



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

# REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

# **BIENNIAL REPORT**

2009-2010

Party	ARMENIA
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004	01January 2009 to 31 December 2010
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## A. General information

# B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legis been provided under the CITES Nationa Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.		Yes (fully) Yes (partly) No No information/unknown	
2	If any CITES-relevant legislation has been following details:		d or enacted, please provide	e the
	Title and date:	Status:		
	1. Decision of the Government of Republic of Armenia No 1281-N, 22.10.2009	Enacted		
	On approval of the Permit (Certificate) and Aplication forms and Regulation on issuing of the Permits(Certificates) to export from the Republic of Armenia and the import to the Republic of Armenia of wild fauna and flora species, their parts and derivatives regulated by CITES			
	2. Order of The Minister of Nature Protection of Armenia on 24 January 2011 No 15-A on approval of Regulation on conducting CITES registry procedures.	Enacted		
	Brief description of contents:			
3	Is enacted legislation available in one o	f the working	Yes	
	languages of the Convention?	-	No	$\overline{\times}$
			No information	

4		ns that were gazetted. p		yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or ey legislative provisions that were gazetted. not available, will send later		previously
5	•	issues are addressed by any stricter Tick all applicable opted for CITES-listed species (in accordance				
		Tł	ne conditi	ons for:	The compl	ete prohibition of:
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes N	o No information
	Trade Taking Possession Transport Other (specify)					
	Additional comments According to the nation collection and export of only permitted for scien	of species	s included	l in the list of R	ed Book of A	rmenia, which are
6	What were the results effectiveness of CITES items?	-		egard to the fol	lowing	Tick all applicable
	Item		Adequa	ate Partiall Inadequa	· inadedua	ate No information
	Powers of CITES autho	orities				
	Clarity of legal obligation	ons				
	Control over CITES trac	de				
	Consistency with exist policy on wildlife mana and use					
	Coverage of law for all of offences	types				
	Coverage of law for all of penalties	types				
	Implementing regulatio	ns				
	Coherence within legis	lation				
	Other (please specify):					
	Please provide details i	f availabl	e:			
7	If no review or assess for the next reporting p Please provide details i	period?		ce, is one planr	Ne	

8	Has there been any review of legislation on the follo in relation to implementation of the Convention?	wing subj	ects Ti	ick all applicable	
	Subject	Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natural resources				
	Harvesting				
	Transporting of live specimens				
	Handling and housing of live specimens				
	Please provide details if available:				
9	Please provide details of any additional measures tal	ken:			
	Since 2002 the export and import of wild plants a by 2 separate regulations, adopted by Government July N1173-N & N 1174-N. In relation to impli Government of Armenia in 2009 has adopted t permit/certificate and application forms and permits/certificates of export and import of wild the derivatives, regulated by the CITES", as well framework of the mentioned existing regulations to appendices of the CITES.	of Republ ementation he new o the reg fauna and as has b	lic of Arma n of the decision " ulation o flora spea een remo	enia in 2002 18 Convention the On approval of n issuing the cies, their parts ved from the	

# C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No		No rmation
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring opera	tions been	underta	ken?	
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:	$\square$		]	
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets			]	
	Border controls	$\boxtimes$		]	
	Other (specify)			]	
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?			]	$\boxtimes$
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of attach details.	violations?	' If avai	lable,	please
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?				$\square$
5	If information available:		Num	oer	
	Significant seizures/confiscations				
	Total seizures/confiscations				
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.				

