A. General information

Party	BULGARIA			
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004	1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004			
Details of agency preparing this report	National Nature Protection Service Directorate Ministry of Environment and Water 22, Maria Luisa Blvd. tel. (+359 2 940 6160)			
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals				

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CIT been provided under the Project? If yes, ignore question	s 2, 3 and	National	Legislation		artly) ormatio	n/unknown	
2	If any CITES-relevant I the following details:	egislation 	has bee	n planned, draft	ed or ena	ected, p	lease provid	е
	Title and date:			Status:				
	Brief description of cor	ntents:						
3	Is enacted legislation a		n one of	the working	Yes			
	languages of the Conv	ention?			No			
					No info	ormatio	n	
4	If yes, please attach a			•	legislation attached			
	key legislative provisio	ns that w	ere gaze	tted.	provided previously			
					not available, will send Later			
5	Which of the following domestic measures ad with Article XIV of the	opted for	CITES-lis				ick all applic	able
		Tł	ne condit	ions for:	The co	mplete	prohibition	of:
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No informa	ition
	Trade	\boxtimes						
	Taking	\boxtimes						
	Possession	\boxtimes						
	Transport	\boxtimes						
	Other (specify)							
	Additional comments							

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?								
	Item	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information					
	Powers of CITES authorities	\boxtimes							
	Clarity of legal obligations	\boxtimes							
	Control over CITES trade	\boxtimes							
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use								
	Coverage of law for all types of offences								
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties								
	Implementing regulations	\boxtimes							
	Coherence within legislation	\boxtimes							
	Other (please specify):								
	Twinning project BG2000/IB/ implementation in Bulgaria of re specie of wild fauna and flora be Environment and Waters.	gulation EC/33	38/97 and EC/	939/97 on tl	ne protection of				
7	If no review or assessment has for the next reporting period?	taken place, is	one planned	Yes No	formation				
	Please provide details if availabl	e.		NO IIII					
8	Has there been any review of le in relation to implementation of	gislation on th	•	bjects Ti	ck all applicable				
	Subject		Yes	No	No information				
	Access to or ownership of natu	ral resources							
	Harvesting								
	Transporting of live specimens								
	Handling and housing of live spo								
	Please provide details if avarequirements of keeping animal regulation will serve as base for licensing. The regulation is a Appendix I animals and issuance	ls in zoo was or evaluation o base also for	promulgated of existant fac the decisions	in the State cilities in the	Gasette. The zoos and their				
9	Please provide details of any ad	ditional measu	res taken:						

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	info	No rmation	
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operat	ions been u	undertal	ken?		
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:				\boxtimes	
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	\boxtimes				
	Border controls		\boxtimes			
	Other (specify)				\boxtimes	
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?		X			
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of attach details.	violations?	If avail	able,	please	
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?					
5	If information available:		Numb	er		
	Significant seizures/confiscations	2 atemp		_		
	☐ Total seizures/confiscations	reptiles (2 tortoises and 3 pythons).				
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.		pytnons).			
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?					
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If a as Annex.	vailable, ple	ease att	ach d	etails	
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?					
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were t as Annex.	he results?	Please	attacł	n details	
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of	of?	Tick	if ap	plicable	
	 Return to country of export 					
	- Public zoos or botanical gardens					
	 Designated rescue centres 				\leq	
	Approved, private facilities			Ļ	_	
	- Euthanasia			L	_	
	 Other (specify) Comments: 5 Rescue centers have been designat 	ed by or	der of	 Mini	ster of	
	Environment and Water No RD-242/14.03.2003 - 3 for plant species.					

11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an	Yes No	
	ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Not applicable	
		No information	
	Comments:		
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with	Yes	
	other countries	No	\boxtimes
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	No information	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:		
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to	Yes	
	assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to	No	
	the arrest and conviction of offenders?	No information	
15	If Yes, please describe:		
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related	Yes	
	enforcement?	No	
		Not applicable	
		No information	
	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 he	ere.	
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA	Yes	
	been designated?	No	\boxtimes
		No information	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identific CITES Directory.	ed as the lead MA	in the

