

eCITES Presentation

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CITES

CITES is an international convention between governments. It aims to ensure that international trade in wild animals and plants is legal, sustainable and traceable, and does not threaten the survival of the species in the wild.



CITES Secretariat

The CITES Secretariat is administered by **UNEP** and is located at Geneva, Switzerland. It has a pivotal role, fundamental to the Convention and its functions are laid down in **Article XII** of the text of the Convention.



Legality

The specimen has been obtained in accordance with the national laws and regulations for the protection of fauna and flora. Parties must make a legal acquisition finding to confirm this.



Sustainability

Parties must make a non-detriment finding: a science-based biological finding which confirms that the trade in the species is sustainable and will not be detrimental to the survival of the species and takes account of the role of the species in its ecosystem.



Traceability

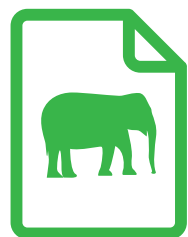
Parties must ensure that trade can be traced through the issuance and control of appropriate CITES permits and certificates. Parties report on all permits and certificates issued in national annual reports, which are compiled in the CITES Trade Database.

Context

UNCTAD already provides several permits management solutions integrated with customs systems



Permits management solutions



Endangered species



Medicines, veterinary & medicinal products



Dual use items and technologies, arms & similar



Drugs precursors



Protection of environment & dangerous chemicals



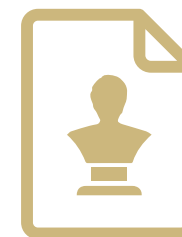
Protection of environment ODS, POPs & WEEE



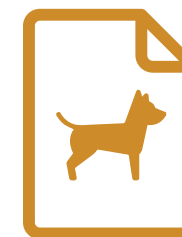
Protection of environment & transboundary movement of waste



