

STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS FOR IMPLEMENTING CITES
(UPDATED FEBRUARY 2025)

PARTIES WITH LEGISLATION IN CATEGORY 1
Parties in bold have been added since SC78

Albania	Jordan	United Republic of Tanzania
Andorra	Kuwait	United States of America
Angola	Lao PDR	Uruguay
Argentina	Latvia	Vanuatu
Australia	Liechtenstein	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Austria	Lithuania	Viet Nam
Bahamas	Luxembourg	Yemen
Barbados	Madagascar	Zimbabwe
Belgium	Malaysia	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Malawi	
Botswana	Maldives	
Brazil	Malta	
Brunei Darussalam	Mauritania	
Bulgaria	Mauritius	
Cambodia	Mexico	
Cameroon	Monaco	
Canada	Morocco	
Chile	Namibia	
China	Netherlands	
Colombia	New Zealand	
Costa Rica	Nicaragua	
Croatia	Nigeria	
Cuba	Norway	
Cyprus	Pakistan	
Czech Republic	Panama	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Papua New Guinea	
Denmark	Paraguay	
Dominican Republic	Peru	
Egypt	Poland	
El Salvador	Portugal	
Equatorial Guinea	Qatar	
Estonia	Republic of Korea	
Ethiopia	Republic of Moldova	
European Union	Romania	
Fiji	Russian Federation	
Finland	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
France	San Marino	
Georgia	Saudi Arabia	
Germany	Senegal	
Greece	Serbia	
Guatemala	Sierra Leone	
Guinea-Bissau	Singapore	
Guyana	Slovakia	
Honduras	Slovenia	
Hungary	Solomon Islands	
Iceland	South Africa	
India	Spain	
Indonesia	Sweden	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Switzerland	
Ireland	Thailand	
Israel	Tunisia	
Italy	Türkiye	
Jamaica	Uganda	
Japan	Ukraine	
	United Arab Emirates	
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	

Table 1: Parties, except recently acceded Parties, with legislation in Category 2 or 3¹

	Party	Entry into force of the Convention	Cat.	Progress summary	Next steps	Last update
1	Afghanistan	28.01.1986	3	Enabling environmental legislation enacted. Implementing regulations have been prepared and submitted to the Secretariat for analysis but in national language only. Awaiting finalisation of regulations and translation. No answer to any request for update from the Secretariat since August 2019.	Finalization and submission of draft revised legislation and implementing regulations to the Secretariat for review.	Aug.2019
2	Algeria	21.02.1984	2	Draft legislation presented to the Council of Ministers on 3 July 2022. Revised draft sent to Secretariat on 10 March 2024. Various legislative reviews and exchanges. Last revised draft and legislative review by the Secretariat on 31 October 2024. Revised legislation should allow for move to Category 1.	Transmission of the draft to Parliament, adoption and promulgation. Agreement between Algeria and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Oct. 2024
3	Antigua and Barbuda	06.10.1997	2	Comprehensive enabling legislation adopted in 2019 and submitted to the Secretariat. Legislation placed in Category 2, pending the finalization of the implementing regulations. No answer to any request for update from the Secretariat since June 2020.	Finalization and submission of implementing regulations. Agreement between AG and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	June 2020
4	Armenia	21.01.2009	2	Elements of CITES covered in existing legislation translated and submitted to the Secretariat. Additional legislation / regulations being developed, with advice from the Secretariat. Legislative analysis done by the Secretariat in August 2023 and comments provided to Armenia. Follow up in November 2023 and early 2024. Revised legislative analysis pending with the Secretariat.	Finalisation of revised legislation / regulations by Armenia. Agreement between Armenia and the Secretariat on the legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Feb. 2024
5	Azerbaijan	21.02.1999	2	CITES legislation enacted. English translation provided to the Secretariat. First formal warning issued at SC74. Second formal warning issued at SC77. Guidance requested by Azerbaijan in Nov. 2023. Further guidance on 18.12.2023. Request for update sent on 18 Feb. 2024 and meeting proposed, as requested by Azerbaijan. No answer received.	Agreement between AZ and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Nov. 2023
6	Bahrain	17.11.2012	2	Legislation adopted and published in March 2021. Legislative analysis done in July 2023. Request for clarifications was sent to Bahrain.	Agreement between BH and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Nov. 2023

