

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



REPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

A. General information

Party	Republic of Belarus
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

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1	Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already	Yes (fully)	
	been provided under the CITES National Legislation	Yes (partly)	
	Project?	No	\boxtimes
	If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.	No information/unknown	
2	If any CITES-relevant legislation has been planned, drafte following details:	d or enacted, please provide the	he
2.1	Title and date: Decree №259 of May 27, 2004 by the President of the Republic of Belarus On Amending and Supplementing Decree №57 of February 5, 2001 by the President of the Republic of Belarus		
	Brief description of contents: Changes and additions shall be a Procedure for moving goods not intended for industrial or other c persons through the Belarusian Border approved by Decree №57 Belarus from February 5, 2001	ommercial activities by natural	of
2.2	Title and date: DECISION N1623 of Status: Decision December 12, 2003 by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus ON SOME ISSUES PERTAINING TO MARKET ACTIVITIES		
2.3	Title and date: Law N205-3 of June 14, 2003 Status: Law by the Republic of Belarus on Plant Life		
	Brief description of contents: The present Law forms a legal fit safeguarding, reproducing, holding, using and removing Plant Lift protecting the habitats of Plant Life bodies, increasing their environmental protective, sanitary, recreational and other functions to ensure the life and health	e bodies as well as planting green onment-forming, water-protection	1,
3	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working	Yes	
	languages of the Convention?	No	Ш
		No information	

4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted. legislative provided previously not available, will send later								
5	Which of the following issues are addressed by any stricter domestic measures adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention)?								
		Tl	he condit	ions f	or:	The co	mplete	prohibition of	f:
	Issue	Yes	No	info	No ormation	Yes	No	No informat	ion
	Trade		\square			\boxtimes			
	Taking								
	Possession						\boxtimes		
	Transport		\boxtimes						
	Other (specify)		\boxtimes						
	Additional comments		•						
6	What were the results effectiveness of CITES items?	-			I to the fol	lowing	Ti	ick all applica	ble
	Item		Adequa	ate	Partially Inadequa		lequate	No information	on
	Powers of CITES autho								
	Clarity of legal obligation								
	Control over CITES tra		<u> </u>						
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife mana and use	-							
	Coverage of law for all offences	types of							
	Coverage of law for all penalties								
	Implementing regulation	ns							
	Coherence within legisl	ation							
	Other (please specify):								
	Please provide details if	available): 						
7	If no review or assessm		ken place	e, is or	ne planned	for	Yes		\boxtimes
	the next reporting perio	d?					No		
	Please provide details if	î available	2 :				No in	formation	
8	Has there been any rev	iew of le	gislation	on th	e following	g subject	s Ti	ick all applica	ble
	in relation to implemen	tation of	the Conv	/entio	n?			-	

	Subject	Yes	No)	N inforn	
	Access to or ownership of natural resources				ППОП	
	Harvesting					<u> </u>
	Transporting of live specimens				<u>_</u>	
	Handling and housing of live specimens					<u> </u>
	Please provide details if available:		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	_	_
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:					
	C. Compliance and enforcement m	easur	'es			
		<u>.</u>	Yes	No		No mation
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring opera	ations	been un	dertaker	n?	
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:					
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets		\boxtimes			
	Border controls		\boxtimes			
	Other (specify)	<u> </u>				
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?					
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of attach details.					ise
	Such administrative measures as bans of trade for 2 imposed.	mark	ket trade	ers have	been	
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?					
5	If information available: ☐ Significant seizures/confiscations ☐ Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details. 693,698 kg of black caviar, 1 skin of a bear, 1 stuffed wolf, 1 stuffed crocodile were detained for the period from 2000 to 2004 according to the information of State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus			Numb	er	
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	ıt				
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If a	vailab	le, pleas	e attach	detail	s as

Annex.

