

A. General information

Party	Latvia
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012
Details of agency preparing this report	Nature Conservation Agency (CITES Management Authority) Baznīcas Str.7, Sigulda, LV-2150, Latvia
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	State Revenue Service

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.	Yes (fully) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (partly) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information/unknown <input type="checkbox"/>																																																
2	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following details: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Title and date:</div> <div>Status:</div> </div> Brief description of contents:																																																	
3	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																																																
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted.	legislation attached <input type="checkbox"/> provided previously <input type="checkbox"/> not available, will send later <input type="checkbox"/>																																																
5	Which of the following issues are addressed by any stricter domestic measures that your country has adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention)? Tick all applicable																																																	
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	Additional comments Latvia implements CITES requirements through national and European Union legislation. The wildlife trade regulations of European Union (for example, Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006), which are directly applicable in Latvia, have stricter measures than CITES. The possession and trade of certain species listed in the EU Habitats and Bird Directives is strictly regulated, too. Additionally there are stricter domestic measures on national level regarding taking and possession of animal and plant species protected under the Law on the Conservation of Species and Biotopes. There is obligation to do registration and marking of birds, mammals and reptiles of Annex I and II of CITES, as well prohibition to keep, sell, purchase etc. sea mammals, crocodilians, primates, snakes and carnivorous (with some exceptional cases only with special permit).																																																	

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?	Tick all applicable			
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information
	Powers of CITES authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
	Clarity of legal obligations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
	Control over CITES trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implementing regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
	Coherence within legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
	Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Please provide details if available: There have not been done review or assessment during reporting period				
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information X			
	Please provide details if available:				
8	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Convention?	Tick all applicable			
	Subject	Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Harvesting	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Transporting of live specimens	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Handling and housing of live specimens	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Please provide details if available: EU member states together with European Commission have been working on some guidelines to improve implementation of wildlife trade regulations. Some of these guidelines covered above mentioned subjects. Some review and analysis have been conducted while preparing for CoP.				
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:				

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	No information
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?			
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Border controls	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex. See Annex 1.			

4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If information available: X Significant seizures/confiscations X Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex. See Annex 1.	Number 3 cases 42 cases		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex.			
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?	Tick if applicable		
	– Return to country of export			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Public zoos or botanical gardens			X
	– Designated rescue centres			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Approved, private facilities			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Euthanasia			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)			X
	Comments: The parts and derivatives are used for educational and training purposes. Some specimens (mainly cosmetic products) are destroyed.			
11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		X
		Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	Yes		X
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: Exchange of information through EU-TWIX mailing list, communication with other EU countries when some specific cases about legal origin of animals are investigated.			
14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		X
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
15	If Yes, please describe:			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		X
		Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
	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) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. CITES MA of Latvia Nature Conservation Agency Baznīcas Str. 7, LV-2150 Sigulda, Latvia phone: +371 67 50 97 61 Fax: +371 67 50 95 44 Email: daba@daba.gov.lv Web: http://www.daba.gov.lv		
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory. There is only one CITES Management Authority of Latvia		
5	How many staff work in each MA? Staff overall - 130, but staff working with CITES issues - 3		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation 50% per staff working with CITES issues per year	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)? Tick if applicable		
	– Administration		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Biology		X
	– Economics/trade		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Law/policy		X
	– Other (specify) – geography and environmental science		X
	– No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.		
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken CITES MA worked on improvement of national legislation of CITES animal registration and marking system. Latvian CITES MA organised meeting on 03.-05.10.2012. with MA of Ukraine, Russia and Lithuania to discuss several CITES related issues, e.g., trade of products from <i>Hirudo medicinalis</i> (Latvia is one of the main importers of this production into EU), sustainable use of wildlife species (species conservation plans for large carnivores), enforcement activities etc.		