¹ **Keys:**

Category:

1: legislation that is believed generally to meet all four requirements for effective implementation of CITES

2: legislation that is believed generally to meet one to three of the four requirements for effective implementation of CITES

3: legislation that is believed generally not to meet any of the four requirements for effective implementation of CITES

Bold: Parties requiring attention of the Standing Committee as a priority

Entry into force of the Convention: date on which Party's adherence to the Convention took effect

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				Answer by Bahrain in Nov. 2023. Analysis made by the Secretariat on 17.11.2023. Request for update sent on 18 Feb. 2024.		
7	Bangladesh	18.02.1982	2	Enabling legislation enacted and submitted to the Secretariat in national language. Implementing regulations are being developed but have not yet been submitted to the Secretariat. Request for update sent on 18 Feb. 2024. Bangladesh still working on revising its draft legislation. Further Advice provided in March 2024.	Article XIII process ongoing. Finalization and submission of implementing regulations. Agreement between BD and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	March 2024
8	Belarus	08.11.1995	2	First formal warning issued at SC74. Enabling and implementing legislation enacted. Legislations and regulations translated in English sent to the Secretariat in Oct. 2023. Legislative analysis done by Secretariat on 23.10.2023. Further submission by Belarus in Nov. 2023. Various exchanges and legislative analysis conducted between Dec. 2023 and March 2024.	Agreement between BY and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	March. 2024
9	Belize	21.09.1981	2	Bill introduced to Parliament in September 2020. Due to change of government, the bill was put on hold. In Nov. 2021, the bill was reintroduced to the Cabinet and was expected to be reintroduced to Parliament in 2022. Legislative analysis and request for clarifications sent in July 2023. Legislative analysis by the Secretariat in August 2023. No answers to requests for update sent in Oct., Nov. 2023, and Jan., Feb. 2024.	Legislation ready to move to Category 1 when appointment of SA is finalised. This appointment might be done by September.	Aug. 2023
10	Benin	28.05.1984	2	SSFA with the Secretariat completed. CITES legislation enacted in July 2021. Implementing regulations being developed; comments provided by the Secretariat. Update submitted by Benin on 19 Feb. 2024 with copies of the enacted law and draft regulations. Full legislative analysis done 11.4.2024.	Finalization and submission of implementing regulations. Agreement by Benin and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	April 2024
11	Bhutan	13.11.2002	2	Comments by the Secretariat provided on draft legislation. Updates received from Bhutan in May, Oct. and Nov. 2024. Legislation adopted. Three legislative analyses conducted by the Secretariat.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation. Agreement by Bhutan and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Oct. 2024
12	Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.04.2009	2	Legislation enacted and published. Submitted in English for analysis and placed in Category 2. First formal warning issued at SC74. Engagement with the Secretariat in	Identified gaps in national legislation to be addressed by BA. Agreement by BA and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including	June 2024

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				October 2023, for submission of updated legislation. Second formal warning issued at SC77. Update on national legislation received in Jan. 2024. Full legislative analysis by the Secretariat sent on 27 Feb. 2024. Further exchanges and analysis by the Secretariat in June 2024.	possible Category 1 status.	
13	Burkina Faso	11.01.1990	2	Commitment at ministerial level to prepare draft legislation in the form of a decree. Formal request for assistance. Letter received on 19 Feb. 2024, BF to submit a full update soon. However, no update received.	Preparation of draft legislation and sharing with the Secretariat for analysis.	March 2022
14	Burundi	06.11.1988	2	CITES enabling legislation enacted in 2011 and submitted to the Secretariat in 2016. Certain gaps identified by the Secretariat. A consultant was hired in Burundi to work on the legislation. New draft legislation prepared. Comments provided by the Secretariat in Nov. 2021. Finalized draft legislation submitted to the Council of Ministers for further analysis. Estimated date for enactment is by end of year 2023. Request for update sent on 18 Feb. 2024. No answer received.	Endorsement draft legislation from the Council of Ministers. Adoption and promulgation. Agreement by Burundi and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Feb. 2024
15	Cabo Verde	08.11.2005	3	Strong commitment to prepare legislation. Legislative plan in place but progress is slow. Request for update sent on 18 Feb. 2024. No answer received.	Preparation of draft legislation; drafting assistance needed.	Aug.2019
16	Central African Republic	25.11.1980	3	Draft legislation prepared and comments provided by the Secretariat. Comments sent to CAR in May 2022. Update on 19 Feb. 2024: legislative work is relaunched. CAR submits its Code on Fauna and draft implementing decrees. Full legislative analysis done by the Secretariat on 4 June 2024.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation. Agreement between CF and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	June 2024
17	Chad	03.05.1989	2	Draft amendment law and specific CITES regulation to be prepared. Request for update sent on 18 Feb. 2024. No answer received.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation; drafting assistance possibly needed.	Aug. 2019
18	Comoros	21.02.1995	3	SSFA with the Secretariat completed. Comments on draft legislation provided by Secretariat. Delays in the validation of the draft due to Covid-19. No update in 2022 / 2023. Recommendation to suspend trade at SC77. Guidance sent on 15.11.2023. Updated draft law received on 30 Jan. 2024. Legislative analysis sent on 1 Feb. 2024. Trade suspension not implemented. No report on any progress on legislation since Feb. 2024.	Finalization and submission of the legislation to the Secretariat for analysis. Agreement between Comoros and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Feb. 2024