5	How many staff work in each MA? 4						
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters?	Yes No	\square				
	If yes, please give estimation	No information					
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if appl	icable				
	 Administration 		\boxtimes				
	- Biology						
	Economics/trade						
	Law/policy		\boxtimes				
	- Other (specify)						
	 No information 						
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues	Yes					
	(e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in	No					
	D2(8) and D2(9)?	No information					
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved. The project named "Action Plan for conservation of sturgeon species in Danube River and Black Sea" were funded by the Ministry of Environment and Water for the period 2001 - 2002 and was completed in 2004 with aprovement of the Action Plan.						
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:						

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or	Yes	
	contact information for the SA(s) which are not yet reflected	No	\boxtimes
	in the CITES Directory?	No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes he	ere.	
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the	Yes	\boxtimes
	Management Authority?	No	
		No information	
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if appl	licable
	 Government institution 		
	Academic or research institution		
	Permanent committee		
	 Pool of individuals with certain expertise 		
	- Other (specify)		

6	Can you CITES-rela	Yes						
		No						
	If yes, ple	No informa	tion					
7	What are	the skills/expert	ise of staff with	in the SA	(s)?	Tick	if appli	cable
	- Botany	•						\boxtimes
	- Ecology	У						\boxtimes
	- Fisherie	es						
	- Forestr	У						
	- Welfare	е						
	- Zoolog	У						\boxtimes
	- Other (specify)						
	- No info	ormation						
8	Have any	research activit	ies been underta	aken by th	e SA(s) in	Yes		
	relation to	CITES species	?			No	\boxtimes	
						No informa		
9	-	ease give the sp	ecies name and	provide de	etails of the	kind of resea	arch	
	involved.	1					1	
	Species	Populations	Distribution	Off	Legal	Illegal		her
	name			take	trade	trade	(spe	cify)
	[D]				<u></u>	NI - :- (<u>. </u>	
10		-	ate sheet, as ne	-	<u> </u>	No informa	tion	
10	-		ls for scientific i iat under Resolu			Yes		
	Submitted	to the occietar	iat under Nesoic	ition com	. 12.2:	No		
4.4						No informa	tion	
11	Please pro	ovide details of a	any additional m	easures ta	aken:			

D3 Enforcement Authorities

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Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement	Yes						
authorities that have been designated for the receipt of	No						
confidential emorcement information related to CITES?	No information						
If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email). National Nature Protection Service Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Water, 22 Maria Luisa Blvd,							
Sofia 1000, tel. (+ 359 2 940 6151), fax. (+ 359 2 980 nnpsf@moew.government.bg	9641),						
Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related	Yes	\boxtimes					
enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department,	No						
Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Under consideration						
	No information						
If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforceme Environment and Water,	nt: Ministry of						
Please provide details of any additional measures taken:							
	authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES? If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax Nature Protection Service Directorate, Ministry of Environm Luisa Blvd, Sofia 1000, tel. (+ 359 2 940 6151), fax. (+ 359 2 980 nnpsf@moew.government.bg Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)? If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforceme Environment and Water,	authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES? No information If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email). National Nature Protection Service Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Water, 22 Maria Luisa Blvd, Sofia 1000, tel. (+ 359 2 940 6151), fax. (+ 359 2 980 9641), nnpsf@moew.government.bg Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related yes enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)? Under consideration No information If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement: Ministry of Environment and Water,					

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is	CITES	informat	ion comp	uteriz	ed?	Tick if applicable
	- Monitoring and						
	 Monitoring and 	report	ing of dat	ta on illeg	al tra	de	
	- Permit issuance	е					
	- Not at all						
	- Other (specify)						
2	Do the following	authorit	ties have	access to	the I	nternet	? Tick if applicable
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted	Yes, but only through a dial-up connection	Yes, but only through a different office	Some offices only	Not at all	Please provide details where appropriate
	Management Authority	\boxtimes					
	Scientific Authority				\boxtimes		

