REPUBLIC OF SERBIA



CITES BIENNIAL REPORT

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A. General information

Party	Republic of Serbia (since June 2006, the Republic of Serbia is an independent state and it is the successor to all international agreements)
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2005 to 31 December 2006
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of Environmental Protection
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	/

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1					Yes (fully)		
					No		
						on/unknown	
2	If any CITES-relevant leg	islation	has be	en planned, drafted or			
	following details:						
	Title and date:				Status:		
	Law on Nature Protection	; begini	ing of y	ear 2008	in procedure		
	Brief description of conte	nts:					
	The new Law on Nature F			0		onmental protection,	
	as well as some regulation						
3	Is enacted legislation ava	ilable ir	n one o	f the working language	es of the	Yes	
	Convention?					No information	
4	If yoo, places attach a co	ov of th	o full lo	gialativa taxt ar kay	Logialation	No information	
4	If yes, please attach a co legislative provisions that			o ,	Legislation a Provided pre		
		were g	azelleu			\mathbb{R} , will send later \mathbb{R}	
5	Which of the following iss			, ,			
	measures adopted for Cl	IES-list	ted spe	cies (in accordance wi	th Article XIV	Tick all applicable	
	of the Convention)?		Tho	onditions for:	The com	lete prohibition of:	
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes No	No information	
	Trade	\boxtimes					
	Taking						
	Possession	\square					
	Transport	\boxtimes					
	Other (specify)						
	Additional comments:						
	Regarding stricter domes						
	Wild Plant and Animal S						
	on Protection of Natural		s of Re	public of Serbia (opffi	cial Register o	of Republic of Serbiaq	
	50/93, 93/93) are adopted	d.					

6	What were the results of any review CITES legislation, with regard to th	ctiveness of	Tick all applicable		
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	No information	
	Powers of CITES authorities				\square
	Clarity of legal obligations				\square
	Control over CITES trade				\square
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use				\boxtimes
	Coverage of law for all types of offences				\boxtimes
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties				\boxtimes
	Implementing regulations				\boxtimes
	Coherence within legislation				\square
	Other (please specify)				\square
	Please provide details if available:	/			
7	If no review or assessment has ta reporting period?	aken place, is	one planned	for the next	Yes X No Information
	Please provide details if available:	/			
8	Has there been any review of legis relation to implementation of the Co		ollowing subje	ects in	Tick all applicable
	Subject		Yes	No	No information
	Access to or ownership of natural r	esources			
	Harvesting				
	Transporting of live specimens	\boxtimes			
	Handling and housing of live speci	mens			\boxtimes
	Please provide details if available:	/			
9	Please provide details of any additi	ional measure	es taken: /		

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?	Yes	No	No information
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers	\square		
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	\boxtimes		
	Border controls	\square		
	Other (specify): phytosanitary and veterinarian inspection	\square		
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 violations? If available, please attach details. /			
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	\square		

5	If information available:			ımber:		
	Significant seizures/confiscations	510 specimens of				
	Total seizures/confiscations		Testudo hermanni			
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.	a	and 3 specimens of <i>Iguana iguana</i>			
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-	\boxtimes				
	related violations?					
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please	e attac	h detai	ls as Anne	х.	
	There were 3 attempts of illegal export.	-				
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related		\square			
	violations?					
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results?					
10	Please attach details as Annex. /					
10	How the confiscated specimens were usually disposed of?		lic	k if applica	I	
	. Return to country of export				\bowtie	
	. Public zoos or botanical gardens					
	. Designated rescue centres				\boxtimes	
	. Approved, private facilities					
	. Euthanasia					
	. Other (specify)				Π	
	Comments: /					
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on signification	ant	Yes			
	cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means		No		\square	
	information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	,,	Not a	pplicable		
	. .		No information			
	Comments: /					
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with other		Yes		\boxtimes	
	countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigat	ive	No			
	assistance, joint operation, etc.)?		No in	formation		
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:					
	In July 2006, the Hungarian customs confiscated 181 specimens of					
	Since the tourtles were collected on Serbian teritory, the Manage					
	informed the Management Authority of Republic of Serbia if it was					
	The Ispection for Environmental Protection of Serbia returned the	e tourt	les an	d reintrodu	icted	
	them back to the nature.		×			
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to assist in the		Yes			
	enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conv	iction	No No int	formation	\square	
45	of offenders?		INO IN	formation		
15	If Yes, please describe: /	00 m+0	Voo			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcen	ient?	Yes No			
				pplicable	\exists	
				formation	\square	
	Comments: /			ornation		
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: /					
17	i lease 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	Yes	\square
	for the MA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	No	
		No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.		
	There were changes in position of focal point for Serbia in June 2006.		
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been	Yes	\boxtimes
	designated?	No	
		No information	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead	MA in the CITES	
	Directory.		
	Republic of Serbia was the leading MA - Ministry of Science and Environme	ental Protection -	
	Directorate for Environmental Protection and Republic of Montenegro - Mini		
	Environmental Protection and Physical Planing until separation in May 2006	δ.	
5	How many staff works in each MA?		
	Two people in Serbia and one person in Montenegro.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related	Yes	\boxtimes
	matters?	No	
		No information	
	If yes, please give estimation:		
	Regulary we spend 40 hours per week on CITES-related matters, but in cas	e of extra work w	е
	stay longer in the office until we complete the work.	1	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if applicat	ole
	. Administration		
	. Biology		
	. Economics/trade		
	. Law/policy		
	. Other (specify)		
	. No information	1	
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation	Yes	Ц
	to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species	No	
	identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	No information	\bowtie
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of rese	arch involved.	/
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 information	Yes	
	for the SA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	No	\boxtimes
		No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. /		
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the Management	Yes	\boxtimes
	Authority?	No	
		No information	

