CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Party: IRELAND

CITES Implementation Report for the period 2018 -2020

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	IRELAND (IE)
Period covered in this report	2018- 2020
Department or agency preparing this report	CITES Management Authority
Contributing departments, agencies and organizations	Revenue (Customs) OPW (Scientific Authority)

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 No Not Applicable If 'Yes', have you shared information with the Secretariat? Yes No Not Applicable If 'No', please provide details to the Secretariat with 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 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 challen	ges faced	or issues	overcome:		
	If 'No', do you have any plans to move towards e-permitting¹?	\boxtimes				
	If you are planning to move towards e-permitting, please explain what might help you to do so:					
	o e-permi	tting				

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.

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 inf.			
	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 <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				
	Are there other cases judged by a Management Authority to merit the use of simplified procedures?						
	If 'Yes', please provide details:						
	Under Article 19 of Commission Regulation 865/2006						
	In the case of the export or re-export of dead specimens of species,						
	including any parts or derivatives thereof, listed in Annexes B and C to Regulation (EC) No 338/97, Member States may provide for the use of simplified procedures on the basis of pre-issued export permits or re-export certificates.	\boxtimes					
	Ireland has availed of this facility to allow the re-exports of alligator watchstraps from a designated company.						

Objective 1.3 Implementation of the Convention at the national level is consistent with decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

All Aichi targets relevant to CITES, particularly Target 9, Target 14 and Target 18.

Indicator 1.3.1: The number of Parties that have implemented relevant reporting under Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties and/or Standing Committee recommendations.

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 [link to location on the CITES website where the reporting requirements are					
	listed])?					
	Responses provided to ALL relevant reporting requirements 🛛					
	Responses provided to SOME of the relevant reporting requirements					
	Responses provided to NONE of the relevant 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?					

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

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

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			*31
	- the trends and impact of trade on Appendix II species?			\boxtimes	
	- the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species?	\boxtimes			4*
	- 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?		\boxtimes		

	If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please provide:				
	*There have been several studies on Irish Appendix I and II species which have been undertaken to fulfil national and EU Article 17 reporting under the EU Habitats and Birds Directive. https://www.npws.ie/publications/article-17-reports				
	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.				
1.5.1b	How are the results of such surveys, studies or other analyses used in making non-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): Ireland operates stricter domestic measure under EU CITES Regulations. Ireland does not export wild-taken native species, however there have been several studies on Irish Appendix I and II species which have been undertaken to fulfil national and EU Article 17 reporting under the EU Habitats and Birds Directive. https://www.npws.ie/publications/article-17-reports				
1.5.1c	Do you have specific conservation measures or recovery plans for naturally occurring Appendix-I listed species? No Not Applicable No information				
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including, if possible, an evaluation of their impact:				
	Some vagrant cetacean populations are reported on in The status of EU protected Habitats and Species in Ireland Report 2019 https://www.npws.ie/publications/article-17-reports				
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:				

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.	\boxtimes	
	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.		
	Ireland does not export any of its native wild-taken specimens so non detriment findings are not required for these. Al the sources listed above are taken into account when making non detriment findings for the import and re-export of CITES listed species to and from Ireland as required under the stricter EU CITES Regulations.		