	Enforcement Authority	\boxtimes								
3	Is there an electro		rmation	system	providir	ng inforn	nation	Yes		
	on CITES species	?						No		
								No		
_									rmation	
4	If Yes, does it pro							-	Tick if applic	able
	– Legislation (nat		•							
·	 Conservation s 			regional,	interna	ational)?				
	 Other (please s 									
5	Is it available thro	ugh the	Internet	:				Yes		
								No		Ц
									applicable	
								No	rmation	
	 Please provide UR	l · http:	//20/20/20/	20011	overnm	ont ha/		11110	iiiiatioii	
6	Do the authorities							т	ick if applica	
O	publications?	indicate	eu nave	access (.o the it		j 		тек п аррпс	3016
	Pub	lication			_	jement ority	Scient Autho		Enforceme Authorit	
	2003 Checklist of (book)	CITES	Species							
	2003 Checklist of Annotated Appen		-							
	Identification Man	ual				\leq				
	CITES Handbook									
7	If not, what probl	ems hav	/e been (encount	ered to	access	this info	rmatio	n?	
8	Have enforcement Authority on:	t author	ities repo	orted to	the Ma	nageme	ent		Tick if appli	cable
	 Mortality in tra 	nsport?								
	 Seizures and co 	onfiscati	ions?							\boxtimes
	 Discrepancies i actually traded 		er of iter	ms in pe	rmits ar	nd numb	per of ite	ms		
	Comments:									
9	Is there a governm	nent we	bsite wi	th inforn	nation o	on CITES	S and	Yes		
	its requirements?							No		
								No in	formation	
	If Yes,	plea		give	th		URL:			
	http://chm.moew.	.governr	ment.bg/	nnps/Ind	<u>dexDeta</u>	alls.ctm?	(VID =			

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10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of t activities to bring about better accessibility to an understanding of the Convention's requirements public?	Tick if applic	able					
	- Press releases/conferences							
	 Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances 							
	- Brochures, leaflets				\boxtimes			
	- Presentations		N.					
	- Displays							
 Information at border crossing points 								
	- Telephone hotline							
	- Other (specify)							
	Please attach copies of any items.							
11	Please provide details of any additional measures	s taken:						
D5 Pe	rmitting and registration procedures							
1	Have any changes in permit format or the designatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the		riat?	Yes No Not applicable No information				
	If no, please provide details of any:			NO IIIIOIIIIatioii	Ш			
	Changes in permit format:							
	Changes in designation or signatures of re	elevant of	ficials:					
2	To date, has your country developed written perr for any of the following?	nit proced	ures	Tick if applicable)			
		Yes	No	No information	n			
	Permit issuance/acceptance							
	Registration of traders							
	Registration of producers							

3	Please indicate how many period? (Note that actual question refers to issued	-					
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re- expor	t Other	Comments	
	How many documents were issued?	8	187	8		No sertificates for introduction from the sea were issued.	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?						
	Year 2 How many documents were issued?	8	183	11		No sertificates for introduction from the sea were issued.	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?						
4	Were any CITES docume replaced because of serio	Yes					
5	If Yes, please give the rea	asons for this.					
6	Please give the reasons for other countries.	or rejection of C	CITES do	cument	s from	Tick if applicable	
	Re	ason		Υ	'es No	No information	
	Technical violations						
	Suspected fraud			[
	Insufficient basis for findi	ng of non-detri	ment	[
	Insufficient basis for findi	ng of legal acqu	uisition				
	Other (specify)						
7	Are harvest and/or export procedure for issuance of	=	anageme	ent tool	in the	Yes \(\) No \(\) No information \(\)	
	Comments The Order RD09-138/19.03.2003, RD-266/19.03.2003 of the Minister of agriculture and forestry and the Minister of Environment and Water has specified the regimes and requirements for protection and sustainable use of sturgeon species. The order has included a procedure for the sharing of annual quotas for sturgeon products between exporters.						
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? Regularly						

