

Mozambique eCITES Presentation

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➤ eCITES Project in Mozambique

February
2021

- ▶ An agreement was signed between UNCTAD and the Government of Mozambique through the FNDS for the implementation of the eCITES system (second country)

March
2022

- ▶ An assessment of the previously used system was carried out and the state of readiness for implementation of the system was assessed.

June
2022

- ▶ Training took place for the different actors involved in the international trade process (ANAC technicians and economic operators)

October
2022

- ▶ The eCITES Platform was launched during the 20th anniversary of the African Wildlife Consultative Forum (AWCF) held in Maputo

Project partners



➤ Scope of the system



Scope

- ▶ Improve the ANAC Management Authority operational capacity to control the export, import and introduction from the sea of specimens of endangered CITES listed species of flora and fauna



Objectives

- ▶ Fight the **illegal trade** in wildlife
- ▶ To prevent use of **fraudulent permits**
- ▶ To provide quality data for reporting and **improved sustainability** assessment
- ▶ To provide internal controls and **transparency** of CITES permits via the special authentication validation feature
- ▶ To improve **collaboration** between international and national agencies in implementing the convention

➤ Procedure

- ▶ Operators submit the export request to ANAC through a physical letter, or via email (if for the first time)
- ▶ If approved, access credentials to the eCITES platform are provided
- ▶ The exporter prepares all documents supporting the order
- ▶ Operators submit orders directly on the eCITES platform
- ▶ The license is processed by CITES technicians
- ▶ The operator obtains a license from ANAC and presents it to customs



Approval phases

- ▶ First approval by Approver 1
- ▶ Recommendation by Approver 2
- ▶ Director's opinion on recommendations
- ▶ Authorization
- ▶ Payment validation
- ▶ Print
- ▶ Signature



Permit aspects

- ▶ Printed on A4 size paper
- ▶ Serial number and Qr code are generated by the system
- ▶ Printing has been adjusted to print up to 5 species
- ▶ ANAC inserts data that the operator cannot insert (quotas, Tag numbers)

➤ Time and cost required

Detail	Duration	Cost (USD)
Installation and national configuration	9 months	113 000
Annual support	2 years	87 000
Total first phase		200 000

➤ Permit verification at the border

- ▶ Customs checks the products and endorses them on the CITES license, which is the registration of product quantities, signature and stamp
- ▶ Attach the CITES license to the customs declaration at the respective customs office of export



Benefits

- ▶ Instant access to all pending and issued permits
- ▶ Interaction between traders and government officials is formalized and recorded
- ▶ Faster and better controlled permit process reduced opportunities for informal procedures
- ▶ The system provides standardized reports that group licenses and CITES certificates issued by the system. It also includes the CITES Annual Report, which must be sent by all Parties to the CITES Secretariat, with a specific data set and format
- ▶ Reduction in the level of errors when filling out the form and report

Results

- ▶ **1686** licenses issued
- ▶ **54** registered companies (including individual)

➤ Challenges

- ▶ Incorporate the CITES Quota Management into e_CITES System
- ▶ Direct Electronic payment integration
- ▶ Interconnection with other actors such as, Scientific Authority, Inspection, Forestry Directorate, Health Directorate, ...)
- ▶ Need for resources for the advanced system, considering that we are currently operating on a basic system
- ▶ Sometimes the QR security code fails to read
- ▶ Lack of or limited permission to access certain functionalities
(Our IT department is not allowed to correct certain system errors in the system)
- ▶ Financial sustainability of the system (actual is donor dependent)

➤ Next Steps

ANAC is currently considering the following national extensions:

- ▶ Electronic permit exchange with national customs and border control agencies including **MOZ Single Window integration**
- ▶ **Strengthening of Legal Acquisition Finding** : advance quota control, traceability, control of supporting documents, electronic Risk Management when evaluating permit requests



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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