



19th Conference of the Parties (CoP) to CITES

**Implementation of e-permits:
lessons learned and
advancing towards an
integrated digital solution
for eCITES**

SIDE EVENT
12:15 - 14:00
21 November 2022

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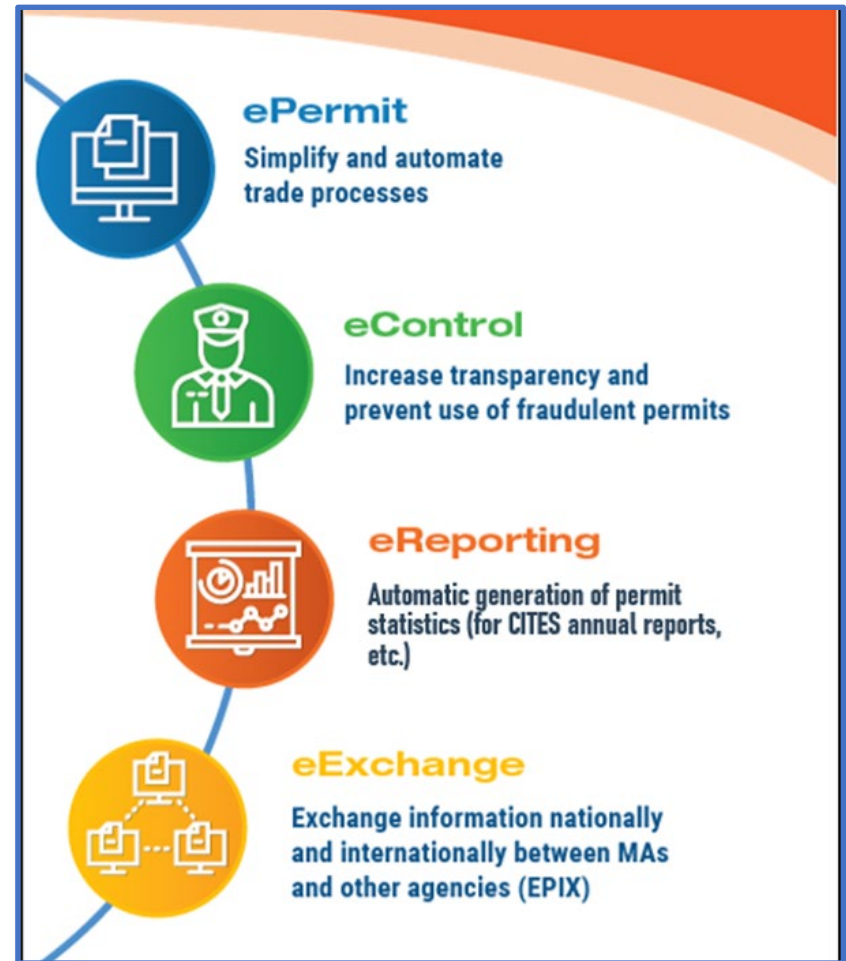