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19	Congo	01.05.1983	2	Observations on draft legislation provided by Secretariat in early 2019. Recommendation to suspend trade at SC77. Draft legislation and revised legislative calendar sent 29 Nov. 2023. Legislative reviews done 5, 18 and 22 Dec. 2023. Trade suspension not implemented. Regular updates on progress received in 2024. Legislation finalised and estimated date of adoption: first quarter 2025.	Finalization and adoption of the legislation by Congo. Agreement between Congo and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Sept. 2024
20	Côte d'Ivoire	19.02.1995	2	SSFA with the CITES Secretariat completed. Comments by the Secretariat on revised draft law and regulations. Draft CITES legislation received on 19 Feb. 2024. Full legislative analysis done in March 2024. CITES legislation and other environmental legislations adopted in June 2024. Update received in Oct. 2024. Revised legislative analysis by the Secretariat in Dec. 2024. Legislation moving to Category 2, and clarifications being sought from Côte d'Ivoire to consider move to Category 1.	Clarifications being sought from Côte d'Ivoire to consider possible Category 1 status.	Dec. 2024
21	Djibouti	07.05.1992	3	Subject to a recommendation to suspend all commercial trade since 30 April 2004. Letter from the Secretariat to Djibouti in March 2019. No response and no progress. Update received in July 2023. Analysis by the Secretariat in Aug. 2023. Further elements and copy of the Environmental Code provided by DJ on 15 Nov. 2023. Revised legislative analysis by the Secretariat on 21 Dec. 2023. Meeting with Sec. and further NLP guidance on 5 Feb. 2024.	Preparation of draft CITES legislation and submission to the Secretariat for legislative analysis. Agreement between Djibouti and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Feb. 2024
22	Dominica	02.11.1995	3	Draft legislation prepared and reviewed by DM and Secretariat. First formal warning at SC70. Second formal warning issued at SC71. Revised draft legislation April 2022. No report since 2022. Recommendation to suspend trade at SC77. Update on NLP and draft law sent on 6 Feb. 2024. Legislative analysis by the Secretariat on the same day. Trade suspension in effect. Further guidance provided during Secretariat mission to Dominica in March 2024. No update received since.	Finalisation and adoption of CITES legislation. Agreement between DM and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	March 2024

