A. General information

Party	Japan
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004	1 January 2003 – 31 December 2004
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	CITES Management Authorities of Japan CITES Scientific Authorities of Japan CITES Enforcement Authorities of Japan

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CIT been provided under the Project? If yes, ignore questions	ne CITES I	National	•	Yes (fully) Yes (partly) No No information/unknown						
2	If any CITES-relevant I the following details:	ed or ena	cted, p	lease provid	е						
	Title and date:			Status:							
	Brief description of contents:										
3	Is enacted legislation a	Yes									
	languages of the Conv	ention?			No						
		No info	No information								
4	If yes, please attach a	legislation attached									
	key legislative provisio	ns that w	ere gaze	tted.	provided previously						
					not available, will send \Box						
					later						
5	Which of the following			• •			ick all applic	able			
	domestic measures ad			sted species (in	accordan	ce					
	with Article XIV of the			ı							
		Th	e condit	ions for:	The co	/i	prohibition				
	Issue	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No informa	ition			
		<u> </u>		information							
	Trade	\boxtimes									
	Taking				Ш						
	Possession										
	Transport										
	Other (specify)										

	Additional comments									
	The CITES MA of Japan reviewed the domestic regulations and procedures for the									
	international trade based on rele		•	ina procedui	es for the					
6	What were the results of any re	view or assess	ment of the	Ti	ck all applicable					
	effectiveness of CITES legislation	on, with regard	to the following	ng						
	items?		Dantially.							
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information					
	Powers of CITES authorities									
	Clarity of legal obligations									
	Control over CITES trade									
	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				\boxtimes					
	Implementing regulations									
	Coherence within legislation									
	Other (please specify):									
	Please provide details if available	e:								
7	If no review or assessment has	taken place, is	one planned	Yes						
	for the next reporting period?	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		No						
				No in	formation					
	Please provide details if availabl	e:			_					
8	Has there been any review of le	gislation on the	e following sul	bjects Ti	ck all applicable					
	in relation to implementation of	the Convention	n?							
	Subject		Yes	No	No information					
	Access to or ownership of natu	ral resources		\square						
	Harvesting									
	Transporting of live specimens									
	Handling and housing of live spe	ecimens								
	Please provide details if available		, <u> </u>		, ⊔					
9	Please provide details of any ad		res taken:							
	Amendment of legislation on the trade of CITES Appendix I species and ivory products									

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	info	No rmation
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring opera-	tions been	undertal	ken?	
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:				
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	\boxtimes			
	Border controls	\boxtimes			
	Other (specify)	\boxtimes			
	Regular check on internet auction				
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.	violations?	If availa	able,	please
	Illegal display of CITES Appendix I species for commerce for the Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fau				of Law
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?]	
5	If information available:		Numb	er	
	Significant seizures/confiscations	2	2003: 1	,126	;
	☐ Total seizures/confiscations	2	2004: 1	,484	
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.				
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 atta	ach d	etails
	(Information from Customs office)				
	-Violation of Customs Law : 2 cases				
	(Information from Police Agency)				
	-Violation of the Law for the Conservation of Endangerer Flora (regulated internal trade): 4 cases (15 suspects are (15 suspects arrested) in 2004				
	-Violation of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Co Control Order and Import Trade Control Order: 6 cases and 1 case (1 suspect arrested) in 2004				
	(Violations related to not only international trade of CITE domestic regulation of CITES-listed species and national				

	the Law for the Conservation of Endangered Species of Wincluded in the above-mentioned number.)	ild Fauna	and Flora ar	re		
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?					
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the as Annex.	results? F	Please attach	n details		
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of?		Tick if ap	plicable		
	 Return to country of export 					
	 Public zoos or botanical gardens 			\leq		
	 Designated rescue centres 					
	 Approved, private facilities 					
	– Euthanasia					
	- Other (specify)			\leq		
	Comments:					
	The CITES MA of Japan takes care of all confiscated live zoos and botanical gardens.	ve animals	s and plants	at the		
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat of	on Yes	Yes			
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicte	No ed	No [
	illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Not	Not applicable			
		No i	No information			
	Comments:					
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities w	ith Yes		\boxtimes		
	other countries	No				
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	No i	nformation			
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:					
	The CITES MA of Japan exchanged intelligence of the sig with related MAs and the Secretariat to take appropriate a		ases of illeg	al trade		
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 i	nformation			
15	If Yes, please describe:					
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related	Yes	Yes			
	enforcement?	No				
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	Not applicable No information
	Comments:
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:
	The Governmental officials of the CITES related ministries and agencies held several meetings to exchange information of illegal trade on CITES and to take its appropriate actions. The meeting examined measures and cooperation among the ministries to prevent illegal trade and its enforcement actions.