6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?			$\boxtimes$
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If availate as Annex.	able, plea	ase attach de	tails
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES- related violations?			$\boxtimes$
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the as Annex.	results? I	Please attach	details
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of?		Tick if app	licable
	<ul> <li>Return to country of export</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Public zoos or botanical gardens</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Designated rescue centres</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Approved, private facilities</li> </ul>			
	– Euthanasia			
	<ul> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>			
	Comments:			
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat o	n Yes		
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an	. No		$\bowtie$
	ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	d Not	applicable	
			information	
	Comments:			
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with	th Yes		
	other countries	No		
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support,		information	
	investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	NO	intornation	
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	<sup>to</sup> No		
	the arrest and conviction of offenders?	No	information	$\boxtimes$
15	If Yes, please describe:			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related	Yes		
	enforcement?	No		
			opplicatel-	
			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 been designated?	Yes No No information	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identific CITES Directory.	ed as the lead MA i	in the
5	How many staff work in each MA? 6 people in Agency of Bio	resources Manager	nent
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	•	
	– Biology		$\square$
	– Economics/trade		
	– Law/policy		
	<ul> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>		
	– No information		
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research	Yes	
	activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in	No	$\boxtimes$
	D2(8) and D2(9)?	No information	
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the involved.	e kind of research	
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	
	in the CITES Directory?	No information	$\square$
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes he	ere.	
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the	Yes	
	Management Authority?	No	
		No information	$\square$
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if appl	licable
	- Government institution	•	
	<ul> <li>Academic or research institution</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Permanent committee</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Pool of individuals with certain expertise</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>		
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues?		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on	Yes	
	CITES-related matters	No	
	If yes, please give estimation	No information	$\boxtimes$
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if app	licable
	– Botany		
	– Ecology		
	– Fisheries		
	– Forestry		
	– Welfare		
	– Zoology		
	<ul> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>		
	– No information		
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in	Yes	
	relation to CITES species?	No	
		No information	$\square$

9	If Yes, ple involved.	ease give the sp	ecies name and	provide de	etails of the	e kind of rese	arch	
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	lllegal trade		ther ecify)
	[Please co	ontinue on separ	ate sheet, as ne	ecessary.]		No informa	tion	$\square$
10			ls for scientific i iat under Resolu			Yes No		
						No informa	tion	
11	Please pro	ovide details of a	any additional m	easures ta	iken:			

# D3 Enforcement Authorities

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

## D4 Communication, information management and exchange

To what extent is CITES information computerized?	Tick if applicable
- Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade	$\square$
<ul> <li>Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade</li> </ul>	
– Permit issuance	$\boxtimes$
– Not at all	
- Other (specify)	
	<ul> <li>Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade</li> <li>Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade</li> <li>Permit issuance</li> <li>Not at all</li> </ul>

2	Do the following a	authori	ies have	access t	o the I	nternet	?	Tick if applica	ble
	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	-	de details whe ropriate	ere
	Management Authority								
	Scientific Authority								
	Enforcement Authority								
3	Is there an electronic information system providing information Yes on CITES species? No No Information								
4	If Yes, does it provide information on: Tick if applicable								
	– Legislation (national, regional or international)?								
	<ul> <li>Conservation s</li> </ul>	tatus (i	national, r	regional,	interna	ational)?	?		
	<ul> <li>Other (please s</li> </ul>	specify)	?					<u>.</u>	
5	ls it available thro	ugh the	e Internet	:			Ye		
							No		
							No	t applicable	
							-	ormation	
	Please provide UF	RL:							
6	Do the authorities publications?	indica <sup>.</sup>	ted have	access t	o the f	ollowing	g	Tick if applicat	ole
	Put	olicatior	1			gement nority	Scientific Authority	Enforcemer Authority	
	2003 Checklist of (book)	f CITES	Species			$\triangleleft$			
	2003 Checklist of Annotated Appen		-	and		$\triangleleft$			
	Identification Mar	nual				$\triangleleft$			
	CITES Handbook	andbook				$\triangleleft$			

7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access this inf	ormation?	
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:	Tick if app	licable
	– Mortality in transport?		
	– Seizures and confiscations?		
	<ul> <li>Discrepancies in number of items in permits and number of it actually traded?</li> </ul>	tems	
	Comments:		
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and	Yes	$\square$
	its requirements?	No	
		No information	
	If Yes, please give the URL: http://www.mnp.am		
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
	<ul> <li>Press releases/conferences</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances</li> </ul>		$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>Brochures, leaflets</li> </ul>		
	- Presentations		
	– Displays		
	<ul> <li>Information at border crossing points</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Telephone hotline</li> </ul>		
	- 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 permit format or the designation and signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the Secretariat? If no, please provide details of any: Changes in permit format: Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials:	Yes No Not applicable No information	
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?	Tick if applicable	