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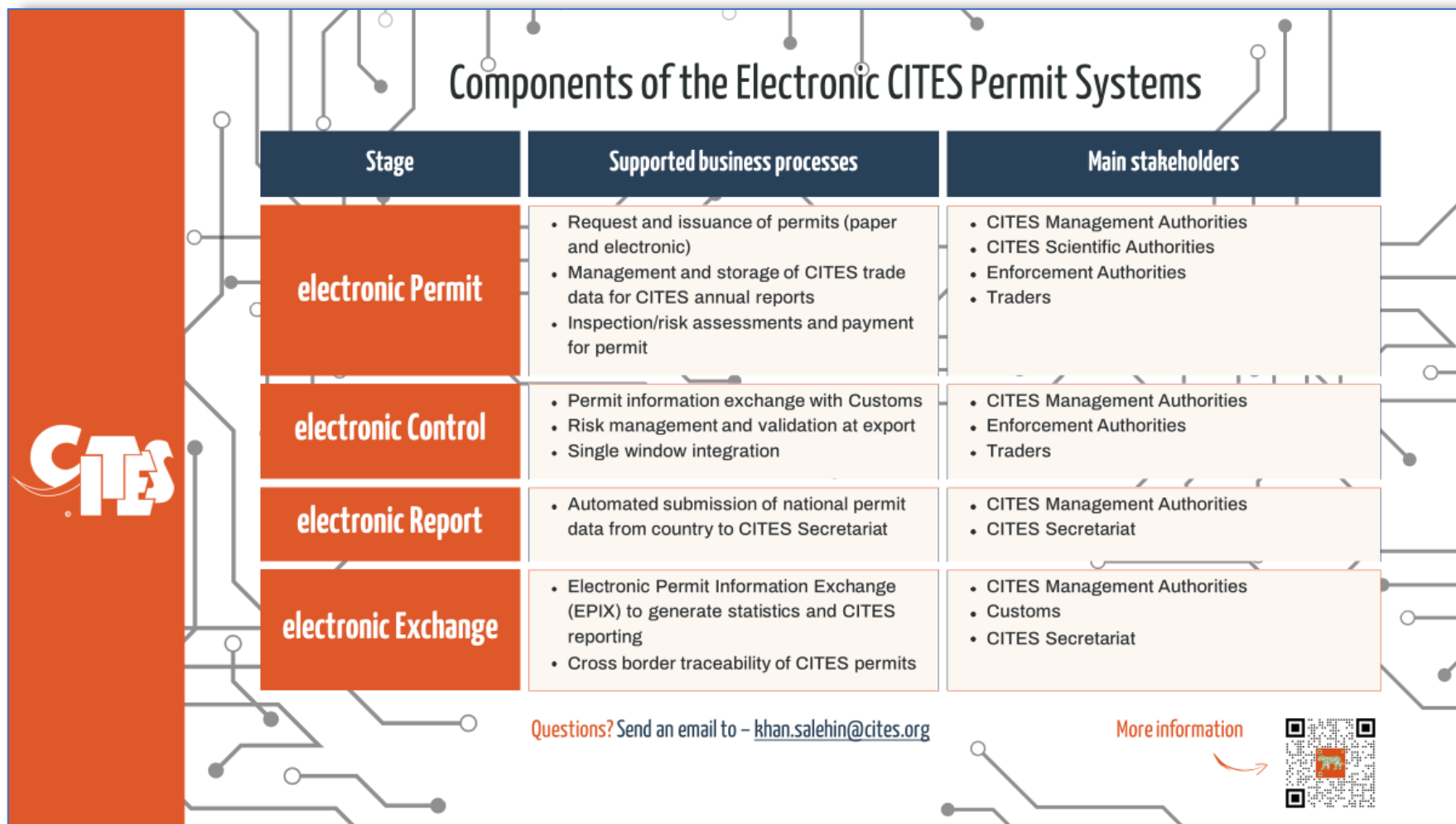
eCITES permitting system

- ***What is eCITES permitting system?***

The scope of eCITES includes electronic application and issuance of CITES permits, control and authentication of CITES permits, reporting as well as exchange of permits between the Parties.



Four stages of the system – phased implementation



How does it help the Parties?

Legality:

Origin & sourcing, (inter-) national legislation

Sustainability

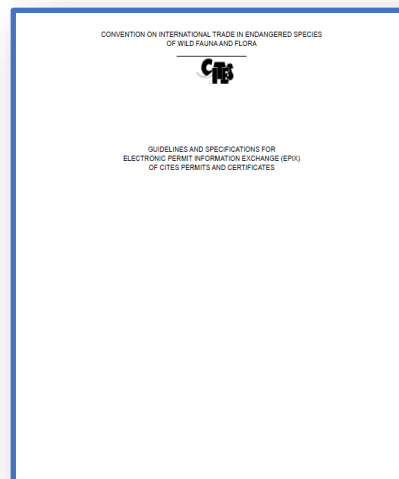
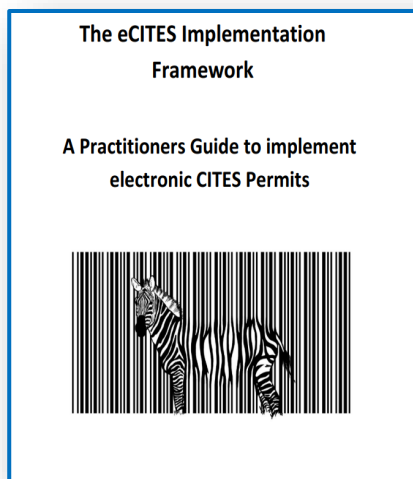
Non-detriment findings

