A. General information

Party	Japan
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2009– 31 December 2010
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan
Contributing agencies, organizations or	CITES Management Authorities of Japan
individuals	CITES Scientific Authorities of Japan
	CITES Enforcement Authorities of Japan

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	been provided under the Project?	as information on CITES-relevant legislation already een provided under the CITES National Legislation roject? yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.						
2	If any CITES-relevant lethe following details:	If any CITES-relevant legislation has been planned, drafted the following details:						е
	Title and date:			Status:				
	Brief description of cor	ntents:						
3	_	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working						
	languages of the Convention?				No			
		No info	ormatio	n				
4	If yes, please attach a	legislation attached						
	key legislative provisio	rovisions that were gazetted.				provided previously		
					not available, will send Later			
5	Which of the following domestic measures adwith 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				\square		
	Taking							
	Possession							
	Transport							
	Other (specify)							
	Additional comments							
	The CITES MA of Japa			•	ons and p	procedu	res for the	
	international trade base	ed on rele	vant res	olutions.				

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?								
	Item	Adequate	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):				\boxtimes				
	Please provide details if available	e:							
7	If no review or assessment has	taken place, is	one planned	Yes	\boxtimes				
	for the next reporting period?			No					
				No int	formation 🗌				
	Please provide details if availabl	e:							
	A review of domestic trade re- 2012.	gulations will	take place fro	m October	2011 to March				
8	Has there been any review of le in relation to implementation of			bjects Ti	ck all applicable				
	Subject		Yes	No	No information				
	Access to or ownership of natu	Access to or ownership of natural resources							
	Harvesting								
	Transporting of live specimens								
	Handling and housing of live spe								
	Please provide details if available								
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 opera	tions been	underta	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]		
	Check on internet auction					
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 violations? If available, please attach details.					
	Illegal display of CITES Appendix 1species for commercation of Endangered Species of Wil					
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?				политичний	
5	If information available:	11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	Numl	oer		
	Significant seizures/confiscations		2009: 1	1134		
	☐ Total seizures/confiscations		2010: 1	1098		
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.					
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?				THE REPORT OF THE PERSON AND THE PER	
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If a as Annex.	vailable, ple	ease att	ach d	etails	
	(Information from Customs office)					
	Violation of Customs Law: 2009: 6 cases, 2010:1 ca.	se				
	(Information from Police Agency)					
	-Violation of the Law for the Conservation of Endangere Flora (regulating internal trade): 2009: 18 cases, 2010:	-	of Wild	Fauna	a and	
	-Violation of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade C Control Order and Import Trade Control Order: 2cases in		-			
	(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 included in the above-mentioned number.)	l endangere	ed speci	ies ba	sed on	

8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?				
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the rest as Annex.	ults? F	Please attach	details	
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of?		Tick if app	plicable	
	 Return to country of export 				
	Public zoos or botanical gardens			\boxtimes	
	Designated rescue centres				
	Approved, private facilities				
	– Euthanasia				
	- Other (specify)	,			
	Comments:				
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on	Yes			
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an	No			
	ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Not			
	and general and personal and pe	No i			
	Comments:			•	
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with		Yes		
	other countries	No			
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	No i			
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:				
	The CITES MA of Japan exchanged intelligence of the signification with related MAs and the Secretariat to take appropriate action		se of illegal	trade	
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 i	nformation		
15	If Yes, please describe:				
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related	Yes		\square	
	enforcement?	No			
			applicable		
			nformation		
	Comments	INU		Ш	
	Comments:				

17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or	Yes						
	contact information for the MA(s) which are not yet	No	\boxtimes					
	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 identificated Directory.	ed as the lead MA i	in the					
	a. For Derivatives and Products							
	Trade Licensing Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)							
	b. For Live Animals, Plants and Raw parts							
	Agricultural and Marine Products Office, Ministry of Econo	omy, Trade and Ind	ustry					
	c. For Introduction from the sea							
	Fisheries Management Division, Fisheries Agency							
	International Affairs Division, Fisheries Agency							
5	How many staffs work in each MA?							
	a. Trade Licensing Division, METI (5 officials for CITES permi	itting)						
	b. Agricultural and Marine Products Office, METI (2 officials i	for CITES permitting	g)					
	c. Fisheries Management Division, Fisheries Agency							
	International Affairs Division, Fisheries Agency (2 or 3 officipermitting).	als for CITES						
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on	Yes	\boxtimes					
	CITES-related matters?	No						
	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		\boxtimes					
	- Economics/trade		\boxtimes					
	- Law/policy		\boxtimes					
	- Other (specify)							