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

1.5.2a						No
			Yes	No	info	rmation
	Do you have standard procedures for making non-detriment finding in line with Resolution Conf. 16.7?	ings				
	If 'Yes', please briefly describe your procedures for n or attach as an annex to this report, or provide a link to when on the internet:					
	The National Botanic Gardens as the Scientific Authority for Ir documents produced on the 9 step process https://www.bfn.de/en/activities/species-conservation/speciesconventions/cites/non-detriment-findings.html.			-		
	NBG also use any and all relevant guidance and sources of infoliterature and online taxonomic databases for plants (Kew Plahttp://www.plantsoftheworldonline.org/) and animals (e.g. Cohttp://www.coralsoftheworld.org/page/home/) and include recess. Conf 16.7.	ants of oral da	the W tabase	orld o	nline	portal
	Where Ireland exports captive bred specimens, such as falcon involves an examination of the breeding records and operatio applied through Article 54 of Regulation EC No 865/06).	•				
1.5.2b	When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of the follo	owing				
	guidance been used?		Plea	se tick	all tha	at apply
	Virtual Co	ollege			\boxtimes	
	IUCN Che	ecklist			\boxtimes	
	Resolution Conf.	. 16.7			\boxtimes	
	2008 NDF work	kshop				
	Species specific guid	•			\boxtimes	
		Other			\boxtimes	
	If 'Other' or 'Species specific guidance', please specify details:					
1.5.2c	How often do you review and/or change your non-detriment findings?	Case by Innually Every tw	,	·s		
		ess fred	•			
	Α	mix of	the ab	ove		\boxtimes
	Please describe the circumstances under which non-detriment file	indings	would	be cha	anged	:
	EU Scientific Review Group positive, negative or in consultation appears for import into Ireland a full investigation into the sour					•

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	\boxtimes
	If 'Yes', do you set quotas based on population survey, or by other means? Please specify, for each species, how quotas are set:		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 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:	

Ireland is a party to the **CMS**, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the **AEWA**, Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, and the **IWC**, the International Whaling Commission

We are not aware of any agreements that specifically provide for co-management of CITES listed species. We don't think either of the **CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity or Good Friday Agreement qualify for inclusion as they are overarching agreements (GFA has an environment component but not a specific CITES one).

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

1.6.2a	Do you have any cooperative management plans, including recovery plans, in place for shared populations of CITES-listed species?		Yes ☐ No⊠
	If 'Yes', please list the specie to a published plan for each	link or reference	
	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 ² ?
	Staff of Management Authority						Our Zoo Inspectorate provided training for the Management Authority and our Regional Management on the taking of DNA samples from Birds of Prey
	Staff of Scientific Authority						
	Staff of enforcement authorities				\boxtimes		
	Traders						
	NGOs						
	Public						
	Other (please specify):						

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

1.6.3b	Have the CITES authorities been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity-building activities to other range States?						
	No Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity. Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority						
	Staff of Scientific Authority						
	Staff of enforcement authorities						
	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	Further detail / examples
	Information exchange			\boxtimes			
	Monitoring / survey						
	Habitat management						
	Species management			\boxtimes			Co-operation with the
							UK CITES Management Authority in relation to Eel Management
	Law enforcement						
	Capacity building						
	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

- 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	Do you have, are you engaged in, or covered by:	Yes	No	No Information		
_	- an international enforcement strategy and/or action plan?	\boxtimes				
_	- formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network?	\boxtimes				
_	- a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan?		\boxtimes			
_	- formal national interagency cooperation, such as a national interagency enforcement committee?			\boxtimes		
	 If 'Yes' to any of the above, please specify the level of eng details: 	agemen	t and prov	ride additional		
	Ireland as Member State of the EU is a party to the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking. Our enforcement agencies are a party to Interpol/Europol					
	The Customs Policy area on Prohibitions and Restrictions attends the EU WILDLIFE TRADE ENFORCEMENT GROUP					

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.

1.7.2a	Do you have a process or mechanism for reviewing your enforcement strategy(ies) and the activities taken to implement your strategy(ies)?	Yes No, but review is under consideration No No information				
	If 'Yes', what do you do?					
	If 'Yes' or 'No, but review is under consideration', which tools do yo	u find of value?				
1.7.2b	Have you used the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, or equivalent tools?	Yes No, but toolkit use is under consideration No I No I 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:	iane the toolnit of equivalent				