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>			
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.						
3	Has your country designated a Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>			
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country?		Tick if applicable				
	– Government institution			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	– Academic or research institution			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	– Permanent committee			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Pool of individuals with certain expertise			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>			
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? There are designated 3 SA(s) in Latvia, but only 2 of them deal with CITES practical implementation. In practice the leading SA is the Natural History Museum of Latvia (the staff – 2 persons dealing with CITES issues). Additionally there is 1 expert dealing with CITES issues from other SA - the Faculty of Biology of University of Latvia.						
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	If yes, please give estimation The Faculty of Biology of University of Latvia - less than 5% per person per year; the Natural History Museum of Latvia -10% per person per year						
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?		Tick if applicable				
	– Botany			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	– Ecology			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	– Fisheries			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Forestry			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Welfare			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Zoology			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	– Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– No information			<input type="checkbox"/>			
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>			
9	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)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
	No information						<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>			

11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:
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D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	To date, has your country advised the Secretariat of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	<p>If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).</p> <p>Enforcement Authorities: <u>Borders control:</u> 1.State Revenue Service Riga, Smilšu iela 1, LV-1978 e-mail: MP.lietvediba@vid.gov.lv phone: +371 67111222 Fax: +371 67111291 home page: www.vid.gov.lv</p> <p><u>Internal control:</u> 2. Nature Conservation Agency Sigulda, Baznicas Str.7, LV-2150 phone: +371 67 50 97 61 Fax: +371 67 50 95 44 e-mail: daba@daba.gov.lv home page: www.daba.gov.lv</p> <p>3. The State Police Riga, Ciekurkalna 1.linija 1, k- 4 , LV – 1026 Phone: +371 67208663 e-mail: enap@vp.gov.lv home page: www.vp.gov.lv</p>		
3	Has your country established a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes No Under consideration No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	<p>If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:</p> <p>There is "CITES team" in the Nature Conservation Agency responsible for duties of management authority, internal trade control and communication and information exchange with other institutions and stakeholders.</p>		
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized?	Tick if applicable
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade	X
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade	X
	– Permit issuance	X
	– Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (the register of CITES species of Annex I and II)	X

2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet?						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	Please provide details where appropriate
	Management Authority	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Scientific Authority	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Enforcement Authority	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on CITES species?						Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, does it provide information on:						Tick if applicable
	– Legislation (national, regional or international)?						X
	– Conservation status (national, regional, international)?						X
	– Other (please specify)?						<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Is it available through the Internet:						Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Please provide URL: http://www.daba.gov.lv/ - section of CITES						
6	Do the following authorities have access to the following publications?						Tick if applicable
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority			
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)	X	X	X			
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)	X	X	X			
	Identification Manual	X	X	X			
	CITES Handbook	X	X	X			
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?						
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:						Tick if applicable
	– Mortality in transport?						<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Seizures and confiscations?						X
	– Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded?						X
	Comments: There have not been registered any mortality in transport						
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?						Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	If Yes, please give the URL:						
	1. http://www.daba.gov.lv/ - section of CITES						
	2. http://cites.ldm.gov.lv/						

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 applicable
	– Press releases/conferences	X
	– Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances	X
	– Brochures, leaflets	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Presentations	X
	– Displays	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Information at border crossing points	X
	– Telephone hotline	X
	– Other ("CITES month" - educational event for school children)	X
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex.	
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	
	<p>There have been 26 press releases, newspaper articles, radio/television appearances about CITES issues during reporting period. CITES MA together with SAs have organised 8 CITES seminars-workshops and provided CITES training for 187 enforcement officers (customs, police, wildlife inspectors).</p> <p>On the March 2011 the Nature Conservation Agency organized the educational creative work competition about CITES – "The March – Month of CITES!" The motto of competition was "Do not buy the LIFE, enjoy in the nature!" The participants during four weeks created different works (pictures, photos, poems etc.) about CITES related issues and answered on questions about CITES. The winners met on specially organised seminar – excursion, where CITES MA showed presentation about CITES and confiscated specimens, answered on different questions etc.</p> <p>10 presentations on CITES issues have been shown for more than 200 students and school children, additionally several presentations showed for stakeholders and other interested persons.</p> <p>There are CITES expositions at border crossing points (airport, road) as well as at several regional offices of Nature Conservation Agency.</p> <p>The CITES identification tools for birds and turtles and tortoises have been translated to Latvian and are available for enforcement officials electronically on webpage www.daba.gov.lv</p>	