4	What is the st	Tick if applicable								
	. Governmer									
		or research inst	itution							
	. Permanent committee									
	. Pool of individuals with certain expertise									
-	. Other (spec									
5	1-3 persons	ff work in each	SA ON CITES I	ssues?						
6		mate the perce	entage of time	they spen	d on CITE	S-related	Yes			
Ŭ	matters?		inage of ante	andy open			No			
							No information			
	If yes, please	give estimation	1:							
	Regulary they	spend 40 hour	s per week on	CITES-rela	ted matter	s, but in ca	se of field work they			
		n for several day								
7		kills/expertise of	f staff within the	e SA(s)?			Tick if applicable			
	. Botany									
	. Ecology									
	. Fisheries									
	. Forestry									
	. Welfare									
	. Zoology . Other (spe	aifu)								
	. No informa									
8		earch activities	heen undertak	en hy the S	A(s) in rela	ation to	Yes			
0	CITES specie						No			
							No information			
9	If Yes, please	give the specie	es name and pr	ovide detai	ils of the ki	nd of rese	arch involved.			
	Species		Distribution	Off take	Legal	Illegal				
	name	Populations	Distribution	On lake	trade	trade	Other (specify)			
			O a sta i a				Action Plan for			
	Lynx lynx	/	Serbia,	/	/	/	protection and conservation of Lynx			
			Montenegro				lynx			
							The Increase of			
	Ursus arctos	/	Serbia	1	1	1	Viability and recovery			
		,	Cerbia	'	,	/	of the population of			
							Ursus arctos Action Plan for			
							protection and			
	Ursus arctos	/	Serbia	/	/	/	conservation of Ursus			
							arctos			
							Action Plan for			
	Canis lupus	/	Serbia	/	/	/	protection and conservation of Canis			
						lupus				
							Action Plan for			
	Sturgeon , Danube ,		1	1	protection and					
	species	/	river	/	/	/	conservation of			
			aboot on nor				Sturgeon species			
	[Please contir	No information								

10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes No No information	
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: /		

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement authorities that Yes					
	have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement		No	\boxtimes		
	information related to CITES?		No information			
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and emai	l). /	1			
3	Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor or office)?		er consideration nformation			
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement: /					
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: /					

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent i	To what extent is CITES information computerized? Tick if applicable									
	. Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade										
	. Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade										
	. Permit issua	nce									
	. Not at all										
	. Other (specif										
2	Do the following	authoritie	es have a	ccess to t	he Interne	et?	I	Tick if applicable			
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted access	Yes, but only through a dial -up connection	Yes, but only through a different office	Some offices only	Not at all		provide details where appropriate			
	Management Authority	\boxtimes									
	Scientific Authority	\boxtimes									
	Enforcement Authority	\boxtimes									
3	Is there an elec species?	tronic info	rmation s	ystem pro	viding info	ormation c	on CITES	Yes X No Information			