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23	Ecuador	01.07.1975	2	Legislation enacted but gaps identified by the Secretariat. No update in 2022 and 2023. Full report on legislative framework and updated legislative calendar submitted at SC77. Analysis by Secretariat at SC77. Further update and full legislative analysis done by the Secretariat on 21 May 2024. Further exchanges with the Secretariat in 2024 and during a mission in Sept. 2024.	Article XIII process ongoing. Finalization of implementing legislation. Agreement between Ecuador and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including for placement in Category 1.	Sept. 2024
24	Eritrea	22.01.1995	2	SSFA with UNEP completed. Draft legislation prepared with comments by the Secretariat and translated into local languages and submitted to Ministry for approval. No update received since Dec. 2021.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation; agreement between Eritrea and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis.	Dec. 2021
25	Eswatini	27.05.1997	2	Comprehensive revised draft legislation finalized and submitted. Submission draft legislative bill in May 2024. Full legislative analysis done by Secretariat on 8 August 2024. Update on national legislation and designation of authorities received in Oct. 2024. Legislation adopted. Further analysis by the Secretariat.	Adoption and enactment of legislation. Agreement between Eswatini and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including for placement in Category 1.	Oct. 2024
26	Gabon	14.05.1989	2	Comments provided by the Secretariat on draft legislation in January 2017. Revised draft submitted in July 2018. Observations on revised draft prepared by the Secretariat in 2019. Update on NLP and CITES Decree received in June 2024. Full legislative analysis by the Secretariat in Oct. 2024.	Finalization and submission of revised legislation. Agreement between Gabon and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including for placement in Category 1.	Oct. 2024
27	The Gambia	24.11.1977	2	SSFA with the UNEP completed. Draft Bill finalized and validated by all CITES Stakeholders. Update received on 20 Feb. 2024: Gambia still working on its draft bill. Revised draft bill and January 2024 comments from Government shared with the Secretariat. Full legislative analysis done by Secretariat on 16 April 2024.	Cabinet approval and submission of legislation. Agreement between GH and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including the need for implementing legislation.	April 2024
28	Ghana	12.02.1976	3	Bill has been through second reading in Parliament. Submission Wildlife Resources Management Act 2023 in May 2024. Full legislative analysis done by Secretariat on 8 August 2024.	Enactment, and submission to the Secretariat for analysis. Agreement between GH and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including the need for implementing legislation.	August 2024
29	Grenada	28.11.1999	3	Draft legislation prepared and reviewed by GD and Secretariat; formal request for assistance. First formal warning SC70. Second formal warning at SC71. Revised legislative	Finalization and submission of draft legislation; drafting assistance needed. Agreement between Grenada and Secretariat on	March 2024

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				analysis conducted by the Secretariat and request for clarifications sent in July 2023. Further guidance provided during Secretariat mission to Grenada in March 2024.	revised legislative analysis, including the need for implementing legislation.	
30	Guinea	20.12.1981	2	Subject to a recommendation to suspend trade since 16 May 2013. Several decrees adopted in 2019 and 2020. Observations by the Secretariat in July 2020. Objective to replace various instruments by one single decree to facilitate implementation and enforcement. Consultant recruited under CAP to draft this decree and share it with the Secretariat. Meeting Secretariat and submission revised legislation in April 2024. Full legislative analysis done by Secretariat on 14 May 2024. Draft legislation finalized and submitted for adoption.	Finalization and submission of new CITES decree for legislative new analysis by the Secretariat. Follow-up under CAP.	May 2024
31	Iraq	06.05.2014	3	National committee for the preparation of national CITES legislation established. Observations on draft legislation provided by the Secretariat. Online meeting in July 2020. Request for update sent on 18 Feb. 2024. No answer received.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation and submission to the Secretariat for analysis.	March 2021
32	Kazakhstan	19.04.2000	2	Legislation enacted and submitted in English in July 2016. Legislation reviewed various times by the Secretariat from 2016 to 2022. Submission of amendments being prepared in July 2023. Legislative analysis conducted by the Secretariat in Aug. 2023. Further information provided in Nov. 2023. Revised legislative analysis on 30 Nov. 2023.	Clarifications and potential amendment of legislation. Agreement between KZ and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Nov. 2023
33	Kenya	13.03.1979	2	Wildlife legislation enacted, but amendments underway to address concerns raised by the Secretariat in 2021/2022. Update on legislation sent on 3 Nov. 2023. First formal warning issued by SC77. Legislative analysis done by Secretariat in Nov.2023. Update received in Nov. 2024: Kenya to repeal existing legislation and replace it by new legislation. Legislative committee established.	Finalisation of new legislation. Agreement between KE and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Nov. 2024
34	Kyrgyzstan	02.09.2007	2	CITES legislation enacted and submitted to the Secretariat for analysis. First formal warning issued at SC74. Request for assistance and national legislation submitted in Oct. 2023. Second formal warning issued by SC77. Legislative analysis done by Secretariat on 5 Dec.2023. Further	Finalization and adoption of revised legislation. Agreement between KG and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Dec. 2024