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If no, please provide details of any:		
	Changes in permit format:		
	Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials:		
2	To date has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?	Tick if applicable	
		Yes	No
	Permit issuance/acceptance	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Registration of traders	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Registration of producers	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued or denied in the two year period? (Note that actual trade is normally reported in the Annual Report by Parties. This question refers to issued documents).					
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	0	49	11	117	Additionally issued 203 CITES certificates for use in the European Union (transportation of live CITES animals, prove of legal origin etc.)
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	0	0	0	1	Suspicious export permit from country of origin
	Year 2					
	How many documents were issued?	0	53	17	148	Additionally issued 40 CITES certificates for use in the European Union (transportation of live CITES animals, prove of legal origin etc.)
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	0	0	0	0	0
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of severe omissions or mis-information?					Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
5	If Yes, please give the reasons for this. Some permits have been replaced because of deadline of validity					
6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from other countries.				Tick if applicable	
	Reason			Yes	No	No information
	Technical violations			X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Suspected fraud			X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?				Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comments					
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? Couple of times per year					
9	Has the Management Authority charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities?				Tick if applicable	
	– Issuance of CITES documents:				X	
	– Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species:				X	
	– Harvesting of CITES-listed species :				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Use of CITES-listed species:				X	
	– Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:				<input type="checkbox"/>	

	– Importing of CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> – Other (registration of CITES listed species): X
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. State taxes for CITES permits and certificates are following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If specimen will be used for commercial purposes (code T) – 8Ls (~11 Euros); o If specimen will be used for circuses and travelling exhibitions (code Q) – 6Ls (~8.6 Euros); o If specimen will be used for other purposes – 3Ls (~4 Euros). o 100% relief on the state tax of CITES permit or CITES certificate apply if specimen will be used for personal purposes (code P), hunting trophies (code H), law enforcement/judicial/forensic (code L), zoos (code – Z) <p>A state tax rate on registration of endangered species is 7 Ls (~10 Euros)</p>
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? Tick if applicable – Entirely: <input type="checkbox"/> – Partly: <input type="checkbox"/> – Not at all: X – Not relevant: <input type="checkbox"/> Comments: State tax is transferred into State Budget
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level? Tick if applicable						
	Increased budget for activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improvement of national networks	X			
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement	X			
	Development of implementation tools	X	Computerisation	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Other (regular training for custom authorities, police and wildlife inspectors)				X		
2	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>recipient</i> of 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Training on timber species, organised by Germany
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Traders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

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			communication and consultation to all stakeholders, if there is some actual information on their field regarding CITES issues
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities	X	
	Local authorities or communities	X	
	Indigenous peoples	X	
	Trade or other private sector associations	X	
	NGOs	X	
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the MA and the following agencies?		Tick if applicable
	SA		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Customs		X
	Police		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other border authorities (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other government agencies		X
	Private sector bodies		<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGOs		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other		<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?		Tick if applicable
	Workshops		X
	Meetings		X
	Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to the Convention?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/>
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?		
9	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance to another country in relation to CITES?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/>
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided?		
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/>
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
13	Has your country taken measures 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	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/>
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.		

15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:
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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Improvement of national networks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Computerisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No	X	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No	X	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.			
6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No	X	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	X
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	X
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	X
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	X
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	X
D4 (10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes, Comments: All information is available on web-page www.daba.gov.lv and is available only in Latvian.	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	X
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>

ANNEX - PROPOSED BIENNIAL REPORT FORMAT

PART 2 - SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS¹

Note: Questions in Part 2 are additional to those in Part 1, and relate to information on the provisions of the EC Regulations (Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 and Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006) that fall outside the scope of CITES.