Human health & medicines

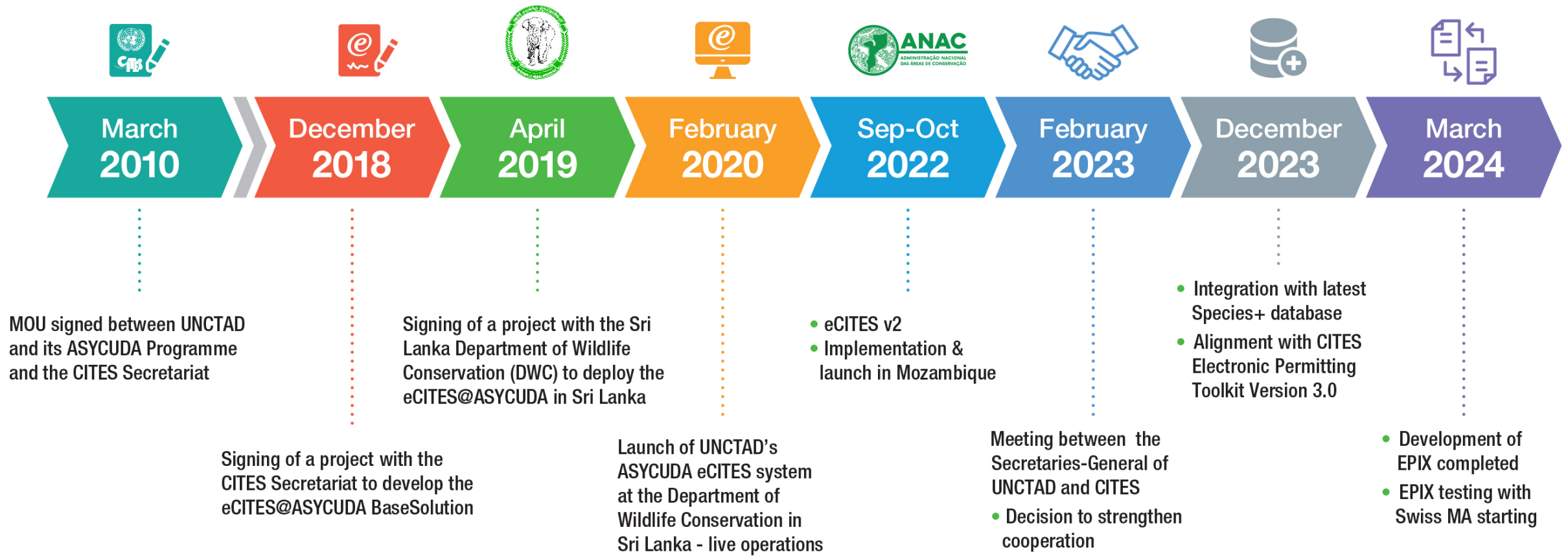


National treasures & cultural goods



Veterinary, phytosanitary & food control

