boxtimes$		
	Traders						Inquiries from traders regarding CITES requirements. Consultation on personal baggage permits
	NGOs						Information about Australia's CITES import and export requirements.
	Public						Responding to inquiries about CITES import and export requirements
	Other Parties/International meetings					$\boxtimes$	Regional meetings with New Zealand CMA/SMA and provision of information regarding Australian CITES requirements
	Other (please specify)						
1.6.3c	In what ways do you collaborate	with oth	er CITE	ES Part	ies?		
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very Often	0,0,1	Further detail / examples
	Information exchange						Making and/or responding to inquiries regarding trade in particular species
	Monitoring / survey			$\boxtimes$			

	Habitat management								
	Species management			$\boxtimes$					
	Law enforcement			$\boxtimes$					
	Capacity building						Australia collabor New Z deliver building Oceania	ated with Zealand to capacity in the	
_	Other (please provide details)								
•	Objective 1.7 Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade. Aichi Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 9, Target 10, Target 12 and Target 19.  Indicator 1.7.1: The number of Parties that have, are covered by, or engaged with:  — an international enforcement strategy and/or action plan;  — formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network;  — a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan; and  — formal national interagency cooperation, such as a national interagency enforcement committee.								
1.7.1a	Do you have, are you engaged in, o	or cove	red by:			Yes	No	No Information	
-	– an international enforcement strate	egy an	d/or act	ion plar	า?		$\boxtimes$		
-	– formal international cooperation, s enforcement network?							$\boxtimes$	
[-	– a national enforcement strategy ar	nd/or a	ction pla	an?				$\boxtimes$	
-	formal national interagency coope interagency enforcement committe	eration,			onal			$\boxtimes$	
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please sidetails:	specify	the lev	el of en	gagem	ent a	nd provid	e additional	
Indicator 1.7.2a	1.7.2: The number of Parties with a strategies, and the activities to Do you have a process or mechan enforcement strategy(ies) and the implement your strategy(ies)?	taken to	to impler or review	ment th	ur stra	tegies Yes No, under No		iew is ation	
	If 'Yes', what do you do? Quality A	∖ssurar	nce Rev	iews					
	If 'Yes' or 'No, but review is under Quality Assurance reviews are co do not have any further informatio	mplete	ed by the			•			
1.7.2b	Have you used the International C Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC Crime Analytic Toolkit, or equivale	C) Wild	llife and	Forest			ut toolkit u		

No

No information
If 'Yes', please provide feedback on the parts of the toolkit used and how useful the toolkit or equivalent tools have been. Please specify improvements that could be made:
If 'No', please provide feedback on why not or what is needed to make the toolkit or equivalent tools useful to you:

Indicator 1.7.3: The number of Parties that have criminal (penal) law and procedures, capacity to use forensic technology, and capacity to use specialized investigation techniques, for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences..

1.7.3a	Do you have law and procedures in place for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences as a crime?	Yes	
	prosecuting, and penalizing of the offices as a crime?	No information	
	If 'Yes', please provide the title of the legislation and a summary of the penalties available		
	Summary of the penalties available		
	The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 is Australia's CITES implementing law.		
	The maximum penalty for wildlife trade offences is 10 years imprisonment and AUD210,000 for individuals (AUD1,050,000 for corporations). Penalties of 5 years imprisonment and AUD210,000 for an individual (AUD1,050,000 for corporations) may apply for the possession of specimens that have been illegally imported.		
1.7.3b	Are criminal offences such as poaching and wildlife	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	trafficking recognized as serious crime <sup>1</sup> in your country?	No Information	
	If 'Yes', please explain what criteria must be met for poachin offences to be treated as serious crimes: Trafficking offences a with imprisonment greater than 5 yrs and IWT charges carrying 10	g or wildlife trafficking a deemed serious and in	dictable
1.7.3c	Do you have capacity to use forensic technology <sup>2</sup> to	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	support the investigation of CITES offences?	No	
		No information	
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary of any samples from were collected and submitted to an appropriate forensic ana country and/or another country) during the period covered in	lysis facility (located ir	
	Information not able to be released.		
	If 'Yes', and your country has an appropriate forensic analys species, please indicate which species it applies to: Various	is facility for CITES-lis	ted
1.7.3d	Did your authorities participate in or initiate any multi-	Yes	
		No	$\boxtimes$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines serious crime as conduct constituting an offence punishable by imprisonment for at least four years or a more serious penalty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capacity to use forensic technology means the ability to collect, handle and submit samples from crime scenes involving CITES-listed species to an appropriate forensic analysis facility, located either in your country or in another country(ies).