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or	Yes					
	contact information for the MA(s) which are not yet	No					
	reflected in the CITES Directory?	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	\boxtimes				
	been designated?	No					
		No information					
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identific CITES Directory.	ed as the lead MA i	n the				
	a. For Derivatives and Products						
	Trade Licensing Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and	Industry (METI), To	okyo				
	b. For Live Animals, Plants and Raw parts						
	Agricultural and Marine Products Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Tokyo						
	c. For Introduction from the sea						
	Resources and Environment Research Division, Fisheries A	lgency, Tokyo					
5	How many staffs work in each MA?						
	a. Trade Licensing Division, METI (5 officials for CITES perm	itting)					
	b. Agricultural and Marine Products Office, METI (3 officials t	for CITES permitting	g)				
	c. Regional Bureau, METI (2 or 3 officials in each Bureau for	CITES permitting)					
	d. Resources and Environment Research Division, Fisheries A charge of CITES)	gency (3 officials i	'n				

6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters?	Yes No	\boxtimes
	If yes, please give estimation: 100% (METI)	No information	
	With regard to Fisheries Agency, it is difficult to estimate the ratio of time allocated to CITES-related matter.		
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if app	licable
	 Administration 		\boxtimes
	- Biology		\boxtimes
	Economics/trade		\boxtimes
	Law/policy		\boxtimes
	- Other (specify)		
	 No information 		
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research	Yes	
	activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues	No	\boxtimes
	(e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	No information	
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the involved.	kind of research	
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		
D2 Sci	entific 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	\square
	Management Authority?	No	
	(Exception: Resource and Environment Research Division of	No information	
	Fisheries Agency is designated as the Scientific and the		
	Management Authority for matters related to "introduction from the sea".)		
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if app	licable
	- Government institution		
	 Academic or research institution 		
	 Permanent committee 		
	 Pool of individuals with certain expertise 		
	- Other (specify)		

5	How man	y staff work in e	each SA on CITI	ES issues?)			
	3 officials in the Ministry of Environment (MOE)							
	3 officia	als in the Ministi	ry of Agriculture	, Forestry	and Fisheri	es		
	3 officia	als in the Fisheri	es Agency					
	2 officia							
6	Can you	estimate the p	ercentage of ti	me they	spend on	Yes	\boxtimes	
	CITES-rela	ated matters				No		
	If yes, ple	ase give estima	tion			No informa	tion 🗌	
	100% for	2 officials and	10% for an office	cial(MOE)				
	30% (MA	FF)						
		ated matters ii	ne percentage on the Forestry					
7			ise of staff with	in the SA	(s)?	Tick	if applicable	
'	- Botany	-			(0).	TION		
	- Ecology							
	- Fisherie							
	- Forestr							
	– Welfare							
	- Zoolog							
	- Other (-						
		ormation						
8			ies been underta	aken by th	e SA(s) in	Yes		
	_	CITES species?		,		No		
						No information		
9	If Yes, ple	ase give the sp	ecies name and	provide de	etails of the	kind of rese	arch	
	involved.							
	(Details ar	re attached to th	nis report)					
	Species	Populations	Distribution	Off	Legal	Illegal	Other	
	name	- 1		take	trade	trade	(specify)	
- 10		• .				No informa	tion 📙	
10	1		ls for scientific i iat under Resolu			Yes		
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11	Diagram	و کا حالت ما ما ما ما ما ما ما		0001155 +	olean.	No informa	uon 🗀	
11	riease pro	ovide details of a	any additional m	easures ta	акеп:			