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			Yes	No	No information
Permit issuance/acceptar	се				
Registration of traders			$\square$		
Registration of producers					
Please indicate how man period? (Note that actua question refers to issued	I trade is report				
Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re- export	Other	Comments
How many documents were issued?		2			Decision of the Government of Republic of Armenia No 1281-N on 22.10.2009 entered into force in 06.12.2009
How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					
Year 2		1			
low many documents vere issued?	3	121	8		
How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					
Were any CITES docume replaced because of seric				ed and	Yes  No  No information
If Yes, please give the rea	asons for this.				
Please give the reasons f		CITES do	cuments	from	Tick if applicable
Re	ason		Yes	s No	No information
Fechnical violations					
Suspected fraud					
nsufficient basis for find	ng of non-detri	ment			

 Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition
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8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to pro	ovido opinions?
	In accordance of provisions of the regulation (Decision of the Go of Armenia No 1281-N, 22.10.2009) the permits/certificates i have not been subjects for issuance of opinions of the Scentific A	vernment of Republic ssued in 2009-2010,
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities?	Tick if applicable
	<ul> <li>Issuance of CITES documents:</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species:</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Harvesting of CITES-listed species :</li> </ul>	$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>Use of CITES-listed species:</li> </ul>	$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Importing of CITES-listed species:</li> </ul>	
	- Other (specify):	
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.	
	The fees for use of natural resources (harvesting and hunting) are different for various animals or plants.	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?	Tick if applicable
	– Entirely:	
	– Partly:	
	– Not at all:	
	– Not relevant:	
	Comments:	
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: The fees for use of natural resources (harvesting and	
	hunting) are paid to State budget and aimed at effective and targeted use of natural resources.	

# D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activitie effectiveness of CITES implementation		olicable
	Increased budget for activities	Improvement of national networks	
	Hiring of more staff	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement	
	Development of implementation tools	Computerization	$\bowtie$
	<ul> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>	 ·	

2	Have the CITES authorities receive building activities provided by exte			from a	any c	of the	e following capacity
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	Staff of Management Authority						

Staff of Scientific Authority				I.CITES secretariat
			r c r C F	Participipation of the epresentative of MA of Armenia in 15th neeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, Doha Qatar), 2010.
				2. IWMC,
			r E N O	Participation of epresentative of MA n Workshop for the Eastern European Members of the CITES, Doha (Qatar), 2010.
			F	3. The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW),
			N a v t I a	- 2 representatives of MA of Armenia attended in training workshop on the heme "Prevention of llegal Wildlife Trade and Law Enforcement" Fbilisi, (Georgia) 2010,
			(	Technical assistance computer equipments /alued at \$ 1,347 JSD) for MA of Armenia.
Staff of enforcement authorities				
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	
	Staff of Management Authority							
	Staff of Scientific Authority							
	Staff of enforcement authorities							
	Traders	$\square$						
	NGOs							
	Public							
	Other parties/International meetings							
	Other (specify)							
4	Please provide details of any addition	onal me	easures	taken:				

# D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter	r-agenc	y or inter-	sectoral co	ommittee or	CITES?	Yes			
		No	$\boxtimes$							
							No inform	ation		
2	If Yes, which a meet?	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?								
3	Management A	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									
4	At the national collaborate with	Tick if	applicable	Details if available						
	Agencies for de	evelopm								
	Provincial, state	e or terr								

	Local authorities or communities		
	Indigenous peoples		
	Trade or other private sector associations		
	NGOs		
	Other (specify)		
5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other form arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES be	en	cable
	agreed 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 activities related to CITES?	Tick if appli	cable
	Workshops		$\boxtimes$
	Meetings		
	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	rovided?	
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	No	$\boxtimes$
	authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental 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				
	Development of implementation tools				
	Improvement of national networks				
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement			$\square$	
	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?	<u>.</u>			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes			
		No			
		No info	rmation		
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.				
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been identified within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes			
		No			
		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	$\boxtimes$
		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	$\square$
		Not relevant	
D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES	Enclosed	
	produced for educational or public awareness purposes	Not available	$\boxtimes$
		Not relevant	
	Comments		