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	 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	re.	
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the	Yes	
	Management Authority?	No	
		No information	\Box
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if app	olicable
	- Government institution		\square
	Academic or research institution		$\overline{\Box}$
	 Permanent committee 		\Box
	 Pool of individuals with certain expertise 		\Box
	- Other (specify)		\Box
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues?		
	4 officials in the Ministry of Environment (MOE)		
	2officials (Forestry Agency), 3officilals (Fisheries Age (Agricultural Production Bureau)	ency), and 1	official
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on	Yes	\boxtimes
	CITES-related matters	No	
	If yes, please give estimation	No information	
	(MOE)1 officials: 100% (70% for domestic trade control), and 1 officials: 70%, 2 officials 20% for each		
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if app	olicable
	 Botany 		
	- Ecology		
	- Fisheries		\boxtimes
	- Forestry		
	– Welfare		

	– Zoolog	у						
	- Other (specify)						
	- No info	rmation						
8	-		ies been underta	aken by th	ne SA(s) in	Yes		
	relation to	CITES species	?			No		
				No informa	tion 🗌			
9	If Yes, ple involved.	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.						
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)	
	Baleen Wales	10times	10times	0				
	Toothed Wales	11times	11times	0				
	Dolphin s	10times	10times					
	Porpoise s	10times	10times	0				
			<u> </u>		J	No informa	tion	
10	Have any	project proposa	ls for scientific	research b	een	Yes		
	submitted	to the Secretar	iat under Resolu	ıtion Conf	. 12.2?	No		
						No informa	tion	
11	Please pro	ovide details of a	any additional m	easures ta	aken:			

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes No			
	confidential emolecment information related to CITES:	No information			
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).				
enforcement (e.g. within the	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	\boxtimes		
	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							
1	To what extent is	CITES	informati	on comp	uterize	ed?	Tick if applicable	
	 Monitoring and 	report	ing of dat	ta on lega	l trade	е	\boxtimes	
	 Monitoring and 	report	ing of dat	ta on illeg	al trad	de		
	 Permit issuance 	е						
	- Not at all							
	- Other (specify)							
2	Do the following a	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							
	Scientific Authority	\boxtimes						
	Enforcement Authority	\boxtimes						
3	Is there an electro on CITES species?		ormation	system pi	rovidir	ng infor	rmation Yes 🖂	
							No \square	
							information	

4	If Yes, does it provide information on:		Tick if applicab	ole				
	- Legislation (national, regional or intern	national)?						
	- Conservation status (national, regiona	I, international)?						
	- Other (please specify)?							
5	Is it available through the Internet:		Ye	s D				
			No					
			No	t applicable				
				No				
			info	ormation				
	Please provide URL:							
	(METI)	<i>(</i> - 1						
	http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/external_ed kanri/	conomy/trade_co	ntrol/boeki					
6	Do the authorities indicated have access publications?	to the following		Tick if applicab	le			
	Publication	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority	t				
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)							
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)							
	Identification Manual		\boxtimes					
	CITES Handbook		\boxtimes					
7	If not, what problems have been encoun	tered to access t	his information	on?				
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to Authority on:	the Manageme	nt	Tick if applica	able			
	– Mortality in transport?							
	- Seizures and confiscations?							
	 Discrepancies in number of items in particular actually traded? 	ermits and numb	er of items					
	Comments:.							
9	Is there a government website with infor	mation on CITES	and Yes					
	its requirements?		No					
			No i	nformation _				
	If Yes, please give the URL:							
	(MOFA)							
	IMOFA http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/kanky	vo/jyoyaku/wasni	tn.html					
	(METI)							

	http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/external_economy/tekikanri/cites/index.html	trade_cont	rol/bo			
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of activities to bring about better accessibility to an understanding of the Convention's requirements public?	Tick if appli	cable			
	- Press releases/conferences				\boxtimes	
	- Newspaper articles, radio/television appeara	nces				
	- Brochures, leaflets					
	- Presentations		\boxtimes			
	- Displays			\boxtimes		
	 Information at border crossing points 					
	- Telephone hotline					
	- Other (specify)					
	Please attach copies of any items.		·			
11	Please provide details of any additional measure	s taken:				
D5 Pe	rmitting and registration procedures					
1	Have any changes in permit format or the design	ation and		Yes		
	signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to t	ha Caarati	oriot?	No		
	permits/certificates been reported previously to t	ne Secreta	allat:	Not applicable		
	If no, please provide details of any:			No information	Ш	
	Changes in permit format:			•		
	Changes in designation or signatures of releva	ant official	s:			
2	To date, has your country developed written per for any of the following?	mit proced	dures	Tick if applicabl	е	
		Yes	No	No informati	on	
	Permit issuance/acceptance					
	Registration of traders					
	Registration of producers					

Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued and denied in the two period? (Note that actual trade is reported in the Annual Report by some Partie question refers to issued documents).							
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re expo	- 1	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	Import: 8 Introduction from the sea: 4	887	6432	2	0	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?		,	10 Marian III Marian II Marian III Marian II			There were severa denied cases, bu actual number is no available.
	Year 2 How many documents were issued?	Import: 9 Introduction from the sea:8	1133	9155	7	0	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?						There were severa denied cases, bu actual number is no available.
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of serious omissions or misinformation?					d and	Yes No No information
5	If Yes, please give the rea	asons for this.					
6	Please give the reasons for other countries.	or rejection of (CITES do	cumer	nts fr	rom	Tick if applicable
	Rea	ason			Yes	No	No information
	Technical violations			i			
	Suspected fraud						
	Insufficient basis for findi	nding of non-detriment					
	Insufficient basis for findi	ng of legal acquisition					
	Other (specify)						
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?					Yes	
	Comments						

8	3	How many times has the Scientific	Author	ity been requested to provid	e opinions?	
		(MOE)				
		2009: import : 7, export : 22				
		2010: import : 7, export :30				
		(Forestry Agency)				
		2009 :4				
		2010 :3				
		(Fisheries Agency)				
		2009 :import: 25, export:32				
S)	Has the MA charged fees for permirelated CITES activities?	t issuar	nce, registration or	Tick if applica	able
		 Issuance of CITES documents: 				
		Licensing or registration of operation species:	ations 1	that produce CITES		
		 Harvesting of CITES-listed speci 	ies :			
		 Use of CITES-listed species: 				
		 Assignment of quotas for CITES 	S-listed	species:		
		 Importing of CITES-listed specie 	s:			
		- Other (specify):				
1	0	If Yes, please provide the amounts	of such	n fees.		
1	1	Have revenues from fees been used CITES or wildlife conservation?	for th	e implementation of	Tick if applica	able
		– Entirely:				
		- Partly:				
		- Not at all:				
		Not relevant:				
		Comments:				
1	2	Please provide details of any addition	nal me	easures taken:		
D6	Ca	pacity building				
1	1	Have any of the following activities effectiveness of CITES implementa			Tick if applica	able
		Increased budget for activities		Improvement of national		
				networks		
		Hiring of more staff		Purchase of technical equipmonitoring/enforcement	oment for	
		Development of implementation tools		Computerization		
			-			

	- 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								
	Staff of Scientific Authority								
	Staff of enforcement authorities								
	Traders								
	NGOs								
	Public								
	Other (specify)						Specialists		
3	Have the CITES authorities been th activities?	e <i>provi</i>	ders of	any of	the	follo	wing capacity building		
	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						Oral discussions		
	Staff of enforcement authorities	\square					Training programs		
	Traders								
	NGOs						Oral discussions		
	Public	\boxtimes					Online publication		
	Other parties/International meetings								
	Other (specify)								
4	Please provide details of any addition	onal me	easures	taken:		_			

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

	T								
1	Is there an inte	r-agenc	y or inter-	sectoral co	ommittee or	n CITES?	Yes		\leq
							No	L	
							No inform	ation \square	
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?								
	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.								
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. o MAs, SAs, Customs, police, others):								
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify	
	Meetings								
	Consultations								
4	At the national collaborate with		ave there I	been any e	efforts to	Tick if	applicable	Details availabl	
	Agencies for de	evelopm	ent and ti	rade					
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities								
	Local authorities or communities					\boxtimes			
	Indigenous peoples					### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ##			
	Trade or other private sector associations								
	NGOs						\boxtimes		
	Other (specify)								

5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the Management Authority and the following agencies?		cable
	Scientific Authority		
	Customs		
	Police		
	Other border authorities (specify)		
	Other government agencies		
	Private sector bodies		
	NGOs		
	Other (specify)		
6	Have Government staffs 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	\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 MIKE Projects		
	-Species Identification capacity building in ASEAN was prov (East and Southeast Asia Biodiversity Information Initiative) with TRAFFIC and ASEAN-WEN.		
11	Has any data been provided for inclusion in the CITES	Yes	\boxtimes
	Identification Manual?	No	
		No information	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
	- Identification sheets for 5 TFWT (tortoises and freshwater turti the EASBII Project.	les) species made	under
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.
	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as a diplomatic authority, administers the matters concerned en bloc. Also, consultation and coordination is undertaken among the relevant Focal Points of other MEAs by providing information as necessary.
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	\square							
	Hiring of more staff								
	Development of implementation tools								
	Improvement of national networks								
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement								
	Computerization			\boxtimes					
	Other (specify)								
2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?		Yes						
			rmation						
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?								
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 required.	or assis	tance that	is					
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been	Yes							
	identified within the Convention that would benefit from	No		\boxtimes					
	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	
С3	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	
С9	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	
	produced for educational or public awareness purposes	Not available	
	Comments	Not relevant	