	disciplinary <sup>1</sup> law enforcement operation(s) target CITES-listed species during the period covered report?	No information	on 🗌			
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties:					
1.7.3e	Do you have a standard operating procedure an relevant agencies for submitting information rela CITES offences to INTERPOL and/or the World Organization?	Yes \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box				
1.7.3f	Do you have legislative provisions for any of the following that can be applied to the investigation, prosecution and/or sentencing of CITES offences as appropriate?	Yes	No	No information	If yes, how many times was this used during the period covered by this report?	
	General crime <sup>2</sup>	$\boxtimes$				
	Predicate offences <sup>3</sup>	$\boxtimes$				
	Asset forfeiture <sup>4</sup>	$\boxtimes$				
	Corruption <sup>5</sup>	$\boxtimes$				
	International cooperation in criminal matters <sup>6</sup>	$\boxtimes$				
	Organized crime <sup>7</sup>	$\boxtimes$				
	Specialized investigation techniques <sup>8</sup>	$\boxtimes$				
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain how e provide a brief summary, including any lessons learning.					
	Criminal offences against the Commonwealth is	•		•		
	and each state and territory has relevant organise charges. CITES offences at the Cth level (EPB				•	
	carrying custodial sentences up to 10 years.					
	Asset forfeiture by the commonwealth is through done on conviction or civilly.	proce	eds of	crime legisla	tion and can be	
1.7.3g	Do you have institutional capacity to implement to legislative provisions listed in question 1.7.3f aga		ITES	Yes		

<sup>.</sup> 

A multi-disciplinary law enforcement operation is one that involves officers from all relevant enforcement disciplines as appropriate, for example officers from Police, Customs and the wildlife regulatory authority. It could be either sub-national, national or international in scope.

General crime laws relate to offences such as fraud, conspiracy, possession of weapons, and other matters as set out in the national criminal code.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Article 2, paragraph (h) of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines a predicate offence is an offence whose proceeds may become the subject of any of the money-laundering offences established under the Convention.

Asset forfeiture is the seizure and confiscation of assets obtained from criminal activities to ensure that criminals do not benefit from the proceeds of their crimes.

Provisions against corruption include national laws to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption covering offences such as bribery of officials, embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds, trading in influence and abuse of functions by public

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> International cooperation in criminal matters includes legislation through which a formal request for mutual legal assistance and/or extradition of a person for criminal prosecution can be forwarded to another country.

Article 2, paragraph (a) of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines an organized criminal group as a structured group of three or more persons, existing for a period of time and acting in concert with the aim of committing one or more serious crimes or offences established in accordance with the Convention, in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit.

Specialized investigation techniques are techniques that are deployed against serious and/or organized crime when conventional law enforcement techniques fail to adequately address the activities of crime groups. Examples include controlled deliveries and covert operations.

offences?	No	
	No information	
If 'No', please provide a brief summary of your major capacity	-building needs:	

Indicator 1.7.4: The number of Parties using risk assessment and intelligence to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species.

1.7.4a	Do you use risk assessment to target CITES enforcement effort?	Always Very often Sometimes Rarely Never No information	
1.7.4b	Do you have capacity to analyse information gathered on illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Yes No No information	
1.7.4c	Do you use criminal intelligence <sup>1</sup> to inform investigations into illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Always Very often Sometimes Rarely Never No information	
1.7.4d	Have you implemented any supply-side activities to address illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	Yes No, but activities are under development No No information	
1.7.4e	Have you implemented any demand-side activities to address illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	Yes No, but activities are under development No No information	

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<sup>1</sup> Criminal intelligence is information that is compiled, analyzed and disseminated in an effort to anticipate, prevent and/or monitor criminal activity. Examples include information on potential suspects held in a secure database and inferences about the methods, capabilities and intentions of specific criminal networks or individuals that are used to support effective law enforcement action.

Indicator 1.7.5: The number of administrative measures, criminal prosecutions and other court actions for CITES-related offences.

During th	ne period covered in this report:	Yes	No	No Information	
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1.7.5a	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related offences?				
	If 'Yes', please indicate how many and for what ty attach details:	pes of offe	nces. I	f available, please	
1.7.5b	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of CITES-related offences?				
	If 'Yes', how many and for what types of offences' There was 4 convictions of illegal wildlife trade (IV				
1.7.5c	Have there been any other court actions against CITES-related offences?				
	If 'Yes', what were the offences involved and what v	vere the res	sults? F	Please attach details:	
1.7.5d	How were any confiscated specimens disposed of?	Tick all that apply			
	<ul> <li>Return to country of export</li> </ul>				
	Public zoos or botanical gardens			$\boxtimes$	
	Designated rescue centres				
	<ul> <li>Approved private facilities</li> </ul>				
	– Euthanasia			$\boxtimes$	
	Other (please specify):				
	Have you encountered any challenges in disposing of confiscated specimens?	Yes □ No ⊠			
	Do you have good practice that you would like to share with other Parties?				