D3 Enforcement Authorities

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1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement	Yes	\boxtimes					
	authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	No						
	confidential emorcement information related to CITES:	No information						
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax	and email).						
З	Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related	Yes						
	enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	No						
	Customs, the police, public prosecutor's officer:	Under consideration						
		No information						
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement	nt:						
	The CITES Enforcement Unit of the government of Japan has been established in 2000, which consist of the Customs Office, National Police Agency and CITES related authorities. This unit is managed by the CITES MA of Japan.							
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:							
D4 Coi	mmunication, information management and exchange							
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1	To what extent is	Tick if applicable					
	 Monitoring and 						
	- Monitoring and						
	- Permit issuance	е					
	- Not at all						
	- Other (specify)						
2	Do the following a	authori	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						(MITI has access through a dial-up connection.)
	Scientific Authority	\boxtimes					

	Enforcement Authority									
3	Is there an electro	nic inf	ormation	system p	orovidir	ng infor	mation	Yes		\boxtimes
	on CITES species	?						No		
								No		
								infor	mation	
4	If Yes, does it pro	vide in	formation	on:				Т	ick if applic	able
	 Legislation (nat 	tional, ı	egional o	r interna	tional) ?	?				\boxtimes
	 Conservation s 	tatus (ı	national,	regional,	interna	ational)	?			\boxtimes
	 Other (please s 	specify)	?							
5	Is it available thro	ugh the	e Internet	:				Yes		
								No		
								Not a	applicable	
								No		
								infor	mation	
	Please provide UF	RL:								
	(METI)									
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6	Do the authorities publications?	s indica	ted nave	access t	o the f	ollowin	9	11	ck if applica	abie
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	2003 Checklist of Annotated Appen		•			\leq				
	Identification Man	nual				\leq				
	CITES Handbook					$\overline{\mathbb{Z}}$				

7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access this info	ormation?	
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:	Tick if app	icable
	– Mortality in transport?		
	– Seizures and confiscations?		\boxtimes
	 Discrepancies in number of items in permits and number of it actually traded? 	ems	
	Comments:		
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?	Yes No No information	
	If Yes, please give the URL:		
	(MOFA)		
	http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/kankyo/jyoyaku/wasntn.ht ml		
	(METI)		
	http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/boekikanri/pages/cites/cites_top_		
	page.htm		
	(Only available in Japanese)		
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public?	Tick if appli	cable
	- Press releases/conferences		\boxtimes
	 Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances 		
	– Brochures, leaflets		\boxtimes
	 Presentations 		
	– Displays		\boxtimes
	 Information at border crossing points 		
	- Telephone hotline		
	- Other (specify)		
	Please attach copies of any items.		
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in perr signatures of officials em permits/certificates been	Yes No Not applicable No information				
	If no, please provide deta					
	Changes in permit form					
	Changes in designatio					
2	To date, has your country for any of the following?	y developed wr	itten peri	mit proced	lures	Tick if applicable
				Yes	No	No information
	Permit issuance/acceptan	ice			\square	
	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- export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	Import: 14 Introduction from the sea:4	402	937	0	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?	_	_			There were several denied cases, but actual number is not available.
	Year 2 How many documents were issued?	Import: 8 Introduction from the sea: 9	428	1,049	0	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?	_				There were several denied cases, but actual number is not available.
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 rejection of CITES docum other countries.	Tick if applicable		
	Reason	Yes	No	No information
	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 t	ool in t	:he	Yes
	procedure for issuance of permits?			No
				No information
	Comments			
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been re	queste	d to p	rovide opinions?
	6 times (MAFF), 6 times (Forestry Agency)			
	2003: import 12, export 24 / 2004: import 6, expo	ort 30	(MOE)	
	In addition to the above-mentioned numbers, It issuance of permits on CITES Article 3 and 4. Therefore more than one which is provided in 3 of D5.		-	
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registr	otion o	r	Tick if applicable
9	related CITES activities?	ation o	ľ	Tick if applicable
	 Issuance of CITES documents: 			
	 Licensing or registration of operations that product species: 	ce CITE	S	
	 Harvesting of CITES-listed species : 			
	Use of CITES-listed species:			
	Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:			
	 Importing of CITES-listed species: 			
	- Other (specify):			
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.			
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implement CITES or wildlife conservation?	ntation	of	Tick if applicable
	- Entirely:			
	- Partly:			
	– Not at all:			
	- Not relevant:			
	Comments:			
12	Please provide details of any additional measures tak	en:		