9	Has the MA charged fees for permit related CITES activities?	t issuar	nce, registration or	Tick if applic	cable
	 Issuance of CITES documents: 				\boxtimes
	 Licensing or registration of opera species: 	ations t	hat produce CITES		
	Harvesting of CITES-listed speci	AC :			
	 Use of CITES-listed species: 	cs.			퓜
	•	listad			
	Assignment of quotas for CITES Section CITES CITES CITES CITES CITES CITES Section CITES CITES		species.		片
	Importing of CITES-listed specie. Other (appells):	S.			H
10	- Other (specify):	, ,	•		Ш
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts				
	1. Issuance of CITES import or certificate for native species for Bu Euro) for each species.	-			
	2. Issuance of CITES import permi Bulgaria - 40 BG leva (Appr. 21 Eur				
	3. Issuance of CITES import or certificate the zoos, botanical gard expositions of plants and animals and scientific institutions - 23 BG whol permit.	lens, c and fo	ircuses, delphinariums, r specimens museums		
11	Have revenues from fees been used CITES or wildlife conservation?	l for the	e implementation of	Tick if applic	cable
	- Entirely:				
-	- Partly:				
	- Not at all:				
-	Not relevant:				
	Comments: The revenue comes	into t	he Enternise for		
	Management of Environmental		ection Activities		
	(EMEPA) in the Ministry of Environment				
	finances the activities of the de				
	centers.				
12	Please provide details of any add	litional	measures taken:		
D6 Ca _l	pacity building				
1	Have any of the following activities effectiveness of CITES implementate			Tick if applic	able
	Increased budget for activities		Improvement of national networks		
	Hiring of more staff		Purchase of technical equi monitoring/enforcement	pment for	
	Development of implementation tools		Computerization		

	- Other (specify) The Rescue centers were equiped with new cars for transportation of animal and office equipments under the PHARE Twinning project BG2000/IB/EN/01-B named "Institutional strengthening for the implementation in Bulgaria of regulation EC/338/97 and EC/939/97 on the protection of specie of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein" caried out by the Ministry of Environment and Waters.							
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			
	Staff of Scientific Authority						Twining project BG2000/IB/EN/01-B funded by PHARE	
	Staff of enforcement authorities				\boxtimes			
	Traders							
	NGOs							
	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. Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details	
l	Staff of Management Authority							
	Staff of Scientific Authority						-	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	\square			\boxtimes			
	Traders							
	NGOs							
	Public							
	Other parties/International meetings							
	Other (specify)							
4	Please provide details of any addition	nal me	asures	taken:				
D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives								
1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sec	ctoral c	ommit	tee on	CITE	S?	Yes	
							No	
							No information	
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented meet?	ented a	nd hov	v often	ı doe	s it		

3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the Management Authority to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SAs, Customs, police, others):								
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)	
	Meetings								
	Consultations							the friquency of consultati ons is very much depended from the subject	
4	At the national collaborate with		ave there I	been any e	efforts to	Tick if	applicable	Details if available	
	Agencies for de	evelopm	nent and ti						
	Provincial, state	e or terr	ritorial aut	horities					
	Local authoritie	s or co	mmunities						
	Indigenous peo	ples							
	Trade or other p	private	sector ass						
	NGOs				\boxtimes				
	Other (specify) Aquaculture	Exsec	utive Age	ency of Fi	shery and				
5	To date, have a arrangements for agreed between agencies?	or instit	utional co	operation	related to C	ITES be		if applicable	
	Scientific Author	ority							
	Customs								
	Police								
	Other border au	uthoritie	s (specify)					
	Other governme	ent age	ncies						
	Private sector b	odies							
	NGOs							\boxtimes	
	Other (specify) The relations between the CITES Implementation bodies are clearly determined by the Biodiversity Act (2002).								

	<u> </u>		
6	Have Government staff participated in any regional activities related to CITES?	Tick if appli	cable
	Workshops		\boxtimes
	Meetings		\boxtimes
	Other (specify)		
7	Has there been any effort to encourage any non-Party to	Yes	
	accede to the Convention?	No	\boxtimes
		No information	
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 information	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was pr	ovided?	
11	Has any data been provided for inclusion in the CITES	Yes	
	Identification Manual?	No	\boxtimes
		No information	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
13	Have measures been taken to achieve co-ordination and	Yes	
	reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental	No	\boxtimes
	agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	No information	
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D8 Areas for future work

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority?									
	Activity	High	Medium	Low						
	Increased budget for activities									
	Hiring of more staff	\square								
	Development of implementation tools	\square								
	Improvement of national networks									
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement									
	Computerization									
	Other (specify)									

2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes No No information	
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?		
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention	Yes	
	arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	No	\boxtimes
		No information	
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention required.	or assistance that	is
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been	Yes	
	identified within the Convention that would benefit from	No	
	review and/or simplification?	No information	
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
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	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
С3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	
		Not available	\boxtimes
		Not relevant	
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		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		