**Objective 1.8** Parties and the Secretariat have adequate capacity-building programmes in place. Aichi Target 1, Target 12 and Target 19.

Indicator 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.

1.8.1a	Do you have information resources or training in place to support:	Yes	No
	The making of non-detriment findings?		
	Permit officer/s?		
	Enforcement officer/s?		

1.8.1b	Is the CITES Virtual College used as part of your capacity building work?  What improvements could be made in using the Virtual College for capacity building?	Yes No No information	
1.8.1c	Is the ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Toolkit used in the development of capacity-building programmes, or does it form part of the curriculum of such programmes?  What improvements could be made in using the ICCWC Toolkit for capacity building?	Yes No No information	

# 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.

Information to be provided through records held by the Secretariat on financial management of the Convention.

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

Aichi Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, Target 12, Target 19 and Target 20.

Indicator 2.2.1: The number of Parties with dedicated staff and funding for Management Authorities, Scientific Authorities and wildlife trade enforcement agencies.

2.2.1a	Do you have an approved service standard(s) <sup>1</sup> for your Management Authority(ies)?	Yes No						
	If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.							
	If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?							
	Decisions on 100% permit applications must be made within 40 business days of receiving a complete application. Enquiries about wildlife trade permitting answered within 20 business days.							
	Do you publish your performance against service standard targets?	Yes No						
	If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report: Performance against statutory decision-making timeframes are published in the Department's annual reports (by financial year July-June), available at <a href="https://www.awe.gov.au/about/reporting/annual-report">https://www.awe.gov.au/about/reporting/annual-report</a>							
	On average across the four financial years covered by this reporting period, 97% of permits were issued within the statutory timeframe.							
	If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of:	Yes	No					
	– availability of funding?		$\boxtimes$					
	– number of staff?		$\boxtimes$					

For example, a time frame in which you are required to provide a response on a decision to issue or not issue a permit, certificate, or re-export certificate.

	<ul><li>a shortag</li></ul>	e of skills?			$\boxtimes$	
	If 'Yes' to a s	shortage of skills, which s	kills do you need more of	?		
2.2.1b	Scientific Au	• ` '	andard(s) <sup>47</sup> for your	Yes No		
		e go to Question 2.2.1d.				
		nich services are there sta rds? As per Management				
	If 'Yes', do yestandards <sup>48</sup> ?	ou have performance tar	gets for these	Yes No		
	If 'Yes', what	t are your performance ta				
		please provide your perfored in this report:	andards during the			
	If you did no shortfall a re	t meet your performance sult of:	targets then was this	Yes	No	
	<ul><li>availabilit</li></ul>	y of funding?				
	– number c	of staff?				
	<ul><li>a shortag</li></ul>	e of skills?				
	If 'Yes' to a s of?	shortage of skills, which s	kills do you need more			
2.2.1c		e an approved service stated authority(ies)?	andard(s) <sup>47</sup> for your	Yes No		
		se go to Question 2.2.1d.		NO		
		ou have performance tar t are your performance ta	gets for these standards <sup>48</sup> argets?	?		
		please provide your perfouring the period covered				
	If you did no shortfall a re	t meet your performance sult of:	targets then was this	Yes	No	
	<ul><li>availabilit</li></ul>	y of funding?				
	– number c	of staff?				
		e of skills?				
	of?	shortage of skills, which s	•			
2.2.1d	Please only complete this question if your answered 'No' to the first part of question 2.2.1a, 2.2.1b, or 2.2.1c, relating to the existence of approved service standards for your authorities:					
	Do you have	sufficient of the following	g for your authorities to fu	nction effectively?		
		Management Authority(ies)	Scientific Authority(ies)	Enforcement Authority(ies		
	Funding ?	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes ⊠ No		
	Staff?	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes ⊠ No 🗌	Yes ⊠ No		

Sł	kills?	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes ⊠ No
	<u> </u>			

Indicator 2.2.2: The number of Parties that have undertaken one or more of the following activities:

- changed the budget for activities;

- hired more staff;
- developed implementation tools;
- purchased technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement.