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level?							ble		
	Increased budget for activities		Impro netwo	nal	\boxtimes					
	Hiring of more staff		1	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement						
	Development of implementation tools	\boxtimes	Comp							
	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					NGOs			
	Staff of Scientific Authority	\boxtimes					Specialists			
	Staff of enforcement authorities	\boxtimes								
	Traders	\square								
	NGOs	\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. Target group	Details						
	Staff of Management Authority					Other (Training programs	
	Staff of Scientific Authority						Oral discussions	
	Staff of enforcement authorities						Training programs	
	Traders							
	NGOs						Oral discussions	
	Public							
	Other parties/International meetings							
	Other (specify)							
4 Please provide details of any additional measures taken: D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives								
1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-se	ctoral c	ommit	tee on	CITE	:57	Yes	
•	is there an inter agency of inter se	otorar c	,011111110	too on		.0:	No \square	
							No information	
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented meet?	ented a	nd hov	v often	doe	s it		
	Inter-Ministerial Coordinating Committee to CITES is composed of Cabinet Office, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and National Police Agency. This Committee is held 2-3 times a year.							

3	If No, please in Management A MAs, SAs, Cus	uthority	to ensure	e co-ordina	-		-		er
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	1	her cify)
	Meetings								
	Consultations								
4	At the national collaborate with		ave there	been any e	efforts to	Tick is	applicable	Deta avail	ils if lable
	Agencies for de	evelopm	nent and t	ade					
	Provincial, state	e or teri	itorial aut	horities					
	Local authoritie	s or co	mmunities						
	Indigenous peo	ples							
	Trade or other	private	sector ass	ociations				<u> </u>	
	NGOs								
	Other (specify)								
5	To date, have a arrangements for agreed between agencies?	or instit	utional co	operation	related to C	CITES be		if appli	cable
	Scientific Author	ority							\boxtimes
	Customs								\boxtimes
	Police								\boxtimes
	Other border au	uthoritie	s (specify)					
	Other governme	ent age	ncies						
	Private sector b	odies							
	NGOs								
	Other (specify)								
6	Have Governme activities related			ated in an	y regional		Tick	if appli	cable
	Workshops								\boxtimes
	Meetings								\boxtimes
	Other (specify)								
7	Has there been	-		courage a	ny non-Part	ty to	Yes		
	accede to the 0	Jonven	LIOI1?				No		
							No inform	ation	
8	If Yes, which o	ne(s) ar	nd in what	way?					

9	Has technical or financial assistance been provided to	Yes	\boxtimes
	another country in relation to CITES?	No	
		No information	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was pro	vided?	
	-Financial assistance to the 6 th African Elephant range state dia	alogue meeting	
	15,000 USD (August 2004)		
	-Financial assistance to the MIKE Projects		
	50,000 USD (March 2003)		
	40,000 USD (February 2004)		
	-Financial assistance to COP13		
	100,000 USD (November 2004)		
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	\boxtimes
	reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental	No	
	agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	No information	
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
	In Japan, instead of establishing an inter-ministerial commultilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) including CITE Division of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as a diplomatic automatters concerned en bloc. Also, consultation and coordination the relevant Focal Points of other MEAs by providing information and Inter-Ministerial Coordinating Committee is set up for impleming Biodiversity Strategy of Japan under CBD, and consultation and actions on biodiversity conservation are implemented through the strategy of the strate	ES, Global Environ thority, administer, on is undertaken a on as necessary. entation of he Na d coordination rega	ment s the mong tional
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								
	Development of implementation tools								
	Improvement of national networks			\square					
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement								
	Computerization			\boxtimes					
	Other (specify)								
2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific	Yes							
	Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the	No							
	Parties?	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							
	arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	No		\boxtimes					
		No info	rmation						
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention required.	n or assis	tance 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 info	rmation						
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	
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	\boxtimes
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		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		
	One brochure and one poster on the regulation of internal trade in CITES Appendix I species, and one brochure on the regulation of the internal trade in ivory and hawks-bill turtle		