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B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1b	If not already provided under questions B (2) and B (4), please provide details of any national legislation that has been updated in this reporting period and attach the full legislative text.																																																								
2b	<p>If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any additional Regulation -relevant legislation, other than that reported under question B (2) or above, please provide the following details:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Title and date:</td><td style="width: 50%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Status:</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Brief description of contents:</td></tr> </table>	Title and date:	Status:	Brief description of contents:																																																					
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² In this questionnaire, "non CITES-listed species" refers to species that are listed in the Regulation Annexes, but not in the CITES Appendices. They include some species in Annexes A and B and all those in Annex D.

9b	<p>Please provide the following details about Regulations-related violations:</p> <p>i) Maximum penalties that may be imposed;</p> <p><u>Latvian Administrative Violation Code:</u></p> <p>For internal Regulation-related violations – penalties for <u>natural persons</u> in an amount from LVL 50 up to <u>LVL 500 (~714 Eur)</u>, with <u>confiscation</u> of the illegally obtained specimens, but for <u>legal persons</u> – from LVL 100 up to <u>LVL 1000 (~1426 Eur)</u>, with <u>confiscation</u> of the illegally obtained specimens.</p> <p>For Regulation-related violations on borders - penalties for <u>natural persons</u> in an amount from LVL 50 up to <u>LVL 250 (~357 Eur)</u>, with <u>confiscation</u> of the illegally obtained specimens, but for <u>legal persons</u> – from LVL 500 up to <u>LVL 5000 (7143 Eur)</u>, with <u>confiscation</u> of the illegally obtained specimens.</p> <p><u>The Criminal Law:</u></p> <p>For violation of trade rules of endangered animal or plant species or parts or products, if it had suffered material injury, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a <u>term not exceeding two years or detention, or community service, or a fine not exceeding one hundred times the minimum monthly wage.</u></p> <p>ii) Or any other additional measures taken in relation to implementation of the Regulation not reported on in question B (9).</p>
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C. Compliance and enforcement measures

2b	Have any actions, in addition to those reported in C (2-9) above, been taken for Regulation-related violations?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
9b	Please provide the following details about Regulations-related violations: i) Maximum sanctions which have been imposed over this reporting period; ii) The outcomes of any prosecutions;	
16b	Has there been any review or assessment of Regulation-related enforcement, in addition to that reported under C (16) above?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	
18 new	Have specimens been marked to establish whether they were born and bred in captivity? (In accordance with <i>Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006</i> , Article 66)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: There is obligation to do registration and marking of almostly all birds, mammals and reptiles of Annex A and B of Regulation	
19 new	Have any monitoring activities been undertaken to ensure that the intended accommodation for a live specimen at the place of destination is adequately equipped to conserve and care for it properly? (In accordance with Article 4 paragraph 1 (c) of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i>).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: The SAs have been involved to evaluate the places where CITES specimens will be kept.	
20 new	Have national action plans for co-ordination of enforcement, with clearly defined objectives and timeframes been adopted, and are they harmonized and reviewed on a regular basis? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIa.)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: There have not been any changes on national plan.	
21 new	Do enforcement authorities have access to specialized equipment and relevant expertise, and other financial and personnel resources? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIb.) If yes, please provide details.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: The equipment for transportation of live, seized animals is available at Nature Conservation Agency or Riga zoo – if necessary the CITES MA works as coordinator to solve the problems with animal transportation or expertise. There are problems with financial resources for DNA analysis or other very specific analysis as well as there are no experts at national level for some groups of animals and plants (for example, exotic timber, sharks, etc.).	
22 new	Do penalties take into account inter alia the market value of the specimens and the conservation value of the species involved in the offence, and the costs incurred? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIc.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: The minimum penalties are quite large for existing economical situation. In some cases even confiscation of specimen is serious penalty and financial lost.	

