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;
- ii) 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	Estonia
Period covered in this report	2018-2020
Department or agency preparing this report	Ministry of the Environment
Contributing departments, agencies and organizations	Environmental Board, Customs

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 If 'No', please provide details to the Secretariat with this report: There have been no changes in relevant legislation during the period covered in this report.
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 I If 'No', please provide details of the constraints faced:

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?	\boxtimes					
	Are the procedures publicly available?	\boxtimes					
1.2.1b	Do you have:						
	Electronic data management and a paper-based permit issuance system?						
	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?		\boxtimes				
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide information on challenges faced or issues overcome:						

ndicator	1.2.2: The number of Parties making use of the simplified pro	ocedures p	provided f	for in <u>Resolutic</u>
1.2.2a	Has your country developed simplified procedures for any of the f	_	Гick all ap	nlicable
		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.		\boxtimes	
	For the issuance of pre-Convention certificates or equivalent documents in accordance with Article VII , 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	
	Are there other cases judged by a Management Authority to			
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If 'No', do you have any plans to move towards e-permitting¹?

 \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.

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

Aichi Target 1, 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?	Yes ☐ No ⊠
	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):	

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 <u>in your country</u> in relation to:	Yes	No	Not Applicable	If Yes, How many?
	- the population status of Appendix II species?	\boxtimes			
	- the trends and impact of trade on Appendix II species?		\boxtimes		
	- the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species?			\boxtimes	
	- the impact of any recovery plans on Appendix I species?			\boxtimes	
	Have the surveys, studies or analyses integrated relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities?				

	If there are such studies that you are willing	to share, pleas	e provide:		
	The population status of Estonian species the framework of national environmental			gularly asse	essed in
		or other analy	ary of the results o sis (e.g. populatio) ase, off-take levels	n status, de	cline /
	Species name (scientific)		hed reference mat		vius .
1.5.1b	How are the results of such surveys, studies findings (NDFs)? Please tick all that app		ses used in makin	g non-detrir	ment
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			cussion with Manag		-
			Discussion with of	•	
	Otl	her (please pro	ovide a short sumn	nary):	
1.5.1c	Do you have specific conservation measures plans for naturally occurring Appendix-I listed		Yes No		
			Not Applicable No information		
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, incluimpact:	uding, if possib		f their	
1.5.1d	Have you published any non-detriment findir If 'Yes', please provide links or examples to t	-		lo ⊠	
1.5.1e	Which of the following (A to F of paragraph a do you use in making non-detriment findings		ion Conf. 16.7)	Yes	No
	A. relevant scientific literature concerning specific distribution and population trends.	ecies biology, l	ife history,		
	B. details of any ecological risk assessments	conducted.		\boxtimes	
	C. scientific surveys conducted at harvest loo from harvest and other impacts.	cations and at	sites protected		
	D. relevant knowledge and expertise of local	and indigenou	us communities.		
	E. consultations with relevant local, regional	and internation	nal experts.	\boxtimes	
	F. national and international trade information the CITES trade database maintained by UN Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), publication trade and investigations of sales at market example.	IEP World Cor ons on trade, l	nservation ocal knowledge		

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

1.5.2a					No			
		•	Yes	No	information			
	Do you have standard procedures for making non-detriment findings in line with Resolution Conf. 16.7?			\boxtimes				
	If 'Yes', please briefly describe your procedures for making non-detriment findings, or attach as an annex to this report, or provide a link to where the information can be found on the internet:							
1.5.2b	When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of the follow	wing						
	guidance been used?		Plea	se tick	all that apply			
	Virtual C	College						
	IUCN Ch	IUCN Checklist						
	Resolution Con	Resolution Conf. 16.7						
	2008 NDF wor	2008 NDF workshop						
	Species specific gui	idance			\boxtimes			
		Other						
	If 'Other' or 'Species specific guidance', please specify details:							
1.5.2c		Case by	case		\boxtimes			
	detriment findings?	Annually						
	I	Every two	o year	S				
	1	Less freq	uently	/				
		A mix of the above						
	Please describe the circumstances under which non-detriment	findings v	would	be cha	anged:			

