

Current CITES permitting processes of Korea



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Overview

- ✓ **Accession/entry into force** : July 9 & October 7 1993(120th Party)
- ✓ **Law for CITES implementation**: 'Wildlife Protection and Management Act'
- ✓ **Stricter domestic measures**:
 - No personal possession of mammals and birds (except parrots)
 - reporting obligations for domestic transactions of live specimens
 - pre-approval of captivebreeding(big cats, bears, crocodiles etc.)
 - registration of captive facilities(mostly for animals that are bred a lot)
- ✓ **Management Authorities** : Ministry of Environment(general case, permitting offices; 7 local branches) &Ministry of Food and Drug Safety(medicines)

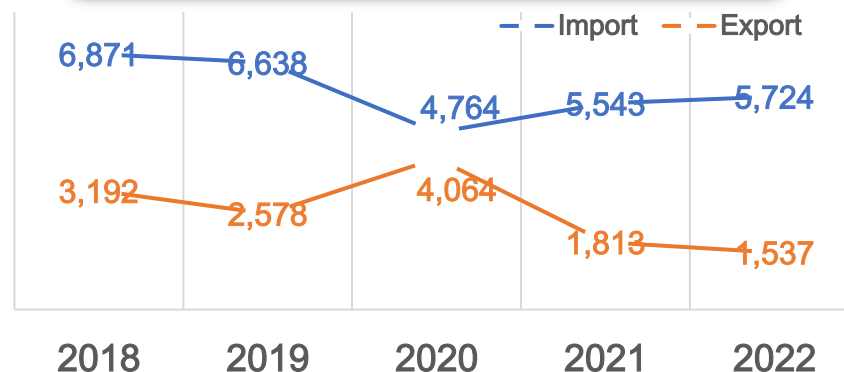


Link with
permit processing

Statistics

- ✓ **Korea ranks 5th in exports** and **8th in imports** by sample no.(CITES Wildlife Tradeview '17'21)
 - frequent mass trades of artificially propagated plants and derivatives
- ✓ **Ca. 7,000~10,000 permits**were issued annually ('18~'22).
- ✓ Due to domestic measures, **additional ca. 40,000 cases**per year should be processed.

No. of permits per year(Korea)



Current CITES Permit systems in the ROK

Main system

- ✓ The Ministry of Environment operates an **online portal for handling civil complaints** at the ministry level.
- ✓ Basically, CITES permit issuance is handled **using this system**.
- ✓ **Applicants** may apply **on paper or online**.
- ✓ If an applicant makes a paper application, the person in charge of the MA enters the applicant's information into the system for processing.
- ✓ **A permit is issued through the system.**

Main page of the portal
(minwon.me.go.kr; Korean page only)

The screenshot shows the main page of the Ministry of Environment portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for '환경부 환경민원포털' (Ministry of Environment Civil Complaints Portal), '법정서식민원 신청' (Application for Legal Species Civil Complaints), '나의민원' (My Civil Complaints), and '정보마당' (Information Plaza). Below the navigation bar, there are four main service buttons: '서식민원신청' (Application for Species Civil Complaints), '민원신청내역' (History of Civil Complaints), '자주하는 질문' (Frequently Asked Questions), and '이용문의(민원실)' (Inquiry/Service Center). Below these buttons, there is a section titled 'CITEServices' and 'Frequently asked services'. The 'CITEServices' section includes a link to '자주찾는민원' (Frequently Asked Questions) and a list of services: '국제적멸종위기종 사육시설 (변경등록신청, 변경신청서)' (Application for Change of Record/Registration for International Endangered Species Breeding Facilities), '국제적멸종위기종(양도, 양수) 신고서(신고확인증)' (Report Form (Report Confirmation Certificate) for International Endangered Species (Transfer, Acquisition)), '국제적멸종위기종 인공증식증명서 발급신청' (Application for Issuance of International Endangered Species Artificial Breeding Certificate), '국제적멸종위기종 인공증식 허가신청서' (Application for International Endangered Species Artificial Breeding License), '국제적멸종위기종 (수출, 반출, 수입, 반입) 허가신청서' (Application for International Endangered Species (Export, Outbound, Import, Inbound) License), and '인공증식한 멸종위기 야생생물 (수출, 반출, 수입, 반입) 허가신청서' (Application for Artificially Breeding Endangered Wild Animals (Export, Outbound, Import, Inbound) License).