23 new	Are training and/or awareness raising activities being carried out for a) enforcement agencies, b) prosecution services, and c) the judiciary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph II d.)	Yes No No information	X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:		
24 new	Are regular checks on traders and holders such as pet shops, breeders and nurseries being undertaken to ensure in-country enforcement? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph II g.)	Yes No No information	X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:		
25 new	Are risk and intelligence assessment being used systematically in order to ensure thorough checks at border-crossing points as well as in-country? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III h.)	Yes No No information	X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:		
26 new	Are facilities available for the temporary care of seized or confiscated live specimens, and are mechanisms in place for their long-term re-homing, where necessary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III i.)	Yes No No information	X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: There is place for seized and confiscated live animals in Riga zoo now, but if the number of seized and confiscated animals will be high or there will be cases with large carnivores or primates, there could be problems.		
27 new	Is cooperation taking place with relevant enforcement agencies in other Member States on investigations of offences under Regulation No. (EC) 338/97? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III e.)	Yes No No information	X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:		
28 new	Is assistance being provided to other Member States with the temporary care and long-term re-homing of seized or confiscated live specimens? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III j.)	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:		

29 new	Is liaison taking place with CITES MAs and law enforcement agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community as well as the CITES Secretariat, ICPO, Interpol and the World Customs Organization to help detect, deter and prevent illegal trade in wildlife through the exchange of information and intelligence? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIIk.)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
30 new	Is advice and support being provided to CITES MAs and law enforcement agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community to facilitate legal and sustainable trade through correct application of procedures? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIIl.)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

8b	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to non CITES-listed species or technical issues (e.g. species identification) not covered in D2 (8) and D2 (9)?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 new	Has the Commission and the CITES Secretariat (if relevant) been informed of the outcomes of any investigations that the Commission has considered it necessary be made? (In accordance with Article 14 paragraph 2 of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i>)?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

8b	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to non CITES listed species?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
9b	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)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
	No information						<input type="checkbox"/>

11 new	How many Scientific Review Group (SRG) meetings have the SA attended?	Number	0
	Indicate any difficulties that rendered attendance to the SRG difficult: There is no budget/people available for SAs to attend the meetings. The MA tries to attend the SRG meetings and to forward all information to SAs.		

D3 Enforcement Authorities

6 new	Has a liaison officer/focal point for CITES been nominated within each relevant enforcement authority in your country?	Yes	X
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Under consideration	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1b	Is Regulation-related information in your country computerized on?	Tick if applicable	
	– Annex D listed species		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other matters not reported on in question D4 (1) (please specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>
3b	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on Regulation-listed species?	Yes	X
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

9b	Has the Management Authority charged fees for any Regulation-related matters not covered in question D5 (9)?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	X
	If yes, please provide details of these Regulation-related matters and the amount of any such fees.	No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 new	Can you indicate the percentage of permits/certificates issued that are returned to the MA after endorsement by customs?	Percentage : 97%	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 new	Has a list of places of introduction and export in your country been compiled in accordance with Article 12 of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i> ?	Yes	X
	If yes, please attach. The updated list of places of introduction and export in Latvia was sent to the Commission on 15.02.2013. electronically.	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 new	Have persons and bodies been registered in accordance with Articles 18 and 19 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If yes, please provide details.	No	X
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 new	Have Scientific institutions been registered in accordance with Article 60 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If yes, please provide details.	No	X
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 new	Have breeders been approved in accordance with Article 63 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If yes, please provide details.	No	X
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 new	Have caviar (re-)packaging plants been licensed in accordance with Article 66 (7) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	Yes	X
	If yes, please provide details.	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
	During the reporting period there have been registered one caviar re-packaging plant SIA "AV Food" (the four number code - 0002), Vat.No.LV40103329435, Address: Bruninieku Str. 6-36, Riga, LV-1010		