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 No	
	If 'Yes', do you set quotas based on population survey, or by other means? Please specify, for each species, how quotas are set:	NU	Other,
	Species Name (scientific)	Population Survey?	please specify
1.5.3b	Have annual export quotas been set at levels which will ensure sustainable production and consumption?	Yes No	
	If 'Yes', please describe how this fits into your non-detriment	finding process:	

Objective '	Parties cooperate in managing s Aichi Target 4, Target 5, Target 6					12 an	d Target 19.	
Indicator 1.	6.1: The number of bilateral and management of shared CITES I						pecifically provide for co-	
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: HELCOM, IWC, AEWA, ASCOBANS							
Indicator 1.	6.2: The number of cooperative mar populations of CITES-listed spe		nt plans	, includii	ng red	covery	y plans, in place for shared	
1.6.2a	Do you have any cooperative manager in place for shared populations of CIT				ecove	ery pla	ans, Yes ⊠ No □	
	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. Estonian eel management plan (2008) was adopted by EU Commission in 2009. Available in English on the website of Ministry of the Environment https://www.envir.ee/sites/default/files/elfinder/article_files/kavajaheakskiitmiseotsus03.12.2009.pdf Species Name (scientific) Link or reference to a published plan Anguilla anguilla							
	6.3: The number of workshops and other to address the conservation and r	nanager	ment ne	eds of s	hared	, CITI	ES listed, species.	
1.6.3a	Have the CITES authorities <i>receive</i> activities provided by external source		епетеа	irom ar	iy oi	me i	bilowing 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)	What were the external sources ¹ ?	
	Staff of Management Authority							
	Staff of Scientific Authority						Mainly information from EU Member States	
	Staff of enforcement authorities							

Other (please specify):

Traders

NGOs

Public

 \boxtimes

 \boxtimes

 \boxtimes

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

1.6.3b	Have the CITES authorities been the other range States?	provide 	rs of any	of the t	followi	ng car	pacity-buildin	ng activities to
	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)	De	etails
	Staff of Management Authority							, tallo
	Staff of Scientific Authority						Mainly exchange v Member Sta	information with other EU ates
	Staff of enforcement authorities							
	Traders							
	NGOs							
	Public							
	Other Parties/International meetings							
	Other (please specify)							
1.6.3c	In what ways do you collaborate with	other C	ITES P	arties?	·····			
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very Often	Always	Furth	er detail / amples
	Information exchange				\boxtimes			
	Monitoring / survey			\boxtimes				
	Habitat management							
	Species management							
	Law enforcement		\boxtimes					
	Capacity building		\boxtimes					
	Other (please provide details)							
-	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, or co	overed b	y:			Yes	No	No Information
	– an international enforcement strategy					\boxtimes		
	– formal international cooperation, such enforcement network?	as an iı	nternatio	nal				
	 a national enforcement strategy and/o 	r action	plan?			\boxtimes		
	 formal national interagency cooperation interagency enforcement committee? 							
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please specify the level of engagement and provide additional							

details: EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking, Group of experts of the competent CITES Management Authorities (EU Member States), Scientific Review Group (SRG) Enforcement Group, Nature conservation development plan for Estonia, CITES national committee of Estonia

Indicator 1.7.2: The number of Parties with a process or mechanism for reviewing their enforcement strategies, and the activities taken to implement their strategies.

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1.7.2a	Do you have a process or mechanism for reviewing your enforcement strategy(ies) and the activities taken to implement	Yes No, but review is under	
	your strategy(ies)?	consideration	
		No	
		No information	
	If 'Yes', what do you do? In Estonia, there is a procedure for ac documents, including action plans and strategies	lopting and updating officia	al
	If 'Yes' or 'No, but review is under consideration', which tools do y	ou find of value?	
1.7.2b	Have you used the International Consortium on Combating	Yes	
	Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, or equivalent tools?	No, but toolkit use is under consideration	
		No 🖂	
		No information	
	If 'Yes', please provide feedback on the parts of the toolkit used a equivalent tools have been. Please specify improvements that co		
	If 'No', please provide feedback on why not or what is needed to tools useful to you: No special need as there are only a few case (needed to use the toolkit) may be limited	•	

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 No No information			
	If 'Yes', please provide the title of the legislation and a summary of the penalties available The relevant information has been forwarded to the Secretariat previously	The information	Ш		
1.7.3b	Are criminal offences such as poaching and wildlife trafficking recognized as serious crime ¹ in your country?	Yes No No information			
	If 'Yes', please explain what criteria must be met for poaching or wildlife trafficking offences to be treated as serious crimes: It depends on the level of damage caused to the environment and the mode of offence (committed by a group, committed by a legal person etc.)				

