



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



CITES-LEX

### Introducing CITES-LEX:

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is a multilateral environmental treaty that regulates international trade – that is, the import, export, re-export and introduction from the sea – in over 40 900 species of animals and plants, listed in its three Appendices.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the CITES Secretariat have been collaborating closely in the development of CITES-LEX.

At the 19th meeting of the CITES Conference of Parties (CoP19) in Panama in 2022, FAO presented the idea of developing CITES-LEX at the side event on the 30th anniversary of the CITES Secretariat’s National Legislation Project.

CoP19 adopted Decisions based on which FAO and the CITES Secretariat collaborated in the development of CITES-LEX.

On 4 March 2024, at the Geneva World Wildlife Day Celebration, CITES-LEX was officially launched by FAO and the CITES Secretariat.

### How does CITES-LEX help you?

CITES-LEX is an information system that provides national catalogues and comprehensive search capabilities of CITES-relevant legislation and policies of Members of FAO, which are Parties or non-Parties to the Convention. The CITES-LEX profiles also provide information on constitutional provisions and other international commitments relevant to the implementation of CITES.

### How will CITES-LEX develop?

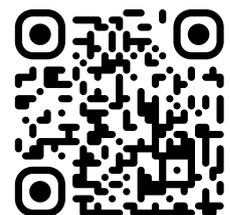
FAO and the CITES Secretariat will maintain and regularly update CITES-LEX and will endeavour to provide additional content and guidance related to the making of legal acquisition findings (LAFs) to enhance the implementation of the Convention.

### Your views matter!

Join our efforts to provide comprehensive, up-to-date and reliable information, by advising us of any errors and omissions or sharing relevant information for inclusion into CITES-LEX. Contact us at [faolex@fao.org](mailto:faolex@fao.org) and [cites.info-cites@un.org](mailto:cites.info-cites@un.org).

### How do I access CITES-LEX?

Scan the QR code to access the website where you will find a video on how to navigate the site through **Advanced Searches** and **Country Profiles**.



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