CITES Species Database

- ✓ To provide information on CITES species in Korean, the **CITES species DB** has been operated.
- ✓ For some species, even specific taxonomic information is included, so **it is useful**.
- ✓ However, due to problems such as continuity of translation and budget, it is currently at the level of providing **basic information** based on **Species+api**.

Search result of CITES Species DB

The screenshot shows the search results for 'Amazona ochrocephala' (Gmelin, 1788) in the CITES Species Database. The top navigation bar includes links for '국가생물다양성 정보공유체계 소개' (Introduction to the National Biodiversity Information Sharing System), '생물자원DB' (Biodiversity Resource DB), '생태자원DB' (Ecological Resource DB), '주요 활동' (Main Activities), '소식 자료' (News/Information), and '3D 검색기능' (3D Search Function). Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar with '생물자원DB' and 'CITES' selected. The search results are displayed in a table with columns: '세부정보' (Detailed Information), '종정보검색' (Species Information Search), '수출입 관련 행정절차' (Administrative Procedures for Import/Export), '관련부처 및 업무' (Related Ministries and Tasks), and '자료실' (Data Room). The search results for 'Amazona ochrocephala' are shown, including its scientific name, common name, and a list of related information such as '분류체계' (Classification System), 'CITES 부속서' (CITES Annexes), '지정분류군의 계급' (Taxonomic Rank of Designated Species), '분포지정보' (Distribution Information), and '생물자원DB' (Biodiversity Resource DB).

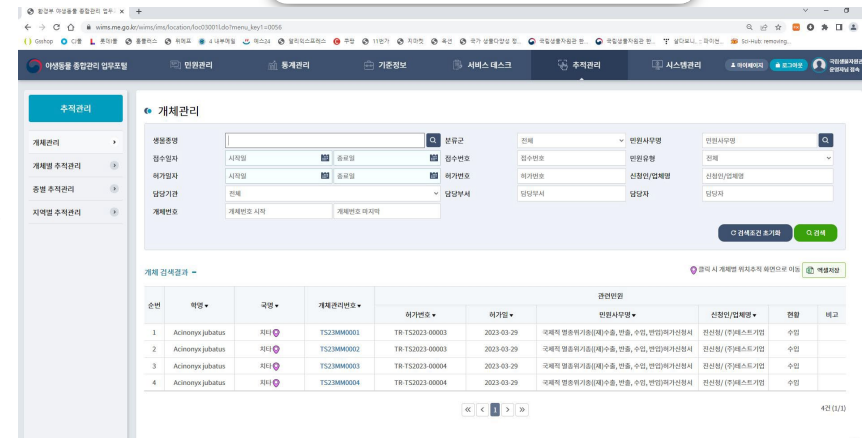
Strengths

- ✓ **Strategic management**: Integrated implementation of the CITES and domestic measures
- ✓ **Rapid task handling**: Typically addressed within 7 working days
- ✓ **Enhanced data management**: Improving the convenience of the management and monitoring of permits and reporting data
- ✓ **Fee payment**: The integrated system processes the payment

Weaknesses

- ✓ **Growing hardware requirements**: Challenges in setting up hardware and its operation due to the comprehensive system of the Ministry
- ✓ **System design**: Challenges in having convenience features such as information exchange, statistical functionality, and annual report creation
 - Since it is used by the ministry, it is hard to immediately reflect decisions made by the CITES
 - In particular, the application of updated technologies, such as permit security measures, is also difficult.
- ✓ **No linkage among offices and Customs**: Challenges in managing relevant information, monitoring trade and so on.
- ✓ **Management of inputting data**: Need for separate criteria, such as scientific names and specimen units

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