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.

1.7.3c	Do you have capacity to use forensic technology ¹ to sinvestigation of CITES offences?	t the	Yes No No information	⊠ □ □				
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary of any samples from CITES-listed species that were collected and submitted to an appropriate forensic analysis facility (located in your country and/or another country) during the period covered in this report: In case of poaching (not CITES cases) to determine the exact species of large carnivore (wolfs, bears, lynx)							
	If 'Yes', and your country has an appropriate forensic analysis facility for CITES-listed species, please indicate which species it applies to: There are no special forensic facilities for CITES-listed species but we have forensic capacity dealing with large carnivores.							
1.7.3d	Did your authorities participate in or initiate any multi-disciplinary ² law enforcement operation(s) targeting CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?			Yes No No information				
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties: Cooperation provides the opportunity to concentrate joint efforts to one concrete problem/issue.							
1.7.3e	Do you have a standard operating procedure among agencies for submitting information related to CITES INTERPOL and/or the World Customs Organization?							
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 ³	\boxtimes						
	Predicate offences ⁴	\boxtimes						
	Asset forfeiture ⁵	\boxtimes						
	Corruption ⁶	\boxtimes						
	International cooperation in criminal matters ⁷	\boxtimes						
	Organized crime ⁸	\boxtimes						
	Specialized investigation techniques ⁹	\boxtimes						

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).

² 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

³ General crime laws relate to offences such as fraud, conspiracy, possession of weapons, and other matters as set out in the national criminal code.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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

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.

	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain how each is used for CITES offences? Please provide a brief summary, including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties: There have been no CITES-related criminal cases in Estonia				
1.7.3g	Do you have institutional capacity to implement the legislative provisions listed in question 1.7.3f against CITES offences?	Yes 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	H
		Never	\vdash
		No information	
1.7.4b	Do you have capacity to analyse information gathered on illegal	Yes	\boxtimes
	trade in CITES-listed species?	No	Ш
		No information	Ш
1.7.4c	Do you use criminal intelligence ¹ to inform investigations into	Always	
	illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Very often	
		Sometimes	
		Rarely	
		Never	
		No information	\boxtimes
1.74d	Have you implemented any supply-side activities to address illegal	Yes	\boxtimes
	trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	No, but activities are under development	
		No	П
		No information	
1.7.4e	Have you implemented any demand-side activities to address	Yes	\boxtimes
	illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	No, but activities are under development	
		No	
		No information	

¹ 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 the period covered in this report:		Yes	No	No Information			
1.7.5a	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related offences?	\boxtimes					
	If 'Yes', please indicate how many and for what types of offences. If available, please attach details: About 20-30 cases per year, trade without CITES permits (mainly private person and small quantities). Sanctions - confiscation and a fine of around € 200						
1.7.5b	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of CITES-related offences?		\boxtimes				
	If 'Yes', how many and for what types of offences? If available,	please at	tach details	:			
1.7.5c	Have there been any other court actions against CITES-related offences?		\boxtimes				
	If 'Yes', what were the offences involved and what were the result	s? Please	attach detai	ls:			
1.7.5d	How were any confiscated specimens disposed of?		Tick	all that apply			
	 Return to country of export 						
	Public zoos or botanical gardens			\boxtimes			
	Designated rescue centres						
	Approved private facilities			\boxtimes			
	– Euthanasia						
	Other (please specify):						
	Have you encountered any challenges in disposing of confiscated specimens? In recent years there have not been confiscations of live specimens 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 The making of non-detriment findings? ☐ ☒ Permit officers? ☐ ☒ ☐ Enforcement officers? ☒ ☐	SNo	
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)¹ for your Management Authority(ies)? If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d. If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those	
If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d. If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those	
standards?	
If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards ² ? Yes	
If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?	\boxtimes
Do you publish your performance against service standard Yes targets? No	
If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:	
If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of: Yes	No
− availability of funding?	
− number of staff?	
− a shortage of skills? □	
If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of?	
2.2.1b Do you have an approved service standard(s) ⁴⁷ for your Scientific Yes Authority(ies)?	
If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.	_
If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?	
If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards ⁴⁸ ? Yes	
If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?	
If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:	
If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of: Yes	No
− availability of funding?	
− number of staff?	
− a shortage of skills?	
If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of?	
2.2.1c Do you have an approved service standard(s) ⁴⁷ for your Yes enforcement authority(ies)?	\square
If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.	