4	If Yes, does it provide information on:	Tick if applicable						
	Legislation (national, regional or internation			\boxtimes				
	. Conservation status (national, regional, international)?							
	Other (please specify)? /							
5	Is it available through the Internet:	Yes		\boxtimes				
	C C			No				
				Not ap	plicable			
				No info	ormation			
	Please provide URL: http://www.ekoserb.sr.go	v.yu/						
6	Do the authorities indicated have access to th				if applicat			
	Publication	Management	Scientifi		Enforcem			
		Authority	Authorit	у	Authorit	y		
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)	\square						
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and	\boxtimes						
	Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)							
	Identification Manual							
	CITES Handbook	\square						
7	If not, what problems have been encountered			/				
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the	Management Auth	ority on:	Tick	if applical	ole		
	Mortality in transport?							
	Seizures and confiscations?							
	Discrepancies in number of items in permit	s and number of it	ems actually	y tradeo	d?			
	Comments:	<i></i>						
	In case of any seizures or confiscation the	officers of enforc	ement are o	obliged	to inform	the		
9	Management Authority. Is there a government website with information	n on CITES and it	<u> </u>	Yes		\square		
9	requirements?		5	No				
	requirements:			-	ormation	H		
	If Yes, please give the URL:				onnation			
	http://www.ekoserb.sr.gov.yu/propisi/dozvole/o	biasnienia php#sa	akuplianie					
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any							
	bring about better accessibility to and underst			Tick	if applicat	ole		
	requirements to the wider public?	9 1 1	1	_				
	. Press releases/conferences					\square		
	. Newspaper articles, radio/television appear	rances				\square		
	Brochures, leaflets					\boxtimes		
	. Presentations					\boxtimes		
	. Displays							
	. Information at border crossing points					\square		
	. Telephone hotline							
	. Other (specify)							
	Please attach copies of any items.							
11	Please provide details of any additional meas	ures taken: /						

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit format or the designation and signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the Secretariat?						Yes X No I Not applicable No information		
		anges in permit format: /							
	Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials:								
	There were changes in position of focal point for Serbia in June 2006.								
2		To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?					Tick if applicable		
			Yes	No		No infor	mation		
	Pe	rmit issuance/acceptance	\square						
	Re	gistration of traders			\square				
	-	gistration of producers			\square				
3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued and denied in the (Note that actual trade is reported in the Annual Report by some Parties. This issued documents).				s. This qu	iestion re	efers to		
			introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Oth	er C	omments	
	_	How many documents were issued?	9	21	/	/		/	
	Year	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?	/	/	/	/		/	
	Year 2	How many documents were issued?	70	17	/	/		/	
		How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?	/	/	/	/		/	
4		ere any CITES documents th cause of serious omissions			ed and repla	No		tion	
5	lf Y	es, please give the reasons	s for this. /						
6		ease give the reasons for re untries.	jection of CITE	S documents	from other	-	Tick if ap	plicable	
	Reason Yes No					No	No information		
	Teo	chnical violations				\square			
	Su	spected fraud				\boxtimes			
		ufficient basis for finding of ufficient basis for finding of		n		\boxtimes			
							L	1	
	Other (specify): There were several incomplete requests, but the Management Authority informed the persons in question]			
	and asked them to submit the necessary documentation.								

7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procedure for		\square			
	issuance of permits?	No				
		No information				
	Comments:					
	Quotas for Sturgeons and Medical leaches.					
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinio	ons?				
	For any request the Management Authority asks the opinion of the Scientific	Authority.				
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES	Tiek if engliged	hla			
	activities?	Tick if applical	bie			
	. Issuance of CITES documents:		\boxtimes			
	. Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species:					
	. 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.					
	Issuance of CITES documents (2005) - 9000 dinars for commercial / 5	6000 dinars for	non-			
	commercial purposes					
	Issuance of CITES documents (2006) - 9940 dinars for commercial / 5	520 dinars for	non-			
	commercial purposes					
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or	Tick if applical	blo			
	wildlife conservation?	nick il applicat	DIE			
	. Entirely:					
	. Partly:		\boxtimes			
	. Not at all:					
	. Not relevant:					
	Comments: /					
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: /					

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities been unde effectiveness of CITES implementation at the	Tick if appl	licable				
	Increased budget for activities	networks					
	Hiring of more staff		Purchase of technical equipmonitoring/ enforcement	ipment for			
	Development of implementation tools	\triangleleft	Computerization		\boxtimes		
	. Other (specify):				\boxtimes		
	Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection-Directorate for Environmental Protection						
	organized a two day workshop for personnel	king on implementation of	CITES Conve	ention on			
	10-12 May 2006 in Kotor.						
	<i>ementation</i> an	d CITES					
	related posters. The promotions were in Belgrade, in one city near the northern border (Subotica) and one city						
	near the southern borders (Vranjska banja) of Serbia. These activities were supported and financed by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty						
	Animals (RSPCA).						