8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?		
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Annex.	Please attach details a	S
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of?	Tick if appli	cable
	 Return to country of export 		
	Public zoos or botanical gardens		
	 Designated rescue centres 		
	 Approved, private facilities 	\boxtimes	
	– Euthanasia		
	- Other (specify)		
	Comments:		
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on	Yes	
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an	No	\boxtimes
	ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted	Not applicable	
	illegal traders and persistent offenders?	No information	
	Comments:		
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with	Yes	\boxtimes
	other countries	No	
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	No information	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: workshops, meetings		
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to	Yes	
	assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to	No	\boxtimes
	the arrest and conviction of offenders?	No information	
15	If Yes, please describe:		
4.6			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes	
	emorcement?	No	
		Not applicable	Н
		No information	Ш
	Comments:		
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes No No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of th 10 Kollectornaya Str. 220048 MINSK Tel: +375 (172) 00 86 26, 00 47 71 Fax: +375 (172) 00 47 71 Email: minproos@mail.belpak.by		IS
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes No No information	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified CITES Directory.	as the lead MA in t	he
5	How many staff work in each MA? 2		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters? If yes, please give estimation 15%	Yes No No information	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if appl	icable
	 Administration Biology Economics/trade Law/policy Other (specify) No information 		
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	Yes No No information	
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the ki	nd of research invol	ved.
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact	Yes	
	information for the SA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES	No	\boxtimes
	Directory?	No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.		
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the	Yes	
	Management Authority?	No	
		No information	
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if app	plicable
	 Government institution 		
	 Academic or research institution 		
	 Permanent committee 		
	 Pool of individuals with certain expertise 		
	- Other (specify)		
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? 7		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-	Yes	\boxtimes
	related matters	No	
	If yes, please give estimation 10%	No information	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if app	plicable
	- Botany		\boxtimes
	– Ecology		\boxtimes
	– Fisheries		
	– Forestry		
	– Welfare		
	– Zoology		
	- Other (specify)		
	 No information 		
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in	Yes	
	relation to CITES species?	No	
		No information	

If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.

In 2003-2004 some research activities were undertaken to define more exactly populations and distribution of animal species, which are included into the Red Data Book of the Republic of Belarus, some of these species are also covered by CITES (see below)

Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
Falco peregrinus	0-3 pairs	Birds are recorded in the Berezinsky reserve, national park Bielovezhskaya puscha, Luninets and Miori distrits in the nesting time, but nesting have not been recorded since 1980	-	-	-	-
Milvus Migrans	200-230 pairs	eastern part of Belarus and flood-lands of large rivers	-	-	-	_
Milvus Milvus	3-10 pairs	It irregular nests in the western part of Belarus (Grodno region)	-	-	-	- -
Halliaeetus Albiicilla	85-105 pairs	Population mass in the southern part of Belarus, it occures also in the northern areas	-	-	-	_
Circaetus Gallicus	530-700 pairs	southern and south- eastern part of Belarus (confined within forest- bog landscapes)	_	-	-	-
Circus cyaneus	600-800 pairs	It regularly is recorded in the northern and southern part of Belarus	-	-	-	
Aquila Pomarina	3200-3800 pairs	It inhabits all territory	-	-	-	_
Aqualia Clanga Pallas	150-200 pairs	southern part of Belarus (Brest and Gomel region)	-	-	-	-
Aquila Chrysaetos	25-35 pairs	northern part of Belarus (Vitebsk region)	-	-	-	-
Hieraaetus Pennatus	10-15 pairs	southern part of Belarus	-	-	_	-
Pandion haliaetus	150-180 pairs	Population mass on the north of Belarus and sporadically occur on the southern part	-	-	-	-
Falco tinnunculus	1200-1700 pairs	It inhabits all territory	-	-	-	-
Falco vespertinus	10-30 pairs	isolated sites in the different parts of country	-	-	-	-
Falco columbarius	300-350 pairs	It inhabits all territory	-	-	_	-
Falco subbuteo	2500-2700 pairs	It inhabits all territory	-	-	-	-

Grus grus	800-1500 pairs	It inhabits all territory	-	-	-	_
Ciconia nigra	950-1300 pairs	It inhabits all territory	-	-	-	- -
Tuto alba	5-15 pairs	farthest west and south- west of country	-	-	_	_
Otus scopu	10-100 pairs	east and nouth-east part of Belarus	-	-	-	_
Bubo bubo	400-500 pairs	It inhabits all territory	-	-	-	-
Glaucidium passerinum	1200-2000 pairs	It inhabits all territory	-	-	-	_
Athene noctua	200-1000 pairs	It inhabits all territory	-	-	_	_
Strix uralensis	1200-1800 пар	It is found widely in northern part and restrictedly in central part of Belarus	-	-	-	
Strix nebulosa	50-100 пар	widely in southern part of Belarus	-	-	_	_
Asio flammeus	500 – 1500 pairs	It inhabits all territory	_	-	-	_
Hirudo medicinalis	1-3 specimens/m² for ponds	Ponds and lakes of the southern and western Polesie (southern part of Belarus)	-	-	-	-
Acipenser ruthenus linnaeus	isolated specimens	It rarely occurs in river Dnepr, Pripyat, Sozh, Berezina	-	-	_	-
Ursus arctos	100-110	northern part of Belarus	-	-	-	-
Lynx lynx	200-220	mainly northern part of Belarus (60% of population inhabits Vitebsk region)	-	-	-	-
				No	informatio	n [
		ls for scientific research iat under Resolution Co		Ye No		[
			·		informatio	n [
Please prov	ide details of an	ny additional measures ta	aken:		/	