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.

For example, 85% of all decisions will take place within the service standard.

	If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards? Code of Misdemeanour Procedure, Administrative Procedure Act, different rules of procedures and guidelines						
	If 'Yes', do you	Yes	\boxtimes				
	If 'Yes', what a performance	No					
	treatment						
		ase provide your performang the period covered in the	•				
	If you did not r a result of:	neet your performance tar	gets then was this shortfall	Yes	No		
	 availability 	of funding?					
	- number of	staff?					
	a shortage	of skills?					
	If 'Yes' to a sho	ortage of skills, which skills	s do you need more of?				
2.2.1d			ır answered 'No' to the first pa e of approved service standa		3:		
	Do you have s	ufficient of the following fo	r your authorities to function o	effectively?			
		Enforcement Authority(ies)					
	Funding?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes ☐ No 🏻	Yes 🗌 No 🗌			
	Staff?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes ☐ No ☐			
	Skills? Yes 🗌 No 🗌 Yes 🖂 No 🗍 Yes 🗌 No [

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.

2.2.2a	Have any of the following activities been undertaken during the period covered in this report to enhance the effectiveness of CITES				
	implementation at the national level?	Tick if applicable			
	Hiring of more staff				
	Development of implementation tools				
	Purchase of technical equipment for implementati	ion, monitoring	g or enforcemen	t 🛛	
	Other (please specify):				
2.2.2b	During the period covered in this report, was the budget for your:	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)?		\boxtimes		
	Scientific Authority(ies)?		\boxtimes		
	Enforcement authorities?		\boxtimes		

2.2.2d	What is the respective level of priority for enhancing the effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level through the following activities?					
	Activity	High	Medium	Low	Not a Priority	
	Hiring of more staff			\boxtimes		
	Development of implementation tools		\boxtimes			
	Purchase of new technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement		\boxtimes			
	e-permitting	\boxtimes				
	Other (please specify):					
2.2.2e	Do you have a operational system (e.g electronic database) for managing		Yes	Under development	No	
	Species information		\boxtimes			
	Trade information		\boxtimes			
	Non-detriment findings				\boxtimes	

Indicator 2.2.3: The number of Parties raising funds for CITES implementation through user fees or other mechanisms.

2.2.3a	Does the Management Authority charge fees for: Tick all	that are appli	cable
	Administrative procedures		
	 Issuance of CITES documents (e.g. for import, exports, re-export, or introduct the sea) 	ction from	
	 Shipment clearance (e.g. for the import, export, re-export, or introduction from of CITES-listed species) 	m the sea	
	Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species		
	Harvesting of CITES-listed species		
	Use of CITES-listed species		
	Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species		
	Other (please specify):		
2.2.3b	Is a fee schedule publicly available?	Yes 🗌 N	o 🗌
	If 'Yes', please provide an internet link, or a copy of the schedule to the Secretar	iat:	
2.2.3c	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife	conservation ⁶	?
		Entirely	
		Partly	
		Not at all	
		Not relevant	
2.2.3d		Yes	No
	Do you raise funds for CITES management through charging user fees?		
	Do your fees recover the full economic cost of issuing permits?		
	Do you have case studies on charging or using fees?		
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide brief details:		
	Do you use innovative financial mechanisms to raise funds for CITES implementation?		
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		

Indicator 2.2.4: The number of Parties using incentive measures as part of their implementation of the Convention.