2.2.2 a	Have any of the following activities period covered in this report to enh		Tigk if applicable		
	CITES implementation at the natio	nai ievei?			Tick if applicable
	Hiring of more staff	ala.			
	Development of implementation to	., .			
	Purchase of technical equipment for enforcement	or impleme	entation, mor	nitoring	
	Other (please specify):				
	Development of new permit system implemented until Dec 2018)	n and seizı	ures databas	se (permit s	system not
2.2.2b	During the period covered in this rewas the budget for your:	eport,	Increased	Stable	Decreased
	Management Authority(ies)			$\boxtimes$	
	Scientific Authority(ies)			$\boxtimes$	
	Enforcement authorities			$\boxtimes$	
2.2.2c	Have you been able to use international development funding assistance to increase the level of implementation of your		Yes No		Not applicable
	Management Authority(ies)?				
	Scientific Authority(ies)?				
	Enforcement authorities?				
2.2.2d	What is the respective level of prio implementation at the national level				s of CITES
	Activity	High	Medium	Low	Not a Priority
	Hiring of more staff				
	Development of implementation tools	$\boxtimes$			
	Purchase of new technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement				
	e-permitting				
	Other (please specify):				
2.2.2e	Do you have a operational system electronic database) for managing	(e.g.	Yes	Under developm	I I\I∩
	Species information		$\boxtimes$		
	Trade information		$\boxtimes$		

Indicator	2.2.3: The number of Parties raising funds for CITES implementation througother mechanisms.	gh user fee	es or
2.2.3a	Does the Management Authority charge fees for:	Tick all tha	
		applio	cable
	- Administrative procedures		
	<ul> <li>Issuance of CITES documents (e.g. for import, exports, re-export, or introduction from the sea)</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Shipment clearance (e.g. for the import, export, re-export, or introduction the sea of CITES-listed species)</li> </ul>	on from	
	Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species		
	Harvesting of CITES-listed species		
	<ul> <li>Use of CITES-listed species</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species</li> </ul>		
	Other (please specify):		
2.2.3b	Is a fee schedule publicly available?	Yes ⊠ No	o 🗌
	If 'Yes', please provide an internet link, or a copy of the schedule to the Se <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/permits/fees">http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/permits/fees</a>	cretariat:	
2.2.3c	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or w conservation?	ildlife	
		Entirely	
		Partly	
		Not at all	$\boxtimes$
	No	t relevant	
2.2.3d		Yes	No
	Do you raise funds for CITES management through charging user fees?		$\boxtimes$
	Do your fees recover the full economic cost of issuing permits?		$\boxtimes$
	Do you have case studies on charging or using fees?		$\boxtimes$
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide brief details:		
	Do you use innovative financial mechanisms to raise funds for CITES implementation?		$\boxtimes$
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		
Indicator	The number of Parties using incentive measures as part of their imple the Convention.	ementation	n of
2.2.4a	Do you use incentive measures¹ such as those described in CoP14 Doc 14. implement the Convention?  YesNo  Due diligence  Compensatory mechanisms  Certification	32 to	

Non-detriment findings

 $\boxtimes$ 

Defined as 'Social and economic incentives that promote and regulate sustainable management of and responsible trade in, wild flora and flora and promote effective enforcement of the Convention'. The intent of such measures is not to promote wildlife trade as such, but rather to ensure that any wildlife trade undertaken is conducted in a sustainable manner.

	Communal property rights
	Cost recovery or environmental charges 🗌 🖂 Enforcement incentives
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, or if you use other measures, please provide a summary or link to further information:
2.2.4b	Have incentives harmful to biodiversity been eliminated?  Not at all  Vert Little  Somewhat  Completely  No information  This question cannot be answered comprehensively without a large-scale species-by-species analysis.

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

Aichi Target 12, Target 19 and Target 20.

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

2.3.1a	How many training and capacity building activities <sup>1</sup> have you run during the period covered in this report?					ut ance f cretar	,
						$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$
				1			
			6	2-5 3-10			
			-	I-20		$\vdash$	
		М	ore tha	_			
	Please list the Resolutions or Decisi	ions inv	olved:				
2.3.1b	What sorts of capacity building activ	ities ha	ve take	n plac	e?		
2.3.1c	What capacity building needs do yo	u have	?				
	Please tick all boxes which apply 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						
	Traders / other user groups						
	NGOs						
	Public						
	Other (please specify)						

An activity might be a single day training e.g. for a group of staff from the Management Authority, or a longer course / project undertaken by an individual.

### GOAL 3 CONTRIBUTE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING THE RATE OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS AND TO ACHIEVING RELEVANT GLOBALLY-AGREED GOALS AND TARGETS 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.

Aichi Target 2 and Target 20.

Indicator 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.

3.1.1a	Has funding from international financial mechanisms and other related institutions been used to develop activities that include CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements?	Yes No Not applicable No information	
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		
3.1.1b	During the period covered in this report, has funding for your country from international funding mechanisms and other related institutions:  N/A	Increased Remained stable Decreased	

Indicator 3.1.2: The number of countries and institutions that have provided additional funding from CITES Authorities to another country or activity for conservation and sustainable development projects in order to further the objectives of the Convention.