information

D3	Enforcement Auth	orities						
1	Has the Secretaria authorities that ha confidential enfor	ve been	designate	ed for the	receip	ot of	Yes No No information	
2	If No, please design	ax and email).						
3	enforcement (e.g.	Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?						
4	If Yes, please stat	e which	is the lea	d agency	for er	nforcem	nent:	
5	Please provide de	tails of	any additi	onal meas	sures	taken:		
D4	Communication, in	ıformat	ion mana	gement a	nd ex	change	,	
1	To what extent is - Monitoring			-			Tick if applicable	
	MonitoringMonitoring	-	_		_			
	Permit issua	-	orting or	data on m	iogui (iude		
	Not at all							
	- Other (spec	ifv)						
2	Do the following a		ies have a	ccess to t	he Int	ernet?	Tick if applicable	
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted	Yes, but only through a dial-up connection	nly lifferent	s only	Not at all	Please provide details where appropriate	
	Management Authority							
	Scientific Authority							
	Enforcement Authority							
3	Is there an electron CITES species?	nic info	rmation s	ystem pro	vidin	g inforn	nation on Yes	

4	If Yes, does it provide information on:		Tick if applicable	
	– Legislation (national, regional or int	ternational)?		
	Conservation status (national, region	nal, international))?	
	- Other (please specify)?			
5	Is it available through the Internet:		Ye	s \Box
			No	
				t applicable
			No inf	ormation
	Please provide URL:		1111	offilation
6	Do the authorities indicated have access to	the following	,	Tick if applicable
O	publications?	the following		тек п аррпсаоте
	Publication	Management	Scientific	Enforcement
		Authority	Authority	Authority
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)			
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)			
•	Identification Manual			
	CITES Handbook			
7	If not, what problems have been encounter	red to access this	information?	
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to to on:	the Management	Authority	Tick if applicable
	Mortality in transport?			
	Seizures and confiscations?			
	 Discrepancies in number of items in pe actually traded? 	rmits and number	r of items	
	Comments:			
9	Is there a government website with inform	nation on CITES :	and Yes	
	its requirements?		No	
			No i	nformation
	If Yes, please give the URL: www.minpriroda.by/intl/intl_conventions/conv	CITES htm		
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in		ing	Tick if applicable
10	activities to bring about better accessibility of the Convention's requirements to the w	y to and understar	_	Tiek ii applicacie
	Press releases/conferences		·	\boxtimes
	Newspaper articles, radio/television	on appearances		
	- Brochures, leaflets			
	- Presentations		THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O	
	– Displays			

	 Information at boro 	der crossing poin	nts				
	 Telephone hotline 						\boxtimes
	- Other (specify)						
	Please attach copies of ar	ny items.					
11	Please provide details of		neasures	taken:			
		,					
D5	Permitting and registratio	n procedures					
1	Have any changes in pern	nit format or the	designat	ion and		Yes	
	signatures of officials emp					No	\boxtimes
	permits/certificates been r	eported previou	sly to the	e Secretaria	ıt?	Not applicable	
	If no, please provide detai	le of any:				No information	
	Changes in permit form						
	Changes in designation		f relevan	t officials:			
2	To date, has your country				es for	Tick if applicabl	e
	any of the following?	1	1	1			
				Yes	No	No informati	on
	Permit issuance/acceptance	e					
	Registration of traders						
	Registration of producers						
3	Please indicate how many						
	period? (Note that actual question refers to issued d		d in the A	annual Rep	ort by s	some Parties. This	
	question refers to issued d	Import or					
	Year 2003	introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments	
	How many documents were issued?	2	12	3			
	How many applications						
	were denied because of serious omissions or						
	misinformation?						
	Year 2004						
	How many documents		12	4			
	were issued?						
	How many applications						
	were denied because of serious omissions or			1			
	misinformation?						
4	Were any CITES docume	nts that were iss	ued later	cancelled	and	Yes	
	replaced because of seriou					No	$\overline{\boxtimes}$
						No information	
5	If Yes, please give the rea						
	Usually CITES permits	were replaced i	in conne	ction with	expiry	of the term of ac	tion

6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES docuother countries.	Tick if applicable			
	Reason	Yes	No	No informati	on
	Technical violations				
	Suspected fraud				
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment				
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition				
	Other (specify)				
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management to	ool in the		Yes	
	procedure for issuance of permits?			No	\boxtimes
				No information	
	Comments				
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been re	equested to	o prov	ide opinions?	
	about 1 month				
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registr	ration or		Tick if appli	icable
	related CITES activities? No				
	Issuance of CITES documents:	CITTO			
	Licensing or registration of operations that produce species:	ice CITES			
	species:				
	Harvesting of CITES-listed species: List of CITES listed species:				
	Use of CITES-listed species: Assignment of quotes for CITES listed species.	~ ~ .			
	 Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed specie Importing of CITES-listed species: 	2S:			
10	Other (specify):If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.				
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implement	ntation of		Tick if appl	icable
11	CITES or wildlife conservation? No	illation of		TICK II appi	Icabic
	- Entirely:				
	Partly:				
	Not at all:				
	Not relevant:				
	Comments:				
12	Please provide details of any additional measures tak	ken:			
	The state of the s				
D6	Capacity building				
1	Have any of the following activities been undertaker effectiveness of CITES implementation at the nation		ce	Tick if appli	cable
	Increased budget for activities Improvented in Improvented Improve	rement of n	nationa	al	
	Hiring of more staff Purchas	se of techn	iical e	quipment for	
		ring/enforc			
	Development of implementation tools Computation	iterization			