> Context



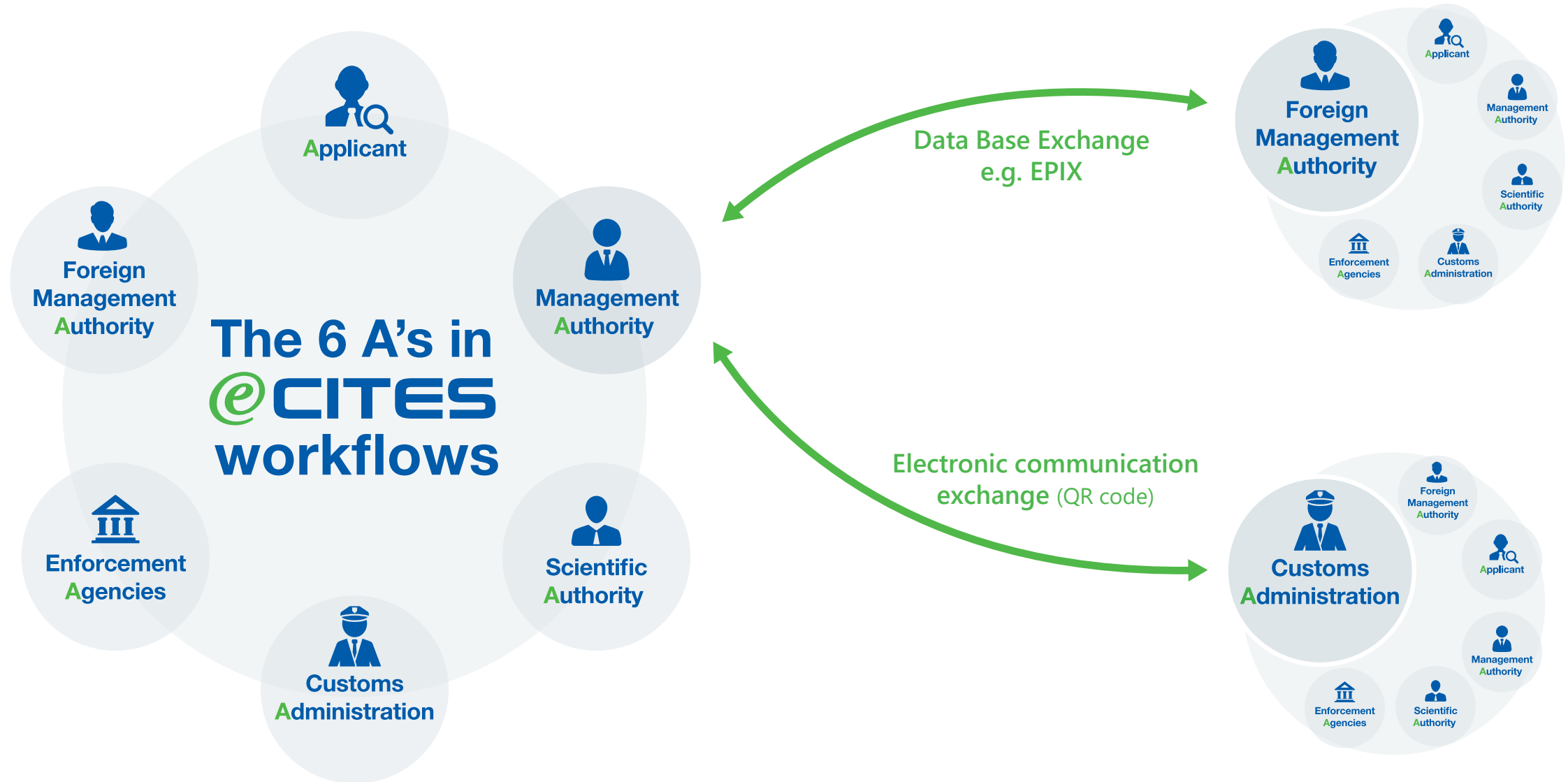


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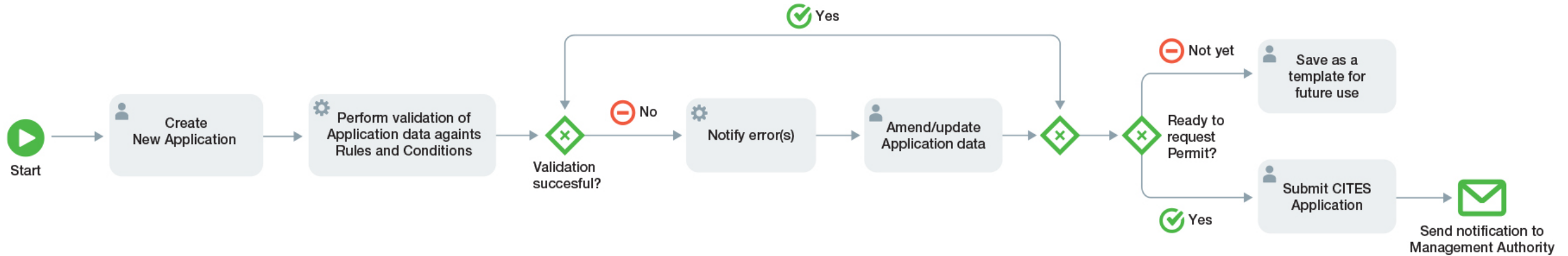