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				analysis done in Oct. and December 2024.		
35	Lebanon	26.05.2013	3	Initial consultations between LB and the Secretariat. First formal warning issued at SC74. Second formal warning issued at SC77. No update received on legislation since Oct. 2016.	Transmission of existing CITES-related legislation to the Secretariat for analysis.	Oct. 2016
36	Lesotho	30.12.2003	3	Environmental legislation enacted. Comments provided by the Secretariat on revised draft legislation. SSFA with UNEP completed. Delays due to COVID19 in 2020/2021 and change of Government in 2022. New update received in March 2024. Full legislative analysis by the Secretariat on 6 June 2024.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation. Agreement between Lesotho and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	June 2024
37	Liberia	09.06.1981	2	Subject to a recommendation to suspend commercial trade since 15 March 2016. New wildlife legislation enacted and submitted to the Secretariat. Revised draft amendment to the National Wildlife Conservation and Protected Area Management Law has been submitted to the Secretariat. Comments provided by the Secretariat in Oct. 2021. A revised draft (Nov. 2021) was submitted to the Secretariat in Aug. 2023. Full legislative analysis by the Secretariat. Draft currently pending with the Liberian Legislature. Legislation placed in Category 2 at SC77. No update since SC77.	Finalisation and adoption of amended legislation. Agreement between LR and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis including possible Category 1 status.	Aug. 2023
38	Libya	28.04.2003	3	Draft legislation prepared but no translation provided to Secretariat. First formal warning at SC70. Second formal warning at SC71. Exchanges about an English version in 2022. No update received since May 2022. Recommendation to suspend trade at SC77. Trade suspension in effect.	Finalisation and translation of legislation. Agreement between LY and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	May 2022
39	Mali	16.10.1994	2	Legislation provided to the Secretariat for analysis. Gaps in legislation to be addressed. New update received on 25 March 2024. Full legislative analysis done by the Secretariat on 6 August 2024.	Finalization of legislation and submission for enactment. Agreement between Mali and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Aug. 2024
40	Mongolia	04.04.1996	2	First formal warning after SC69. Comments provided by the Secretariat on draft revision of legislation in August 2019. Update on national legislation received in Nov. 2023. Full legislative analysis by the Secretariat sent on 29 Jan. 2024.	Finalization of draft and submission for enactment. Adoption and submission to the Secretariat for analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Jan. 2024

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41	Montenegro	03.06.2006	2	CITES enabling legislation enacted in 2016. First formal warning issued at SC74. Rulebook on Trade in protected wild species of plants, animals, and fungi enacted in 2017. Legislative analysis sent to Montenegro in August 2023. No update received since August 2023.	Agreement between ME and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Aug. 2023
42	Mozambique	23.06.1981	2	CITES-specific legislation enacted. A comprehensive implementing regulation (Decree 34/2016) has been adopted and submitted to the Secretariat. Regulations translated in English in Aug. 2023 and transmitted to the Secretariat for legislative analysis. Comments and clarifications sent to Mozambique. Additional full legislative analysis done by the Secretariat in July and further in September 2024. Legislation ready for Category 1.	Legislation pending adoption. Legislation ready for Category 1.	Oct. 2024
43	Myanmar	11.09.1997	2	Revised CITES legislation enacted in May 2018. Implementing rules and regulations have been submitted for adoption by the Government. No update on legislation received since July 2020.	Finalization, adoption and submission of implementing rules; agreement between MM and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	July 2020
44	Nepal	16.09.1975	2	Legislation enacted in April 2017 and in force; recently submitted to the Secretariat for analysis. Implementing regulations have been promulgated in 2019. Update received on 19 Feb. 2024: 2017 CITES Act translated in English, awaiting translation of implementing regulations.	Submission of English translation of the implementing regulations to the Secretariat for analysis; agreement between Nepal and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Cat. 1 status.	Feb. 2024
45	Niger	07.12.1975	2	Comprehensive legislation adopted by Parliament and submitted to the Secretariat. Update received in Feb. 2024: transfer 2019 CITES Law and draft regulations for analysis. Full legislative analysis done by Secretariat on 6 March 2024. Additional update and legislative analysis done in Oct. 2024.	Implementing regulations to be finalized and submitted to the Secretariat for revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Oct. 2024
46	North Macedonia	02.10.2000	2	CITES legislation enacted and submitted in English to the Secretariat. Comments provided in August 2016. Formal warning issued at SC70. Second formal warning issued at SC77. Update on development new CITES law received 27 Dec. 2023. Full legislative analysis by the Secretariat on 29 Dec. 2023. Second legislative analysis done on 6 August 2024.	Finalisation and adoption of the legislation. Agreement between MK and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	August 2024
47	Oman	17.06.2008	2	First formal warning at SC70. Second formal warning at SC71. Draft legislation received in Feb.	Trade suspension in effect. Adoption of the Regulations complementing the Law on	Nov. 2024