2.2.4a	Do you use incentive measures¹ such as those described in CoP14 Convention? YesNo	Ooc 14.32 to implement the
	Due diligence ⊠ □	
	Compensatory mechanisms	
	Certification \	
	Communal property rights	
	Auctioning of quotas	
	Cost recovery or environmental charges ☐ ☐	
	Enforcement incentives	
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, or if you use other measures, please provfurther information:	vide a summary or link to
2.2.4b	Have incentives harmful to biodiversity been eliminated? Not at all	
	Very little ☐	
	Somewhat⊡	
	Completely	

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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.

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 activi you run during the period covered in this repor				Withou from the Secreta	е	tance Conducted or assisted by the Secretariat
				lone 1 2-5 6-10			
		ľ	1 More tha	1-20 an 20			
	Please list the Resolutions or Decisions	involve	d:				
2.3.1b	What sorts of capacity building activities have taken place? Seminars and trainings for enforcement officers, monitoring						
2.3.1c	What capacity building needs do you ha	ave?					
	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	\boxtimes					
	Staff of Scientific Authority	\boxtimes	\boxtimes				
	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 3CONTRIBUTE 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:	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		
	If 'Yes', please tick boxes to indicate type of assistance provided Country(ies)	Species Management¹	Habitat Management²	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		\boxtimes
	Public consultations / meetings		
	Market surveys		
	- Displays		
	Information at border crossing points		
	Telephone hotline		
	Website(s) – if so please provide link(s)https://www.envir.ee/et/cites		
	https://www.emta.ee/et/ariklient/toll-kaubavahetus/keelud-ja- piirangud/ohustatud-taime-ja-loomaliigid-citesi-isendid		
	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			\boxtimes			
3.2.2b	What has been your experience with using the	CITES w	vebsite?	Exc	ellent		
				Goo	d	\boxtimes	
				Ave	rage		
				Poo	r		
				Very	/ 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):						

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) ¹ to which your country is party?	Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please give a brief description: Coordination of positions, du as many of the experts overlap	plication is not an	issue

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 yo contributed towards?	our country	0
3.3.2b	In addition to 3.2.2a, how many national level projects has your count implemented which integrate CITES issues?	0	
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?		
	Agencies for trade?		
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities?		
	Local authorities or communities?		
	Indigenous or local peoples?	\boxtimes	
	Trade or other private sector associations?	\boxtimes	
	NGOs?	\boxtimes	
	Other (please specify)		
3.3.2d	Are CITES requirements integrated into?	Yes	No
	National and local development strategies?	\boxtimes	
	National and local poverty reduction strategies?		
	Planning processes?	\boxtimes	
	National accounting?	\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.

	governmental organizations to participate in and/or func and capacity-building activities.	d CITES	workshops a	ınd other training
3.3.3a	Has funding been provided or received to facilitate CITES workshops, training or other capacity building activities to / from:	Tick if ap	oplicable d	Which organizations?
	Inter-governmental organizations?			
	Non-governmental organizations?			
Objective	3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium development goals set at WSSD, the <i>Strategic Plan</i> relevant <i>Aichi Biodiversity Targets</i> , and the relevant Conference on Sustainable Development is strengthene in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels. This objective may also be assessed by a variety of including action taken to implement many of the CITES Aichi Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, Target 4, Target 5, Target 17, Target 18 and Target 19.	for Bio nt outco ed by en s. means resolutio	diversity 201 mes of the suring that in beyond the in ons and decis	11-2020 and the United Nations ternational trade reporting format sions.
Indicator 3	.4.1: The conservation status of species listed on the CITES A	Appendic	es has stabili	zed or improved
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, please p Species name (scientific) Link to the data, or a brief sum		No - - -	Not Applicable
3.4.1b	Do you have examples of specific examples of success storic emerging problems with any CITES listed species?	es or	Yes No No informati	
	If 'Yes', please provide details: Status of the Sea eagle (Haliaeetus albicilla) population has improved but this not a success story of CITES	is		
Indicator 3	.4.2: The number of Parties incorporating CITES into their Na Plan (NBSAP).	itional Bi	odiversity Str	ategy and Actior
3.4.2a	Has CITES been incorporated into your country's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)?		Yes No No inform	ation
3.4.2b	Have you been able to obtain funds from the Global Environm Facility (GEF) or other sources to support CITES aspects of N implementation?		Yes No	ation \square