➤ Actors and Workflow

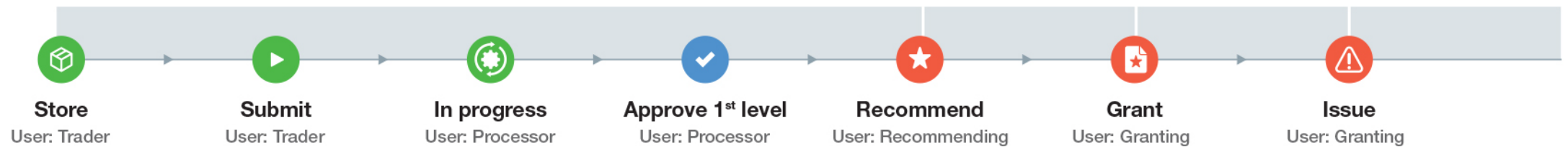


Actors and Workflow

Applicant

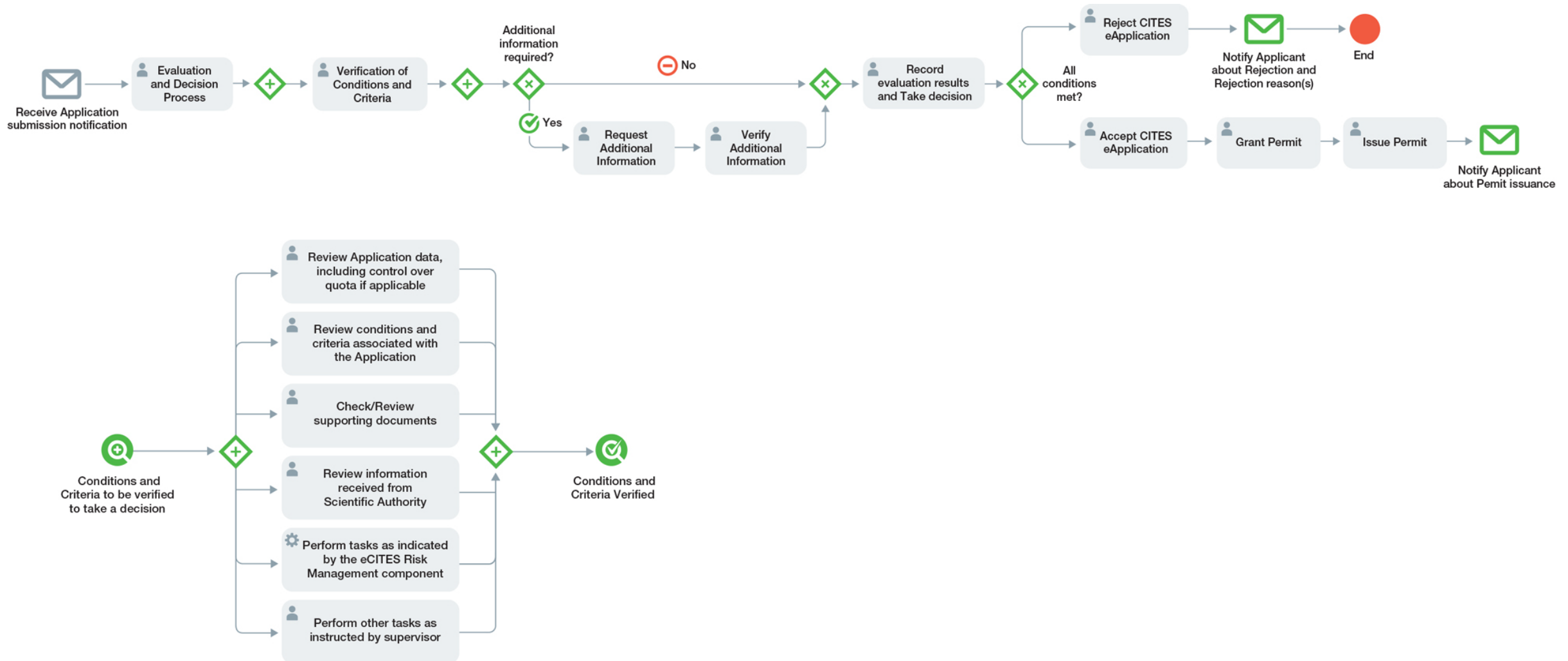


Real time process timeline



Actors and Workflow

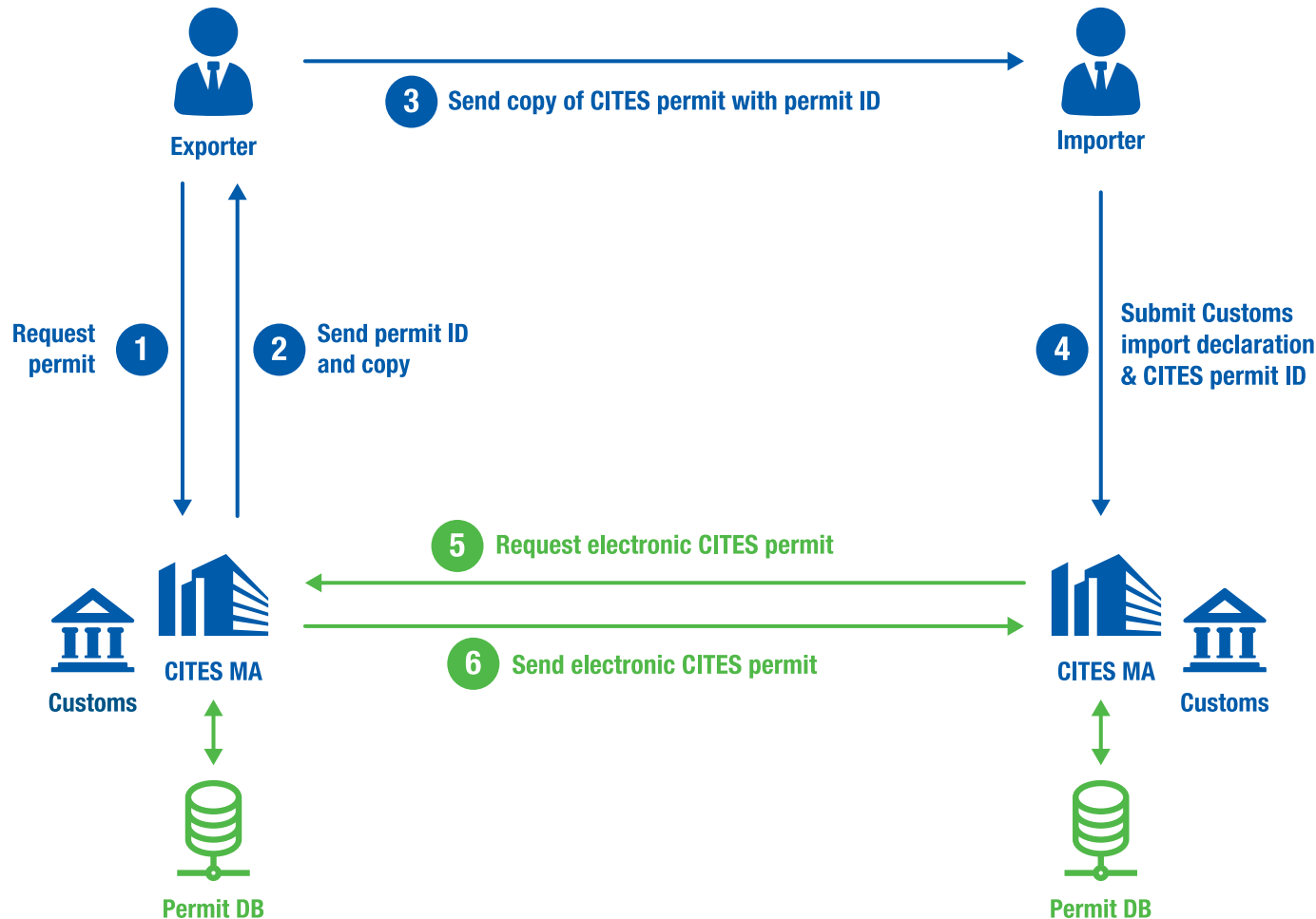
Management Authority



Actors and Workflow

Electronic Permit Information Exchange

- EPIX



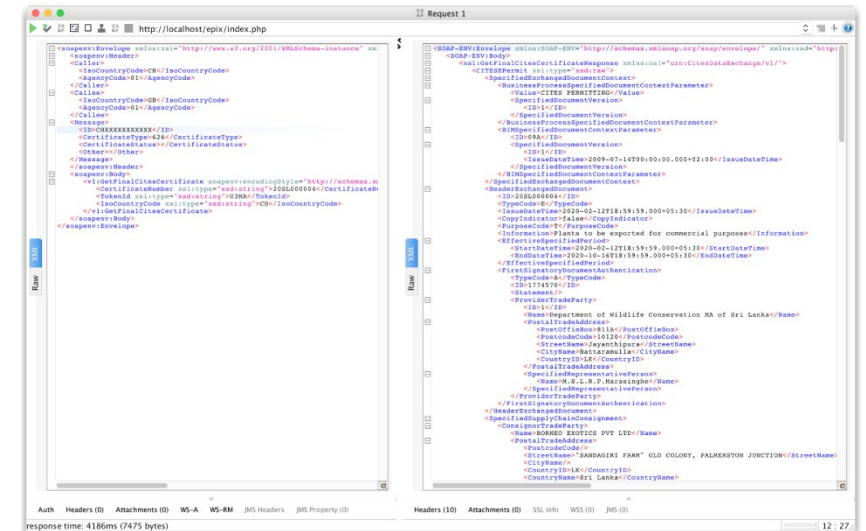
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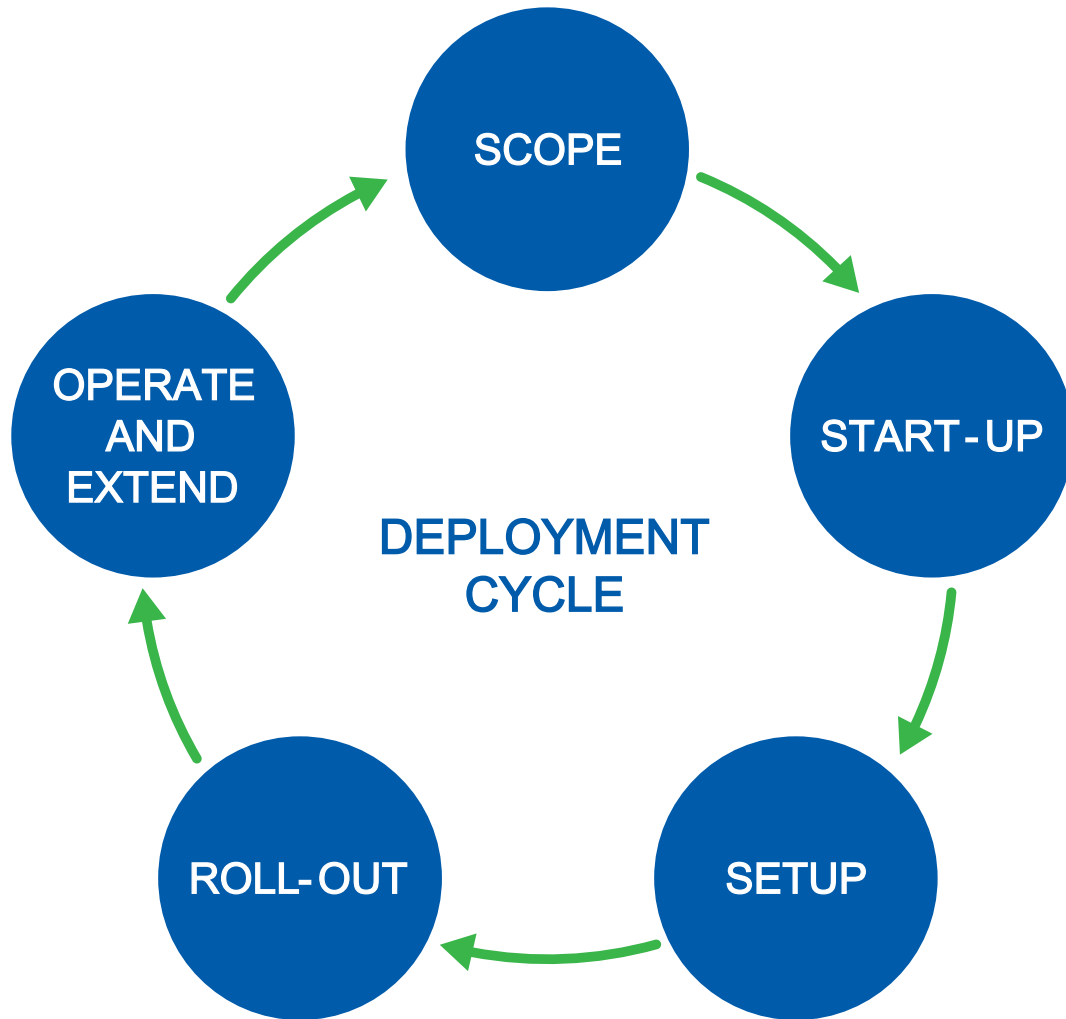


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Implementation



Automation cycle

Electronic support for all the steps of the permitting business process

Phase 1 - ePermit

- ▶ Request and issuance of ePermits (paper and electronic)
- ▶ Management and storage of CITES trade data for CITES annual reporting and quota management
- ▶ Inspection / risk assessments
- ▶ Payments

Phase 2 - eControl

- ▶ Permit information exchange with Customs
- ▶ Risk management and validation of quantities exported
- ▶ Single Window integration

Phase 3 - eReport

- ▶ CITES annual reports required under the provisions of Article VIII, par. 7 (b)
- ▶ Customised reports

Phase 4 - eExchange

- ▶ Exchange of national permit data between countries
- ▶ Cross-border traceability of CITES permits

Implementation

There are three options for the implementation of eCITES in a beneficiary country



National implementation - eCITES MA

- ▶ The national eCITES system is installed in the beneficiary country (e.g. in the premises of the national CITES MA), in the framework of a technical assistance agreement for provision of technical/functional support during the customisation, testing, piloting and rollout of the system, and training on the operation, functional/technical administration and maintenance of the system.
- ▶ The operation and the functional/technical administration and maintenance of the national eCITES system are the responsibility of the national authorities (CITES MA/SA etc.)