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				2020. Comments by Secretariat in March 2020. Online meeting in July 2020. Revised draft law submitted and comments provided. New update in August 2023; however identical to the one from Feb. 2020. Recommendation to suspend trade at SC77. Trade suspension in effect. Numerous emails with MA, WTO PR and Kuwait to provide detailed guidance to Oman. Various legislative analysis of the CITES Law and draft regulations. Various meetings held in person and online. Legislation moved to Category 2. Draft regulations are finalised. Adoption would allow for move to Category 1.	wildlife would move the legislation of Oman to Category 1.	
48	Palau	15.07.2004	3	Secretariat provided comments on comprehensive draft legislation in Dec. 2014. Legislative analysis conducted by the Secretariat on updated draft legislation and comments provided in July 2023. Last update received 19 Feb. 2024: revised draft legislation submitted to the Bureau of Environment for review.	Endorsement of the updated draft legislation by the Minister and issuance of the final draft legislation (Est. date: September 2023). Enactment and adoption of the legislation.	Feb. 2024
49	Philippines	16.11.1981	2	CITES enabling and implementing legislation enacted. Observations on the draft legislation provided in Feb. 2020. Submission of a revised timetable to finalize the Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) on Introduction from the Sea to the Secretariat in August 2023: New estimated date of publication of the FAO: May 2024. Request for update sent 18 Feb. 2024. Update on 16 April 2024: FAO on IFS finalized and scheduled for public consultation.	Agreement between PH and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	April 2024
50	Rwanda	18.01.1981	2	Final draft law and implementing regulations have been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers and have been reviewed by the parliamentary Commission. The Law governing biological diversity has been approved and published in November 2021. Legislative analysis conducted by the Secretariat in Aug. 2023. Comments and request for clarifications sent to Rwanda. Legislation placed in Category 2 at SC77. No update received from Rwanda since August 2023.	Agreement between RW and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	August 2023
51	Saint Lucia	15.03.1983	2	Comments by the Secretariat provided on draft legislation. Clarifications to be provided by LC. Update received in March 2024. The 2019 draft CITES Regulations are still pending. Full legislative analysis	Finalization and submission of draft implementing legislation. Agreement between LC and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible	May 2024

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				done by Secretariat on 14 May 2024. Additional support and training requested from the Secretariat in Oct./Nov 2024. Initial support provided to Saint Lucia.	Category 1 status.	
52	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	28.02.1989	2	CITES legislation enacted and submitted to the Secretariat for analysis. Observations provided by the Secretariat. Request for update sent 18 Feb. 2024. Holding answer received on 5 March 2024. But no update received on NLP since Feb. 2020.	Finalisation of legislation and transmission to the Secretariat for analysis. Agreement between VC and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Feb. 2020
53	Samoa	07.02.2005	3	Draft legislation prepared. Assistance provided by NZ. Revised draft legislation prepared and submitted for enactment. Revised draft sent to Secretariat for analysis. Legislative analysis sent in Nov. 2023. Additional guidance Dec. 2023. Further revised draft in Jan. 2024 and revised legislative analysis on 12 Feb. 2024. Updated legislative analysis on 5 August 2024.	Submission of legislation. Agreement between LC and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Aug. 2024
54	Sao Tome and Principe	07.11.2001	3	Commitment to prepare draft legislation. No recent information on status. Second formal warning at SC71. Under suspension of all commercial trade since 7 May 2022. Proposal for meeting with FAO LEGN to discuss development of CITES legislation, 29 Nov. 2023. Meeting held on 21 Feb. 2024 to discuss legislation, annual reports, and capacity-building. Follow-up meeting on 16 Sept. 2024.	Trade suspension in effect. Preparation of draft legislation; drafting assistance needed.	Sept. 2024
55	Seychelles	09.05.1977	2	Enabling legislation adopted. Implementing regulations under preparation with the Attorney General's Office. Update received on 20 Feb. 2024 and submission CITES regulations for analysis. Full legislative analysis done by the Secretariat on 6 March 2024. Further revisions and legislative analysis by the Secretariat in Oct. and Nov. 2024.	Finalization of implementing regulations and transmission to the Secretariat. Agreement between Seychelles and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Nov. 2024
56	Somalia	02.03.1986	3	Subject to a recommendation to suspend all commercial trade since 30 July 2004. Observations provided on revised draft legislation in Nov. 2019. No report since. Request support on NLP on 6 Feb. 2024. Preliminary guidance provided by the Secretariat on 12 Feb. 2024.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation for revised legislative analysis by the Secretariat.	Feb. 2024
57	Sri Lanka	02.08.1979	3	Draft and comprehensive revised draft legislation prepared and submitted for enactment. Implementing regulation underway. Legislative analysis conducted in	Finalization of implementing regulations and agreement between LK and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible	Nov. 2023