	Other (specify)						
2	Have the CITES authorities received or benefited from any of the following capacity building activities provided by external sources?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity. Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	Staff of Management Authority	\boxtimes	\boxtimes				
	Staff of Scientific Authority						
	Staff of enforcement authorities						
	Traders						
	NGOs	\boxtimes	\boxtimes				
	Public						
	Other (specify)						
3	Have the CITES authorities been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Target group		Te	Fir	Tra	Off	
	Staff of Management Authority						
	Staff of Scientific Authority					Ш	
	Staff of enforcement authorities				Щ	Ш	
	Traders						
	NGOs					Ш	
	Public						
	Other parties/International meetings						
	Other (specify)					Ш	
4	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:						

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-	-agency	or inter-s	ectoral con	nmittee on (CITES?	Yes			
							No		\boxtimes	
							No inform	nation		
2	If Yes, which ag meet?	gencies	are repres	ented and l	now often de	oes it				
3	If No, please ind Management A		_	-	_		-			
	MAs, SAs, Cust	toms, po	olice, other	rs):	·			·		
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Oth (spec		
	Meetings									
	Consultations		\boxtimes							
4	At the national collaborate with		ve there be	een any eff	forts to	Tick it	fapplicable	Details if available		
	Agencies for de	velopm	ent and tra	ıde						
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities									
	Local authoritie	s or con	nmunities				\boxtimes			
	Indigenous peop	oles								
	Trade or other p	rivate s	ector asso	ciations						
	NGOs									
	Other (specify)									
5	To date, have an arrangements for agreed between agencies?	r institu	itional coc	peration re	elated to CI	ΓES been		if applic	able	
	Scientific Author	ority							\boxtimes	
	Customs								\boxtimes	
	Police									
	Other border au	thorities	s (specify)			\align=1000000000000000000000000000000000000		·		
	Other governme	ent agen	cies						\boxtimes	
	Private sector be	odies								
	NGOs							N		
	Other (specify)									

6	Have Government staff participated in any regional activities related to CITES?	F	Fick if appl	icable
	Workshops			\boxtimes
	Meetings			\boxtimes
	Other (specify)			
7	Has there been any effort to encourage any non-Party to	Yes		$\overline{}$
,	accede to the Convention?	No		\boxtimes
			formation	
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?			
9	Has technical or financial assistance been provided to	Yes		
	another country in relation to CITES?	No		\boxtimes
		No in	formation	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was prov	rided?		
11	Has any data been provided for inclusion in the CITES	Yes		
	Identification Manual?	No		\boxtimes
		No in	formation	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
13	Have measures been taken to achieve co-ordination and reduce	Yes		
	duplication of activities between the national authorities for	No		
	CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. th biodiversity-related Conventions)?	e No ir	ıformation	\bowtie
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			
10	provide warms of any warmonar measures waren			
D8	Areas for future work			
1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiven	ess of CI	ΓES	
	implementation at the national level and what is the respective le	evel of pr	iority?	
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities			
	Hiring of more staff			
	Development of implementation tools			
	Improvement of national networks			
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement			
	Computerization			
	Other (specify)			
2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific	Yes		
	Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	No	.•	
	ratues!	No info	rmation	

3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?					
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention	Yes	\boxtimes			
	arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	No				
		No information				
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or required.	assistance that is				
	The organization of registration of specimens of an animal species bred in captivity or of a plant species artificially propagated require attention and assistance					
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been identified	Yes	\boxtimes			
	within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or	No				
	simplification?	No information				
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.					
	The legislation is developed, which determines that the speci given for specimens of an animal species bred in captivity or artificially propagated					
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:					

E. General feedback

Please provide any additional comments you would like to make, including comments on this format.

Thank you for completing the form. Please remember to include relevant attachments, referred to in the report. For convenience these are listed again below:

Question	Item		
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed	\boxtimes
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	
		Not available	\boxtimes
		Not relevant	
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	
		Not available	\boxtimes
		Not relevant	
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	
		Not available	\boxtimes
		Not relevant	
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	
		Not available	\boxtimes
		Not relevant	
D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES	Enclosed	\boxtimes
	produced for educational or public awareness purposes	Not available	
		Not relevant	
	Comments		