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						WWF Russia; Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)	
	Staff of Scientific Authority	\square	\square	\square	\boxtimes		RSPCA	
	Staff of enforcement				\boxtimes		RSPCA	
	authorities Traders							
	NGOs				\exists			
	Public							
	Other (specify):		П		П			
3		en the <i>i</i>	provide	ers of a	nv of t	he foll	owing 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	
	Staff of Management Authority						International seminars and meetings; printing and issuing of the CITES Guide, Booklets and posters	
	Staff of Scientific Authority		\boxtimes	\boxtimes			International seminars and meetings, work on the CITES Guide	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	\square	\square		\square		International seminars, meetings and trainings	
	Traders	\square	\square		\boxtimes		Local seminars and trainings	
	NGOs					\square	Answering on the Questionary	
	Public					\square	Distribution of the Guides	
	Other parties/ International meetings	\square					International meetings in Belgium, Romania, and Hungary	
	Other (specify):							
4	Please provide details of any ac	dition	al mea	sures t	aken:	/		

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee of	Yes No No information							
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how ofte	n does it r	neet? /	NO INFORMATION					
3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or			the Manageme	ent				
Ũ	Authority to ensure co-ordination among CITES auth								
	police, others):	(- (,,	,				
	Daily Weekly Monthly Annual	V None	No informa	ation Other (s	pecify)				
	Meetings	,			peen.j)				
	Consultations								
4	At the national level have there been any efforts to								
	collaborate with:	Tick if	applicable	Details if ava	ilable				
	Agencies for development and trade								
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities								
	Local authorities or communities								
	Indigenous peoples		\square						
	Trade or other private sector associations								
	NGOs		\square						
	Other (specify)								
5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or o	other formation	al						
	arrangements for institutional cooperation related to			Tick if applic	able				
	between the Management Authority and the following agencies?								
	Scientific Authority								
	Customs								
	Police								
	Other border authorities (specify)								
	Other government agencies Private sector bodies								
	NGOs								
	Other (specify)								
6	Have Government staff participated in any regional a	ctivities re	elated to						
Ŭ	CITES?			Tick if applic	cable				
	Workshops								
	Meetings								
	Other (specify)								
7	Has there been any effort to encourage any non-Par	ty to acce	de to the	Yes					
	Convention?			No					
				No information	\square				
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way? /								
9	Has technical or financial assistance been provided	to anothei	country in	Yes					
	relation to CITES?			No No information					
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance		vidad? /	No information					
10 11	Has any data been provided for inclusion in the CITE			Yes					
	Manual?		Jalion	No					
	manaan			No information					
12	If Yes, please give a brief description. /								

13	Have measures been taken to achieve co-ordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	Yes No 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		\boxtimes		
	Development of implementation tools	\boxtimes			
	Improvement of national networks	\square			
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement		\square		
	Computerization		\square		
	Other (specify)				
2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or	Yes		\bowtie	
	Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	No			
		No inf	ormation		
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?				
	Resolution 12.3 (Rev. CoP13) does not provide clear definition on use of	of purp	ose code	s, i.e.	
	code P in export and import permits for Apendix-I specimens.	1			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your	Yes		X	
	country requiring attention or assistance?	No			
			ormation		
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance				
	Management Authorities lackes legislative and regulatory measures in Nation	onal leg	gislative		
<u> </u>	regarding CITES implementacion.	Vee			
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been identified within the	Yes			
	Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	No No inf	armation	\square	
7	If Vac. plaga dive a brief description /		ormation		
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	$\boxtimes \Box \Box$
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed Not available Not relevant	
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed 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 produced for educational or public awareness purposes Comments: We have sent you copies of our <i>Guide for CITES Convention</i> <i>Implementation</i> , as well as posters in 2006 and 2007.	Enclosed Not available Not relevant	