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				Aug. 2023. Final draft regulations transmitted to the Secretariat on 1 st Nov. 2023. Analysis sent on 21 Nov. 2023. No update on NLP received since Nov. 2023.	Category 1 status.	
58	Sudan	24.01.1983	2	Draft revised legislation submitted to parliament several years ago. Sudan submitted draft legislation, but gaps still need to be addressed. Formal warning at SC70. Engagement with the Secretariat in 2022/2023. Full legislative analysis of 1986 Wildlife Law done in Dec. 2023. Advice on preparation of CITES Regulations provided by the Secretariat in Jan. 2024. Legislative analysis of draft Regulations done on 15 May 2024.	Review by SD and Secretariat and necessary revision/updating of legislation to align it with the requirements of the Convention.	May 2024
59	Suriname	15.02.1981	2	CITES legislation enacted and submitted to the Secretariat for analysis. Gaps identified. Legislation addressed through CAP. Regular reports submitted under the CAP. Last update Nov. 2024.	Revised legislation to be developed to address identified gaps. Further submission to the Secretariat for review.	Nov. 2024
60	Syrian Arab Republic	29.07.2003	3	Draft legislation prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Justice. Formal request for assistance. Participated in online meeting in July 2020. No update on legislation received since Dec. 2021.	Review/revision of draft legislation by SY and Secretariat; finalization and submission of draft legislation.	Dec. 2021
61	Tajikistan	30.03.2016	3	Since accession in 2016, consultations with TJ have been held, and TJ submitted a formal request for assistance. No update on national legislation since May 2018.	Legislative assistance required. Secretariat to reengage with TJ on legislation. Review of existing CITES-related legislation and preparation of draft to fill possible gaps.	May 2018
62	Togo	21.01.1979	2	SSFA in place with the CITES Secretariat. Observations on draft bill provided by the Secretariat. Draft legislation submitted to the Secretariat. Update received 19 Feb. 2024: transfer draft CITES legislation and draft regulations for analysis. Full analysis done by the Secretariat on 11 April 2024.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation. Agreement between Togo and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	April 2024
63	Tonga	20.10.2016	2	Draft CITES regulations prepared with inputs from the Secretariat and submitted to the Ministry of Environment for approval before submission to the Minister's office. Assistance provided by NZ. Update received in Nov. 2024: legislation pending before Parliament.	Adoption, gazetting and submission of legislation to the CITES Secretariat for analysis. Agreement between Tonga and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Nov. 2024
64	Trinidad and Tobago	18.04.1984	2	Comprehensive draft legislation prepared and reviewed by Secretariat; commitment at Ministerial level to complete the legislative process; formal request for assistance. No update on legislation	Finalization and submission of draft legislation.	March 2022