3.1.2a	Have you provided technical or financial assistance to another country or countries in relation to CITES?					Yes No No	information	
	If 'Yes', please tick boxes to indicate type of assistance provided  Country(ies)	Species Management¹	Habitat Management <sup>2</sup>	Sustainable use	Law Enforcement	Livelihoods	Other (specify)	Details (provide more information in an Appendix if necessary)

Use species conservation column for work directly related to species – e.g. population surveys, education programmes, conflict resolution, etc.

Use habitat conservation column for work that will indirectly support species conservation – e.g. habitat management, development of policy frameworks for how land is managed, etc.

- **Objective 3.2** Awareness of the role and purpose of CITES is increased globally. Aichi Target 1, Target 4, Target 12 and Target 18.
- Indicator 3.2.1: The number of Parties that have been involved in CITES awareness raising activities to bring about better awareness by the wider public and relevant user groups of the Convention requirements.

3.2.1a	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better awareness of the Convention's requirements by the wider public and relevant user groups?	Wider public	Relevant User Groups
	- Press conferences		
	- Press releases		
	Newspaper articles, brochures, leaflets		
	Television appearances		
	Radio appearances		
	- Presentations		
	Public consultations / meetings		$\boxtimes$
	Market surveys		
	- Displays		
	Information at border crossing points		
	Telephone hotline		
	Website(s) – if so please provide link(s)		
	http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife- trade/permits		
	Other (specify):		
	Please attach copies of any items or describe examples:		

Indicator 3.2.2: The number of visits to the CITES website.

3.2.2a	How regularly do your Authorities consult the CITES website?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate the most frequent usage (decide on an average amongst staff if necessary).  Target group	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less frequently	Not known	
	Staff of Management Authority	$\boxtimes$					
	Staff of Scientific Authority		$\boxtimes$				
	Staff of enforcement authorities						
3.2.2b	What has been your experience with using	the CIT	ES website	e? Exc	ellent		
				God	od		
				Ave	rage	$\boxtimes$	
				Pod	or		
				Ver	y Poor		
				No	information		

Any further comments on the CITES Website? (e.g. useful aspects, any difficulties encountered, which authorities find which functions/tools most useful, what is missing, etc): List of country's stricter domestic measures by commodity would be useful.

Search function was not accurate or useful. Design was not intuitive but useable once familiar. Note the website has been updated as of 2020.

Indicator 3.2.3: The number of Parties with web pages on CITES and its requirements.

A question relating to this indicator is within question 3.2.1a.

- **Objective 3.3** Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced.
- Indicator 3.3.1 The number of Parties which report that they have achieved synergies in their implementation of CITES, other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental, trade and development agreements.

3.3.1a	Have measures been taken to achieve coordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national CITES authorities and national focal points for other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the other biodiversity-related conventions: CBD, CMS, ITPGR, Ramsar, WHC) <sup>1</sup> to which your country is party?	Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please give a brief description:  Implementation of MEAs to which Australia is Party is led by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (known a Environment and then the Department of Environment and Energeriod). As such, focal points are able to meet regularly to discuss consult in the lead-up to meetings, and provide advice as needed issues.	s the Department o gy during this repor ss shared issues,	of

Indicator 3.3.2: The number of biodiversity conservation or sustainable use projects, trade and development goals, or scientific and technical programmes that integrate CITES requirements.

3.3.2a	How many international projects which integrate CITES issues has your country contributed towards?					
3.3.2b	In addition to 3.2.2a, how many national level projects has your country implemented which integrate CITES issues?					
3.3.2c	Have there been any efforts at a national scale for your CITES Management or Scientific Authorities to collaborate with:	Yes	No			
	Agencies for development?	$\boxtimes$				
	Agencies for trade?	$\boxtimes$				
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities?	$\boxtimes$				
	Local authorities or communities?					
	Indigenous or local peoples?	$\boxtimes$				
	Trade or other private sector associations?					
	NGOs?	$\boxtimes$				
	Other (please specify)					
3.3.2d	Are CITES requirements integrated into?	Yes	No			
	National and local development strategies?	$\boxtimes$				

CBD = Convention on Biological Diversity; CMS = Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, ITPGR = International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Ramsar = The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, WHC = World Heritage Convention.