19 new	Are phytosanitary certificates used in accordance with Article 17 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20 new	Have cases occurred where export permits and re-export certificates were issued retrospectively in accordance with Article 15 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

D8 Areas for future work

2b	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific suspensions or negative opinions adopted by the European Commission? (In accordance with Article 4 (6)).	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4b	Have any constraints to implementation of the Regulation, not reported under question D8 (4) , arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

**Detailed Information about Seizures and Confiscations of CITES
Listed Specimens and Administrative Penalties
Year 2011/2012**

During reporting period Latvian enforcement authorities (Customs, Nature Conservation Agency and Police) did 42 seizures that resulted in 34 administrative violation cases with confiscations. Totally there have been confiscated 303 products and derivatives from CITES listed species and 120 live CITES listed animals (90 of them are medical leeches). 8 seizures were false and seized specimens after expertise were returned to owners. The information about amount and country of origin of confiscated specimens are summarized in table below. The three most significant cases are bolded (please note that there are confiscated several specimens during one administrative violation case).

The total amount of administrative fines for illegally traded CITES specimens for reporting period were 1680 Ls (2400 Euro).

The lowest administrative fine was 50 Ls (~71 Euro), the highest –100 Ls (~140 Euro). In all cases illegally traded specimens have been confiscated.

Information about confiscated CITES specimens on 2011/2012

<i>Description of Specimen</i>	<i>Scientific Name of Specimen</i>	<i>CITES App./ EU App.</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Country of Origin (if known)</i>
Tubes with cosmetic cream	<i>Hirudo medicinalis</i>	II / B	225	Russia
Live animal	<i>Testudo kleinmani</i>	I/A	1	Unknown
Live animal	<i>Testudo graeca</i>	II/B	1	Unknown
Live animals	<i>Carettochelys insculpta</i>	II/B	2	Unknown
Live animal	<i>Python regius</i>	II/B	1	Unknown
Live animals	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i> <i>erithacus</i>	II/B	5	Unknown
Live animal	<i>Poicephalus gularis</i>	II/B	1	Unknown
Live animal	<i>Python molurus</i>	II/B	1	Unknown
Live animal	<i>Aratinga erythrogenys</i>	II/B	1	Unknown
Live animal	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	II/B	1	Unknown
Live animals	<i>Tomistoma schlegelii</i>	I/A	3	Unknown
Caviar „Azerbaijan Caviar”	<i>Acipenseridae</i>	II	0.791 kg	Unknown
Live animals	<i>Testudo horsfieldi</i>	II/B	7	Unknown
Live animals	<i>Chamaeleo sp.</i>	II/B	2	Unknown
Live animals	<i>Hirudo medicinalis</i>	II / B	90	Russia
Live animals	<i>Python molurus bivittatus</i>	II / B	2	Lithuania
Live animals	<i>Boa constrictor</i>	II/B	2	Poland
Stuffed animal	<i>Osteolaemus tetraspis</i>	I/A	1	Morocco
Vest	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	II / A	1	Unknown
Leather products	<i>Python reticulatus</i>	II / B	3	Thailand
Leather products	<i>Python sebae</i>	II / B	1	Thailand
Leather products	<i>Naja naja</i>	II/B	1	Turkey
Leather products	<i>Ophiophagus hannah</i>	II/B	1	Turkey

Tubes with bile	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	II / A	3	Russia
Snakes in the bottles of alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	III / C	5	China
Snakes in the bottles of alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	III / C	5	Vietnam
Snakes in the bottles of alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	III / C	1	Russia
Snakes in the bottles of alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	III / C	17	Thailand
Snakes in the bottles of alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	III / C	1	Turkey
Pieces of corals	<i>Scleractinia</i>	II / B	28	Turkey
Pieces of corals	<i>Pocilloporidae, Faviidae</i>	II / B	6	Unknown
Souvenir from corals	<i>Pocillopora sp.</i>	II / B	1	Finland
Souvenir from corals	<i>Favia sp.</i>	II / B	1	UAE