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

No information

Objective 3.5		Parties and the Secretariat co agreements dealing with natural collaborative approach to specie those which are commercially e Aichi Target 2, Target 4, Target Target 19.	l resourd es which xploited	ces, as a n can be l.	ipprop endan	riate, in gered l	orde by un	r to achieve a coh sustainable trade,	erent and , including
Indicator 3.	Indicator 3.5.1: The number of cooperative actions taken under established bilat to prevent species from being unsustainably exploited through i								reements
3.5.1a	mult bein	your country taken action under tilateral agreements other than C ng unsustainably exploited throug es', please provide details:	ITES to	prevent	specie			Yes No No information	
Indicator 3.	5.2:	The number of times other relenatural resources are consulted							
3.5.2a									
	Average number of times per year that international organizations or agreements have been consulted by CITES Authorities] 2-5 times] 6-20 times	More than 20 times	No consultation	Optional common which organizations ussues consu	tions and
		agement Authority(ies)							
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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.

If 'Yes' please provide details / links:

How could this report format be improved?

Collection of information pursuant to *Commission*Regulation (EC) No 865/2006

Standard template for collection of information pursuant to Article 69(5) of *Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006*

Beyond the communication of information referred to in Article 15(4)(c) of *Council Regulation (EC)* No 338/97¹ with regards the CITES Implementation Report², Article 69(5) of *Commission Regulation (EC)* No 865/2006³ requires the EU Member States to report on additional aspects, as stipulated in points (a) to (f):

- (a) persons and bodies registered in accordance with Articles 18 and 19;
- (b) scientific institutions registered in accordance with Article 60;
- (c) breeders approved in accordance with Article 63;
- (d) caviar (re-)packaging plants licensed in accordance with Article 66(7);
- (e) the use of phytosanitary certificates in accordance with Article 17;
- (f) cases where export permits and re-export certificates were issued retrospectively in accordance with Article 15.

These points are reflected in the standard template below, with the exception of the reporting requirement under Article 69(5)(d) concerning caviar (re-)packaging plants. This omission is due to such reporting requirement being covered by the notification pursuant to Article 66(7) of the Commission Regulation, which states that lists of processing and (re-)packaging plant facilities (including caviar producing aquaculture operations) licensed by the Management Authority of a Member State, and any changes thereto, shall be notified to the Secretariat of the Convention and to the Commission.

Article 69(6) of the Commission Regulation, as amended through Commission Regulation (EU) No XX/2021⁴, states that the above information shall be submitted in a computerised form together with the CITES Implementation Report. The present document provides the Member State Management Authorities with a standard template to fulfil these reporting obligations and allows the European Commission to gather Union-wide standardised information on the reporting aspects that fall outside the scope of CITES reporting requirements. This information complements that submitted in the EU Member State CITES Implementation Reports.

The deadline for submission of this information by the Member States, together with their Implementation Reports, is one year ahead of each meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties and shall correspond to the three-year period ending on 31 December of the previous year. For practical purposes, given that meeting dates for the CoP19 have not yet been confirmed, 15 June 2021 is proposed as the deadline for the current reporting cycle. Member States are encouraged to provide further details in the text boxes provided.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A31997R0338

² https://cites.org/eng/resources/reports/Implementation_report

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32006R0865

⁴ See document COM 91-3-1a) (a version of which is also available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12866-Alignment-of-EU-rules-to-recent-decisions-taken-under-CITES-the-international-convention-on-wildlife-trade) for a recent draft of the amending Regulation, which is due to be adopted by the Commission in or around August 2021.

Reporting on the application of permitting and registration procedures (1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020)

1	Have persons and bodies been registered in accordance with Article 18 (simplified procedures with regard to certain trade in biological samples) and Article 19 (simplified procedures with regard to export or re-export of dead specimens) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006? If yes, please specify details below.	Yes No No information available	
2	Have scientific institutions been registered in accordance with Article 60 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006? If yes, please specify details below.	Yes No No information available	
3	Have breeders been approved in accordance with Article 63 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006? If yes, please specify details below.	Yes No No information available	
4	Are phytosanitary certificates used in accordance with Article 17 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006? If yes, please specify details.	Yes No No information available	
5	Have cases occurred where export permits and re-export certificates were issued retrospectively in accordance with Article 15 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006? If yes, please specify details below.	Yes No No information available	