National and local poverty reduction strategies?	$\boxtimes$
Planning processes?	$\boxtimes$
National accounting?	$\boxtimes$

	governmental organizations to participate in and/o training and capacity-building activities.	or fund CITES v	vorkshops and other
3.3.3a	Has funding been provided or received to facilitate CITES workshops, training or other capacity building activities to / from:	Tick if applicable	Which organizations?
	Inter-governmental organizations?		
	Non-governmental organizations?		
Objective	3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Mil sustainable development goals set at WSSD, the 2020 and the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development international trade in wild fauna and flora is on This objective may also be assessed by a varie format, including action taken to implement madecisions.  Aichi Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, Target 4, Target 14, Target 17, Target 18 and Target 19.	Strategic Plan for and the relevant personal street on the relevant is street on the conducted at such that the conducted at t	for Biodiversity 2011- ant outcomes of the gthened by ensuring stainable levels. eyond the reporting ES resolutions and Target 7, Target 12,
3.4.1a	Do you have data which shows that the conservation status of naturally occurring species in your country listed on the CITES Appendices has stabilized or improved?  Appendix I Appendix II Appendix III If there are such studies that you are willing to share, pl		No Not Applicable
3.4.1b	Do you have examples of specific examples of succes stories or emerging problems with any CITES listed species?  If 'Yes', please provide details:	No	ormation 🖂
Indicator 3	3.4.2: The number of Parties incorporating CITES into and Action Plan (NBSAP).	their National I	Biodiversity Strategy
3.4.2a	Has CITES been incorporated into your country's Nation Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)?	No	information
3.4.2b	Have you been able to obtain funds from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) or other sources to support aspects of NBSAP implementation?		information ☐

Indicator 3.3.3: The number of Parties cooperating / collaborating with intergovernmental and non-

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Thank you for completing the report. Please remember to include relevant attachments referred to in the report when it is submitted to the Secretariat.

Attachment A: Indicator 1.5.1a

Species with a status change (under Australian national legislation the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999) during 2015-2017 resulting from national analysis of population status/trend

Species (And link to assessment, recovery planning documentation and other information)	Surveys, studies or other analyses in relation to population status Status and trend (National legislation listing status change as a result of assessment)	Date of change/ implementation	CITES appendix (naturally occurring)	Trends and impacts of trade? (was/is the species traded? Did the analysis consider the impact of trade to Aust populations?)	*Is there an analysis of the impact of recovery plans on App I species?
Hypotaenidia sylvestris (Lord Howe Woodhen)	Transfer from Vulnerable to Endangered	15-Aug-17	l (as Gallirallus sylvestris)	No commercial trade Nil other trade	Recovery Plan in force at 2002.
<u>Fregata andrewsi</u> (Christmas Island Frigatebird, Andrew's Frigatebird)	Transfer from Vulnerable to Endangered	7-Dec-16	I	No commercial trade Nil other trade	Recovery Plan in force at 2004.
<u>Probosciger</u> <u>aterrimus</u> <u>macgillivrayi</u> (Palm Cockatoo (Australian)	Vulnerable	31-Oct-15	I	No commercial trade Nil other trade	No recovery plan/ Conservation advice at time of analysis. No
Arctocephalus tropicalis (Subantarctic Fur-seal)	Transfer from Vulnerable to Endangered	7-Dec-16	II	No commercial trade 2 specimens – coded 'W' for purpose 'S' The analysis notes the historic impact of trade. The species is protected and cannot be targeted for trade. The species does experience the effects of fishery by	Plan in force at 2003.
<u>Calochilus cupreus (Copper Beard Orchid)</u>	Critically Endangered	5-May-16	II	No commercial trade Nil other trade	No recovery plan/ Conservation advice at time of analysis. No
Lathamus discolor (Swift Parrot)	Transfer from Endangered to Critically Endangered	5-May-16	II	No commercial trade 1 specimen - coded 'W' for purpose 'S' Analysis note that the species is potentially vulnerable to illegal trade, however the extent and impact is not known.	Plan in force at 2011.
Pterostylis psammophila (Two- bristle Greenhood)	Critically Endangered	5-May-16	II	No commercial trade Nil other trade The analysis notes the impact of historic trade and the potential for illegal trade	No recovery plan/ Conservation advice at time of analysis. No
Oberonia attenuata (Mossman Fairy Orchid)	Transfer from Extinct to Critically Endangered	30-Apr-16	II	No commercial trade Nil other trade Potential treat of illegal collection	No recovery plan/ Conservation advice at time of analysis. No
Platycercus caledonicus brownii (Green Rosella (King Island))	Vulnerable	31-Oct-15	II	No commercial trade 1 specimen - coded 'W' for purpose 'S'	No recovery plan/ Conservation advice at time of analysis. No
<u>Dipodium campanulatum (Bell</u> Flower Hyacinth Orchid)	Endangered	21-May-15	II	No commercial trade Nil other trade	No recovery plan/ Conservation advice at time of analysis. No
Prasophyllum laxum (Lax Leek Orchid)	Critically Endangered	9-Apr-15	II	No commercial trade Nil other trade	No recovery plan/ Conservation advice at time of analysis. No