	Party	Entry into force of the Convention	Cat.	Progress summary	Next steps	Last update
				received since March 2022.		
65	Uzbekistan	08.10.1997	2	Draft revised legislation prepared and comments by the Secretariat in July 2018. Meeting with the new CITES Focal Point in Aug. 2021 to address gaps in the draft legislation. Draft legislation further revised in 2021/2022. Legislative analysis by the Secretariat in Aug. 2023. New update received in Feb. 2024: comments on draft CITES UZ working on a revised version for resubmission in 2024.	Finalization and submission of revised legislation to CITES Secretariat for further legislative analysis. Agreement between UZ and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Feb. 2024
66	Zambia	22.02.1981	2	CITES Statutory Instrument enacted. Comments provided by Secretariat in Jan. 2018. First formal warning issued at SC74. New Wildlife Bill being drafted. CITES Statutory Instrument to be revised after adoption of the redrafted Wildlife Bill. Legislative analysis of both instruments sent in Aug. 2023. Further updates received in Feb. and in Dec. 2024. Draft amended Bill pending with Ministry of Justice for final official drafting. Adoption expected for second quarter 2025.	Finalization and submission of revised draft Bill and transmission for legislative analysis. Agreement between Zambia and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Dec. 2024

Table 2: Recently acceded Parties²

	Party	Entry into force	Cat.	Progress summary	Next steps/needs	Last update
1	Turkmenistan	02.01.2025	P	Turkmenistan has acceded to the Convention. The Convention will enter into force in Turkmenistan on 2 January 2025.	/	/

² P: Parties acceding less than eight years ago - pending submission of legislation to the Secretariat

Table 3: Dependent territories³

Dependent territory	Cat.	Dep.	Progress summary	Next steps/needs	Last update
American Samoa	1	US			
Anguilla	1	GB			
Aruba	1	NL			
Ascension	1	GB			
Bailiwick of Guernsey	1	GB			
Bailiwick of Jersey	1	GB			
Bermuda	1	GB			
British Indian Ocean Territory	1	GB			
British Virgin Islands	1	GB			
Caribbean Netherlands	1	NL			
Cayman Islands (CIG)	1	GB			
Curacao	1	NL			
French Guiana	1	FR			
French Polynesia	1	FR			
Gibraltar	1	GB			
Greenland	2	DK	Comprehensive CITES legislation enacted. Review by Greenland and Secretariat identified significant gaps. Comments provided by the Secretariat on draft revised legislation. No update received on legislation since March 2020.	Agreement by Greenland and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including Category 1 status	March 2020
Guadeloupe	1	FR			
Guam	1	US			
Hong Kong SAR	1	CN			
Isle of Man	1	GB			
Macao SAR	2	CN	Comprehensive legislation and implementing regulation adopted and entered into force in Sept. 2017. Submitted to the Secretariat in Oct. 2017. Analysis conducted 12 October 2023. Exchanges for clarifications on LAF requirement with Macao SAR MA in October, November, December 2023, and June and July 2024.	One element to clarify before possible placement of the legislation in Category 1.	July 2024
Martinique	1	FR			
Montserrat	2	GB	Amended Trade in Endangered Species Act entered into force on 31 January 2022. Work underway to amend the Act's Schedule of CITES-listed species so that it reflects the updated Appendices. The Act provides for amendment of its Schedule by Order of the Governor. Since SC77, Montserrat's Management Authority and Scientific Authority have been designated and established. Work continues to update the Act's Schedules and reflect changes in the Appendices.	Update of the schedule of species. Agreement with the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including Category 1 status.	Jan. 2025

³ **Dep.:** two-letter ISO code of the State of which the territory is a dependency

Dependent territory	Cat.	Dep.	Progress summary	Next steps/needs	Last update
New Caledonia	1	FR			
Northern Mariana Islands	1	US			
Pitcairn Islands	1	GB			
Puerto Rico	1	US			
Réunion	1	FR			
Saint Helena	2	GB	St Helena's Ordinance entered into force in Feb. 2016 and achieved Category 1 status, subject to MA and SA designation. MA appointed in 2017. Since SC77, St Helena continues to work towards the appointment of its Scientific Authorities.	Establishment of the Scientific Authority under the provisions of the Ordinance. Agreement that the legislation can be placed in Category 1 as soon as the SA is operational.	Nov. 2024
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	1	FR			
Sint Maarten	1	NL			
Tristan da Cunha	1	GB			
Virgin Islands of the United States	1	US			
Wallis and Futuna Islands	2	FR	CITES legislation enacted. No update since July 2019. Contact taken with France during SC77 but no update on legislation received since Nov. 2023 despite multiple requests.	Agreement between FR and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Nov. 2023