

# CITES Permitting system in Armenia

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# Legal basis

- ▶ Government Decision of the Republic of Armenia No 1281-N of 22 October 2009
- ▶ **Approves:** the procedure for issuing permits electronic and paper format, the permit (certificate) form, the application form, the procedure for marking the containers of sturgeon caviar
- ▶ **Defines that:** the permits (certificates) shall be issued in compliance with the list of specimens (products) specified in Appendices I, II and III to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.



# Procedure for issuing permits

- ▶ **Applications** shall be submitted to the MoE electronically or in paper format
- ▶ **Documents to be attached to the application:** document confirming the legality of acquisition, contract, import CITES permit, information on a previous permit obtained in case of re-export etc.
- ▶ Following receipt of the application, the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia **shall issue** the relevant permit (paper permit) to the applicant or inform about the **reasons for rejection** of the application in writing within 10 days.



# Procedure for issuing permits in electronic format

- ▶ Application form is available on the official website with the list of required documents
- ▶ The applicant submits the completed and signed application and the scanned copies of the relevant documents to the official e-mail of the Ministry, [min\\_ecology@env.am](mailto:min_ecology@env.am)
- ▶ The Secretariat of the Staff sends the electronic application and the documents attached to the scientific authority (Institutes of Botany and Zoology of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia)
- ▶ The scientific authority sends the opinion within a three-day period, by sending electronically in paper format to the Ministry.
- ▶ The applicant is informed about the acceptance or rejection of the application
- ▶ The Ministry provides the applicant with the paper or electronic versions of the relevant permit completed, signed and sealed and in case of rejection, the response letter.

# Single Window

- ▶ 2021-2026 Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Armenia according to the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia No 1902-L of 18 November 2021.
- ▶ “Republic of Armenia National Single Window for Foreign Trade” unified platform for the provision of permission documents for goods import, transit and export.



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