## Species with Australian national Recovery Plans (adopted/made over 2015-2017) that incorporate analysis of surveys, population assessments and/or trend

Species	Surveys, studies or other analyses in relation to population status (National legislation listing status change as a result of assessment) Plan name and link	Date of: adoption/ made plan	CITES appendix (naturally occurring)	Traded internationally Trend and impact of trade?	Did analysis consider the impact of trade (to Aust populations)?	*Is there an analysis of the impact of recovery plans re App I (i.e. 2 <sup>nd</sup> or more recovery plan)	Was local and indigenous knowledge integrated?
Balaenoptera musculus (Blue Whale)	Blue Whale Conservation Management Plan	28-Sep-15		No commercial trade	Yes	Yes	-
Caladenia anthracina (Black-tipped Spider-orchid)	wanayement Fidil	20-0 <del>6</del> p-10	II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	Yes	Yes
Caladenia campbellii (Thick-stem Caladenia)			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Caladenia caudata (Tailed Spider- orchid)	<u>Threatened</u> Tasmanian		II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Caladenia dienema (Windswept Spider-orchid)	Orchids Flora Recovery Plan	18-Aug-17	l II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Caladenia lindleyana (Lindley's Spider-orchid)			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	Yes	Yes
Caladenia pallida (Rosy Spider- orchid, Pale Spider-orchid, Summer Spider-orchid)			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Caladenia saggicola (Sagg Spider- orchid)			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Caladenia anthracina (Black-tipped Spider-orchid)			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
Caladenia campbellii (Thick-stem Caladenia)			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	Yes	yes
Caladenia caudata (Tailed Spider- orchid)			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Caladenia dienema (Windswept Spider-orchid)	Threatened Tasmanian Orchids Flora Recovery Plan	18-Aug-17	Ш	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Caladenia lindleyana (Lindley's Spider-orchid)	<u>rtosovery r iam</u>		II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
Caladenia pallida (Rosy Spider- orchid, Pale Spider-orchid, Summer Spider-orchid)			П	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	Yes	yes
Caladenia saggicola (Sagg Spider- orchid)	-		II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
Caladenia sylvicola (Forest Fingers)			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Caladenia tonellii (Robust Fingers)	<u>Threatened</u> <u>Tasmanian</u>	18-Aug-17	II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes

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	Orchids Flora				Ves retential of illegal trade	1/22	Vaa
	Recovery Plan			No commonsial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
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Diuris lanceolata (Snake Orchid)			Ш	No commonsial trade	Ves notential of illegal trade	1,122	
Corunastylis brachystachya (Short-			<sub>II</sub>	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
spiked Midge-orchid)			11	No commonsial trade	Ves notantial of illegal trade		
Corunastylis firthii (Firth's Midge-			<sub>11</sub>	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
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Drogon by the management (archid)			<sub>11</sub>	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
Prasophyllum amoenum (orchid)			II	No common del Anodo	V		
Prasophyllum apoxychilum			l	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
(Tapered Leek-orchid)			II		V ( ( ) ( ) ( )		
Prasophyllum atratum (Three			l	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Hummock Keek-orchid)			II				
Prasophyllum castaneum (Chestnut			1	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Leek-orchid)			II				
Prasophyllum crebriflorum				No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
(Crowded Leek-orchid)			II				
Prasophyllum favonium (Western				No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Leek-orchid)			ll .				
Prasophyllum incorrectum (Golfers				No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Leek-orchid)			II				
Prasophyllum limnetes (Marsh				No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
Leek-orchid)			II				
Prasophyllum milfordense (Milford				No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
Leek-orchid)			II				
Prasophyllum olidum (Pungent				No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Leek-orchid)			l II			*	
Prasophyllum perangustum				No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
(Knocklofty Leek-orchid)	Threatened		111		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,	, , , ,
Prasophyllum pulchellum (Pretty	Tasmanian			No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Leek-orchid)	Orchids Flora	18-Aug-17	l II		· · · ·	,	, , , ,
Prasophyllum robustum (Robust	Recovery Plan			No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
Leek-orchid)			111	1.00 0011111101 01011 01010	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	, , , ,	
Prasophyllum secutum (Northern				No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
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Prasophyllum stellatum (Ben				No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Lomond Leek-orchid)			111	140 Commercial trade	res potertiai of lilegal trade	yes	yes
Prasophyllum taphanyx (Graveside			"	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
Leek-orchid)			l II	No commercial trade	res potertial of lilegal trade	yes	163
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Prasophyllum tunbridgense				No commercial trade	165 potential of filegal trade	yes	yes
(Tunbridge Leek-orchid)			111	INO COMMENCIAL LIAGE			
Pterostylis commutata (Midland			'' 	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	Ves	Yes
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Pterostylis pratensis (Liawenee			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Greenhood)	Threatened		11		Ver national of the sect of	1,,,,,	
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Pterostylis rubenachii (Arthur River	Orchids Flora	Ŭ		No commercial trade			
Greenhood)	Recovery Plan		11	Nie sens 127			
Pterostylis wapstrarum (Fleshy			11	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Greenhood)					V (		
Pterostylis ziegeleri (Grassland			II		Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	Yes
Greenhood, Cape Portland				No commercial trade			
Greenhood)							