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? If 'Yes', please provide the title of the legislation and a summary of the penalties available	Yes Signal No Signal No Information Signal S				
	Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended) Penalties: "74 (3) Where a person commits an offence under Part II (other than under section 28, 33, 34 or 38) or under section 45, 47, 51, 52, 53A or 58(3)(b) in relation to—(a) any specimen of a species of fauna specified in the Fourth Schedule,					
	(b) any specimen of a species listed in annexes to the CITES Regulations, or					
	(c) any specimen of a species of flora or fauna which is of a species for the time being declared by regulations under this section to be a species to which this subsection relates,					
	such person is liable—					
	(i) on summary conviction, to a class A fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both, or					
	(ii) on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding €100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years					
1.7.3b	Are criminal offences such as poaching and wildlife trafficking recognized as serious crime ³ in your country?	Yes				
	If 'Yes', please explain what criteria must be met for poaching or w treated as serious crimes:	vildlife trafficking offences to be				
1.7.3c	Do you have capacity to use forensic technology ⁴ to support the investigation of CITES offences?	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:					
	If 'Yes', and your country has an appropriate forensic analysis facili please indicate which species it applies to:	lity for CITES-listed species,				

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.

⁴ 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).

1.7.3d	Did your authorities participate in or initiate any multi- law enforcement operation(s) targeting CITES-listed during the period covered in this report? If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including an other Parties:	8	Yes No No informatio ned which mig		
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?	Yes No No informatio	n 🖂		
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 ⁶			\boxtimes	
	Predicate offences ⁷			\boxtimes	
	Asset forfeiture ⁸			\boxtimes	
	Corruption ⁹			\boxtimes	
	International cooperation in criminal matters ¹⁰			\boxtimes	
	Organized crime ¹¹			\boxtimes	
	Specialized investigation techniques ¹²			\boxtimes	
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain how each brief summary, including any lessons learned which r				
1.7.3g	Do you have institutional capacity to implement the legislative provisions listed in question 1.7.3f against CITES offences? 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.

⁵ 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.

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 officials.

¹⁰ 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.

1.7.4a	Do you use risk assessment to target CITES enforcement effort?	Always	
		Very often	
		Sometimes	
		Rarely	\boxtimes
		Never	
		No information	
1.7.4b	Do you have capacity to analyse information gathered on illegal	Yes	
	trade in CITES-listed species?	No	
		No information	\boxtimes
1.7.4c	Do you use criminal intelligence ¹³ to inform investigations into	Always	
	illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Very often	
		Sometimes	\boxtimes
		Rarely	
		Never	
		No information	
1.74d	Have you implemented any supply-side activities to address illegal	Yes	
	trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	No, but activities are under development	
		No	
		No information	
1.7.4e	Have you implemented any demand-side activities to address	Yes	
	illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	No, but activities are under development	
		No	
		No information	\boxtimes

13 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	During the period covered in this report:			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 offend details:	es. If avai	lable, pleas	e attach
1.7.5b	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of CITES-related offences?			
	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 confisca	ited specir	mens?	
	Do you have good practice that you would like to share with ot	her Partie	s?	

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: The making of non-detriment findings? Permit officers? Enforcement officers?	Yes/No □ ⊠ □ ⊠	
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) ¹⁴ for your	Yes	\boxtimes
	Management Authority(ies)?	No	
	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 ¹⁵ ?	Yes	\boxtimes
	If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?	No	
	The production of certificates and permits within a thirty day period		
	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:		

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.