➤ Implementation



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Regional implementation – Data Centre in the Region

- ▶ The national eCITES system will be installed in one of the countries in the region, CITES regional organisation or ASYCUDA Regional support centre, in the framework of a technical assistance agreement for provision of technical/functional support during the customisation, testing, piloting and rollout of the system, and training on the operation, functional/technical administration and maintenance of the system.
- ▶ The operation and the functional/technical administration and maintenance of the national eCITES system are the responsibility of the CITES regional organization or ASYCUDA Regional support centre, as applicable.

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Hosted solution – UNCTAD Data Centre

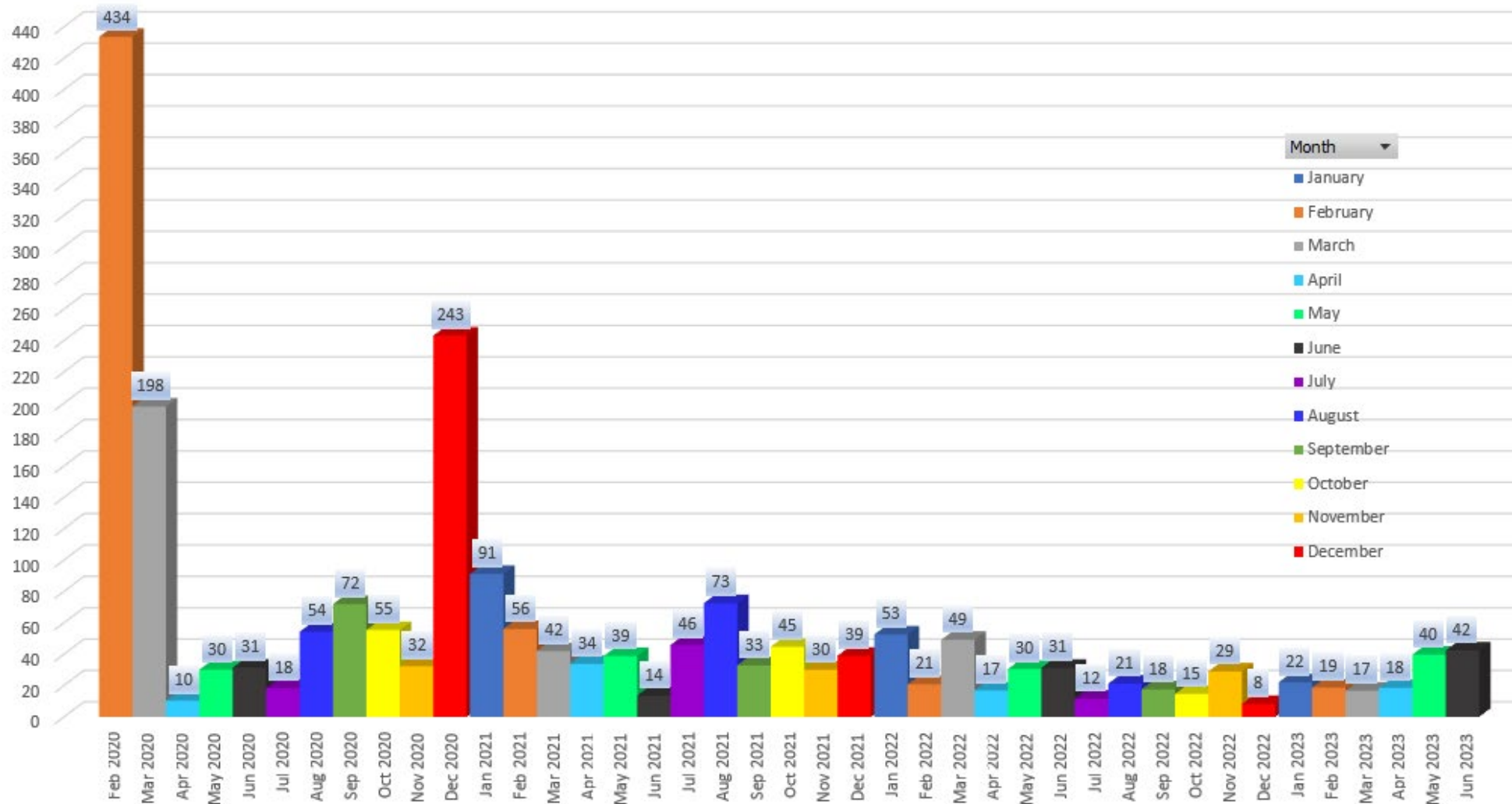
- ▶ The national eCITES system will be hosted by UNCTAD in the framework of a technical assistance agreement for provision of functional support during the customisation, testing, piloting and rollout of the system, and training on the operation and the functional administration of the system.
- ▶ The operation and the functional administration of the national eCITES are the responsibility of the national CITES MA/SA etc. UNCTAD will cover the full ICT and functional maintenance and support activities. CITES data is owned by the beneficiary country.