Thelymitra jonesii (Sky-blue sun- orchid)			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Thynninorchis nothofagicola (Myrtle Elbow Orchid)			II	No commercial trade	Yes potential of illegal trade	yes	yes
Occupita constita (La constita de Trutta)				No commercial trade	yes	yes	yes
Caretta caretta (Loggerhead Turtle)			I	No commercial trade No commercial trade	yes	yes	yes
Chelonia mydas (Green Turtle)  Dermochelys coriacea (Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth)	Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia	25-May-17	1	No commercial trade	yes	yes	yes
Eretmochelys imbricata (Hawksbill Turtle)			1	No commercial trade	yes	yes	yes
Lepidochelys olivacea (Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle)			I	No commercial trade	yes	yes	yes
Natator depressus (Flatback Turtle)			I	No commercial trade	yes	yes	yes
	National Recovery Plan for the Orange-bellied			No commercial trade	Not considered to be a threat	yes	Yes
Neophema chrysogaster (Orangebellied Parrot)	Parrot, Neophema chrysogaster	6-May-16	1				
Pristis clavata (Dwarf sawfish)	Sawfish and River		1	No commercial trade	Yes	No – 1st plan	yes
Pristis pristis (Freshwater sawfish)	Sharks Multispecies	27-Oct-15	I	No commercial trade	Yes	No – 1st plan	yes
Pristis zijsron (Green sawfish)	Recovery Plan		I	No commercial trade	Yes	No – 1st plan	yes

### Other studies over 2015-2017 that incorporate analysis of surveys, population assessments and/or trend

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Attachment B: example quotas and harvest limits for some commercially exploited marine species

Species	Harvest or quota details
Acroporidae (Stony corals)	No more than 40 tonnes of any mixture of species belonging to the family Acroporidae per year (1 July – 30 June).
Cheilinus undulatus (humphead Maori wrasse)	No more than 50 individuals per year (1 July - 30 June).
Corals	The Western Australian Marine Aquarium Fishery has specific limits set for the primary targeted species, and an overall annual harvest limit for hard corals of up to 12,000 kg.
	Other species are taken in negligible amounts, so an annual harvest limit of up to 100kg is set.
Hippocampus angustus	Western Australian Marine Aquarium Fishery: Limit of 100 individuals annually.
Hippocampus elongatus	Western Australian Marine Aquarium Fishery: Limit of 700 individuals annually.
Hippocampus tuberculatus	Western Australian Marine Aquarium Fishery: Limit of 83 individuals annually.
Lamna nasus (probeagle shark)	Taken as byproduct/bycatch. Limit not needed.
Live coral rock	Australia wide limit of 6000t per year.
Pristis microdon (freshwater sawfish)	Marine Aquarium Fish Fishery: Low levels of sawfish (two individuals over two years, also not for export) are caught in this fishery.
Scleractinia coral	Australia wide limit of 40t except for the following: 80t for Duncanopsammia axifuga, Euphyllia ancora, Euphyllia ancora, Euphyllia glabrescens, Goniopora columna, Goniopora minor, Goniopora stokesi, Goniopora tenuidens, Micromussa diminutam; 20t for Cynarina lacrymalis, Moseleya latistellata; 100t for Acanthastrea echinata; 200t for Heliofungia actiniformis; 300t for Euphyllia paraancora
Sphyrna zygaena (smooth hammerhead shark)	Australia-wide limit of 70t per
Sphyrna lewini (scalloped hammerhead shark)	Australia-wide limit of 200t per year.
Sphyrna mokarran (great hammerhead shark)	Australia-wide limit of 100t per year.
Tridacna squamosa and T. maxima (Giant clams)	Northern Territory Aquarium Fishery: Australia wide limit of 200t per year for <i>Tridacna squamosa</i> and 80t per year for <i>Tridacna maxima</i> . For WA Fishery, limit for <i>Tridacna maxima</i> of 1200t per year and <i>Tridacna squamosa</i> for 200t per year.