	We managed to meet our performance targets in most instances but the Covid -19 pandemic, lack of staffing resources and Brexit did affect our processing times.			
	If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a			
	result of: - availability of funding?	Yes		No
	- number of staff?	\boxtimes		
	a shortage of skills?			\boxtimes
	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 Authority(ies)? If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d. If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?		Yes No	
	If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards ⁴⁸ ? If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?		Yes 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?			
2.2.1c	Do you have an approved service standard(s) ⁴⁷ for your enforcement authority(ies)?		Yes No	
	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 ? If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?		Yes 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: - availability of funding? - number of staff?	Yes		No
	 a shortage of skills? If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of? 			
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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 so	ufficient of the following fo	or your authorities to function e	effectively?			
		Management Scientific Authority(ies) Authority(ies)					
	Funding?	Yes ⊠ No 🗌	Yes⊠ No □	Yes 🗌 No 🗌			
	Staff?	Yes ☐ No 🛚	Yes ☐ No 🏻	Yes ☐ No 🛚			
	Skills?	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes⊠ No □	Yes ☐ No 🛚			
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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	covered in this report to enhance the effectiveness of CITES						
	implementation at the national level?	Tick if applicable					
	Hiring of more staff			Ш			
	Development of implementation tools						
	Purchase of technical equipment for implementati	on, monitoring	g or enforcement	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	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								
	Trade information				\boxtimes				
	Non-detriment findings								
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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 app	icable
	Administrative procedures	
	 Issuance of CITES documents (e.g. for import, exports, re-export, or introduction from the sea) 	
	 Shipment clearance (e.g. for the import, export, re-export, or introduction from the sea of CITES-listed species) 	
	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?	10 <u> </u>
	If 'Yes', please provide an internet link, or a copy of the schedule to the Secretariat:	
2.2.3c	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation	n2
2.2.00	The Irish CITES Management Authority do not charge fees for any services provided.	1:
	Entirely	
	Partly	
	Not at all	
	Not relevant	
	Noticiovant	

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 measures ¹⁶ such as Convention?	those described	d in CoP14 Doc 14.32 to implement	the
	o silve indexi.	Yes	No	
	Due diligence			
	Compensatory mechanisms			
	Certification			
	Communal property rights			
	Auctioning of quotas			
	Cost recovery or environmental of	charges 🗌		
	Enforcement incentives			
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, or if you use of further information:	ther measures,	please provide a summary or link to	
	We do not use any of these incentive me	easures		
2.2.4b	Have incentives harmful to biodiversity be	en eliminated?		
	Not at all			
	Very little			
		_		
	Somewhat			
	Completely			
	Completely			
	We have no information to complete this	s question		

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 you run during the period covered in this	is report?			Without assistance from the Secretariat			Conducted or assisted by the Secretariat
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		ľ	More tha	an 20				
	Please list the Resolutions or Decisions	involve	d:					
	The Irish CITES Management Authori mandated by Resolu	-				•		•
2.3.1b	What sorts of capacity building activities	have ta	aken pla	ice? N	one			
2.3.1c	What capacity building needs do you ha	ve?						
	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	\square
		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: Not applicable	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?							information
	If 'Yes', please tick boxes to indicate type of assistance provided Country(ies)	Species Management ¹⁸	Habitat Management ¹⁹	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		Relevant User
	requirements by the wider public and relevant user groups?	Wider public	Groups
	 Press conferences 		
	 Press releases 		
	 Newspaper articles, brochures, leaflets 		
	 Television appearances 		
	 Radio appearances 		
	- Presentations		\boxtimes
	CITES presentation made as part of training for NPWS regional staff on Falconry and related issues.		
	 Public consultations / meetings 		
	 Market surveys 		
	- Displays		
	 Information at border crossing points 		
	 Telephone hotline 		
	 Website(s) – if so please provide link(s) 		\boxtimes
	Brexit and implications for CITES trade in Ireland National Parks & Wildlife Service (npws.ie)		
	- 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							
	Staff of enforcement authorities							
3.2.2b		ur experience with using the CITES website? Excellent Good Average Poor Very Poor No information ents on the CITES Website? (e.g. useful aspects, any difficulties encountered, and 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) ²⁰ to which your country is party?	Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please give a brief description:		

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	No information
3.3.2b	In addition to 3.2.2a, how many national level projects has your count implemented which integrate CITES issues?	No information	
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?		
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities?		
	Local authorities or communities?		
	Indigenous or local peoples?		
	Trade or other private sector associations?		
	NGOs?		
	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?		
	National accounting?		

²⁰ 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.

Indicator 3.3.3: The number of Parties cooperating / collaborating with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in and/or fund CITES workshops and other training and capacity-building activities.

3.3.3a	Has funding been provided or received to facilitate CITES workshops, training or other capacity building activities		Which
	to / from:	Tick if applicable	organizations?
	Inter-governmental organizations?		
	Non-governmental organizations?		

Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals, the sustainable development goals set at WSSD, the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020* and the relevant *Aichi Biodiversity Targets*, and the relevant outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.

This objective may also be assessed by a variety of means beyond the reporting format, including action taken to implement many of the CITES resolutions and decisions. Aichi Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 12, Target 14, Target 17, Target 18 and Target 19.

Indicator 3.4.1: The conservation status of species listed on the CITES Appendices has stabilized 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? Yes No Not Applicate Appendix I Appendix II Appendix III					
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Appendix III					
If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please provide:					
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References:					
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Vagrant Cetacean species, occurring in Irish waters are monitored and reported on every					
years. The Status of EU protected Habitats and Species in Ireland 2019 report. (pdf availabhttps://www.npws.ie/publications/article-17-reports)					
Ticeps. 17 vvvvvvi i pvvsii e/pablications/ai ticie 17 reports)					
The conservation status of Irish Orchids has been assessed recently in:					
Wyse Jackson, M., FitzPatrick, Ú., Cole, E., Jebb, M., McFerran, D., Sheehy Skeffington, M. &					
Wright, M. (2016) Ireland Red List No. 10: Vascular Plants. National Parks and Wildlife Service					
Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Dublin, Ireland.					
(https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/RL10%20VascularPlants.pdf)					
and the Irish Orchid Society hosts and holds Irish orchid related information					
http://www.irishorchidsociety.org/ireland/					
3.4.1b Do you have examples of specific examples of success stories or Yes					
emerging problems with any CITES listed species? No					
No information ⊠ If 'Yes', please provide details:					

Indicator 3.4.2: The number of Parties incorporating CITES into their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

3.4.2a	Has CITES been incorporated into your country's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)? We include our CITES obligations in our National Biodiversity Action Plan.	Yes No No information	
3.4.2b	Have you been able to obtain funds from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) or other sources to support CITES aspects of NBSAP implementation?	Yes No No information	

Objective 3.5	Parties and the S	Secretariat coop	erate with other	relevant inter	national orga	nizations
and agreements	dealing with natu	ral resources, a	is appropriate, i	in order to acl	nieve a cohe	rent and
collaborative appr	pach to species wh	iich can be enda	ngered by unsus	stainable trade	, including the	se which
are commercially	exploited.					

Aichi Target 2, Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 10, Target 12, Target 14 and Target 19.

Indicator 3.5.1: The number of cooperative actions taken under established bilateral or multilateral agreements to prevent species from being unsustainably exploited through international trade.

3.5.1a	Has your country taken action under established bilateral or multilateral agreements other than CITES to prevent species from being unsustainably exploited through international trade? If 'Yes', please provide details:	Yes No No information	
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Indicator 3.5.2: The number of times other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources are consulted on issues relevant to species subject to unsustainable trade.

3.5.2a	Average number of times per year that international organizations or agreements have been consulted by CITES Authorities	Once	2-5 times	6-20 times	More than 20 times	No consultation	Optional comment about which organizations and issues consulted on
	Management Authority(ies)						
	Scientific Authority(ies)						
	Enforcement Authority(ies)						

General feedback

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

Item		
Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation if changed Web link(s)	Enclosed Not available Previously provided	
The only CITES relevant legislation published in the 2018-2020 period is:		
S.I. 411/2019 European Union CITES Simplified Procedures Regulations 2019		
Please list any materials annexed to the report, e.g. fee schedules,	, awareness raising materi	als, etc:
Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in country requiring attention or assistance?	n our Yes No No Information	
If 'Yes', please describe the constraint and the type of attention or a	assistance that is required.	
Are there examples of good practice you would like to share with o Parties?		
How could this report format be improved?		
The format of this Report is currently too broad and has t subdivided and sent to the various governmental agencies for input. This is not a report that can be completed in its entirety b Management Authority.	their	
It could be improved by having it divided into more targ questions for Management, Scientific, Enforcement, Cust Biodiversity Strategy, and Legislative procedures.		
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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