Average processing time (in hours)

Export CITES Permit per Month



Sri Lanka





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eCITES status and upscaling

Preparation for deployment of eCITES in other economies



Continuous improvement of eCITES BaseSolution

- ▶ ICT infrastructure - Strengthening of the eCITES infrastructure in UNCTAD to support Mozambique and other MAs requesting eCITES
- ▶ New components and capabilities - eCITES Base Solution new accounting module
- ▶ EPIX- Enhanced module for exchanging information of CITES permits between MAs and/or other government agencies

Deployment of eCITES in Mozambique

- ▶ eCITES solution was launched on 5 October in Mozambique during the 20th anniversary of the African Wildlife Consultative Forum



Feasibility Studies for eCITES implementation



- ▶ Cambodia – Feasibility study funded by FAO



- ▶ Vanuatu – Feasibility study funded by CITES/US Wildlife (Next step: Submission of UNCTAD project proposal to SPREP for eCITES deployment in Vanuatu)



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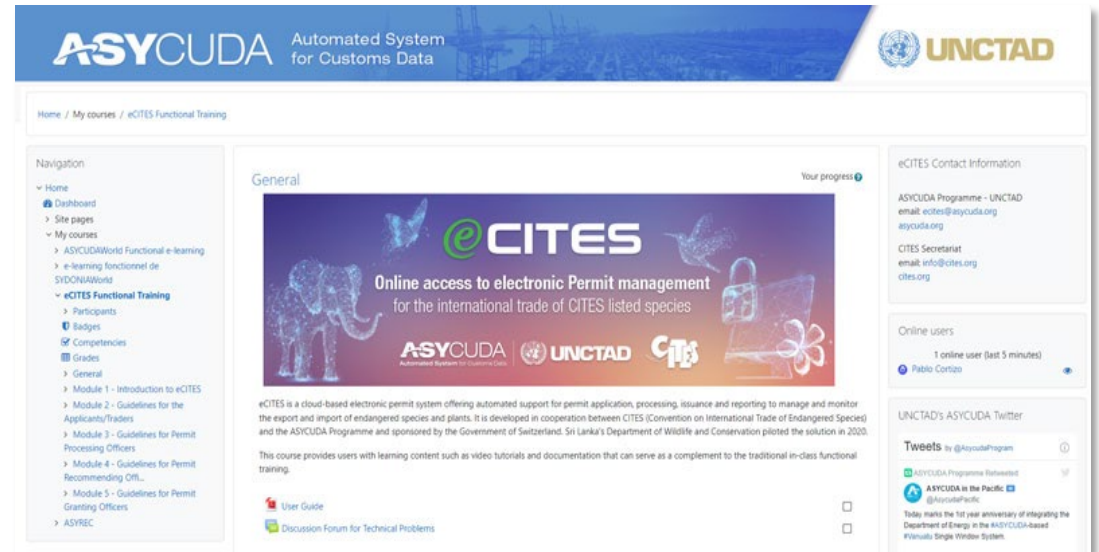


Capacity building

eLearning Platform

Providing eCITES Permit solution with learning content such as video tutorials and documentation that can serve as a complement to the traditional in-class functional training

- ▶ Training modules (5) adapted to the roles/tasks of key actors (Applicants, Management Authority) in relation to the eCITES solution
- ▶ One common module for all actors, introduction to eCITES
- ▶ 3 modules covering the Management Authority's main tasks, from receiving an Application to the issuance of CITES Permit
- ▶ New/updated version of training materials, to include the latest functionalities introduced by eCITES v2



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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