Traceability

Trade data & transaction details

CITES CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA		PERMIT/CERTIFICATE No.	Original
		<input type="checkbox"/> EXPORT <input type="checkbox"/> RE-EXPORT <input type="checkbox"/> IMPORT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:	2. Valid until
3. Importer (name and address)		4. Exporter/consignor (name, address and country)	
5a. Country of origin		Signature of the applicant	
5. Special conditions <small>For live animals, this permit is valid only if the transport conditions comply with the Convention and the relevant laws, regulations, decrees, or other measures of the country of origin.</small>		6. Name, address, national authority and country of Management Authority	
7a. Purpose of the transaction (see annex)	7b. Security stamp no.		
8a. Scientific name (genus and species) and common name of animal or plant	8b. Description of specimens including identifying marks or numbers (signature if any)	9a. Appendix no. and serial (see annex)	9b. Quantity (including unit)
10a. Country of origin ¹	10b. Country of last reception ²	10c. Country of last reception ²	10d. No. of the specimen ³ or date of acquisition ⁴
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<small>¹ Country in which the specimens were taken from the wild, based on captivity or artificially propagated (only in case of re-export) ² Date the specimens or Appendix I species listed in captivity or artificially propagated for commercial purposes ³ For non-commercial specimens ⁴ For permit/certificate is issued by:</small>			
Place		Date	Security stamp, signature and of host seal
14. Export endorsement		15. List of Listing for model number	
16. List of Listing for model number		Signature	
17. List of Listing for model number		Original stamp and title	

Examples of Guidance



International Standards and Best Practices



The eCITES
Implementation
Framework (General
guidance for project
implementation)

Guidelines and
Specifications for
Electronic Permit
Information Exchange
(EPIX) of CITES Permits and
Certificates



<https://cites.org/eng/prog/eCITES>

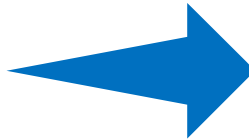
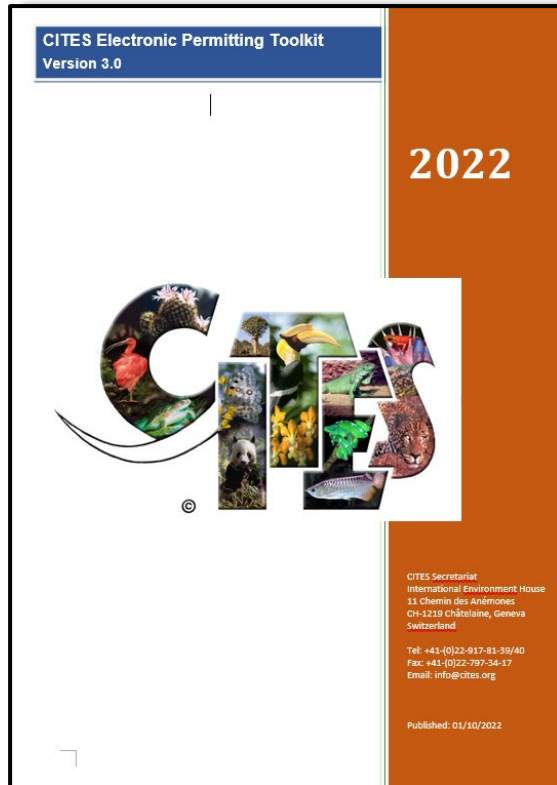


Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

Latest – CITES Electronic Permitting Toolkit

Version No. 3

Publication - November 2022 (Final Draft)



UNECE-ESCAP Task Force on Electronic Permit Information Exchange

- **When:** Launched in 2020
- **Who:** Members: interested Management Authorities (MAs) and other relevant national stakeholders of CITES parties; Observers
- **Why:** Support interested CITES Management Authorities (MAs) and other relevant national stakeholders of CITES Parties in initiating and carrying out pilot-based and/or live electronic exchanges of CITES permits among them.
- **How:** Physical and virtual meetings
- **What:** Sharing knowledge, experience, practices and lessons learned; Development of guidelines and briefs; Pilots: How to conduct?
- **How to join?**
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Current activities - UN/CEFACT Project - White paper Digitizing Transit Accompanying Documents

- **CITES use case.**
- **Trade in CITES-listed species are subject to various conditions.**
- **Transit and transshipment are allowed.**



Current activities (capacity-building) - National Stakeholder Consultation on eCITES Implementation in Vanuatu

Co-organized with UNCTAD and SPREP



29-30 September 2022, Port Vila,
Vanuatu



Current activities (capacity-building) - Workshop on eCITES Implementation in the Pacific Island States

Co-organized with UNCTAD and SPREP



3 October 2022, Apia, Samoa



What's next?

- Focus on authentication and control
- End-to-end transparency and control in the CITES supply chain.
- Collaboration and cooperation among agencies between border agencies and MAs and improve exchange of information on permits, seizures etc.
- Greater uptake of e-permitting systems and thus more support towards the implementation of the eCITES permit management systems.





Thank you

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