## A. General information

Party	Latvia
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014
Details of agency preparing this report	Nature Conservation Agency (CITES Management Authority) Baznicas Str.7, Sigulda, LV-2150, Latvia
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	State Revenue Service

## B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES- under the CITES National I If yes, ignore questions 2, 3	Legislation P and 4.	•	Yes ( No No in	partly) formation	n/unknown	X		
2	If your country has planned details:	l, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following						ing	
	Title and date:		S	Status:			рі «кононумуна укуптынатыны ш		
	Brief description of content								
3	Is enacted legislation availa Convention?	ble in one of	the worki	ng languages of the	No	formation	1		
4	provisions that were gazette	y of the full legislative text or key legislative legislation attached provided previously not available, will send later							
5	Which of the following issu your country has adopted for (in accordance with Article	or CITES-list XIV of the C	ted species Convention	1)?					
			The condit			·	prohibition of:		
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No informat	ion	
	Trade	X			X				
	Taking	X			X				
	Possession	X			X X				
	Transport	X							
	Other (specify)		<u> </u>		L	<u> </u>			
	Additional comments	CITES requirements are implemented in Latvia through national European Union legislation. The wildlife trade regulations of Eur Union (for example, Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 and Comm Regulation (EC) No 865/2006), which are directly applicable in Latvia stricter measures than CITES. The possession and trade of certain solisted in the EU Habitats and Bird Directives is strictly regulated, too. Additionally there are stricter domestic measures on national level regulating and possession of animal and plant species protected under the on the Conservation of Species and Biotopes. There is obligation to reand mark of birds, mammals and reptiles of Annex I and II of CITES, a prohibition to keep, sell, purchase etc. sea mammals, crocodilians, prisnakes and carnivores (with some exceptional cases only with special possessions).						pean ssion have ecies ding Law sister well ates,	

	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inade	equate	No information
	Powers of CITES authorities				]	X
	Clarity of legal obligations				]	X
	Control over CITES trade					X
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use					X
	Coverage of law for all types of offences				1000	X
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties					X
	Implementing regulations				]	X
	Coherence within legislation					X
	Other (please specify):					X
	Please provide details if available: No r period.			conducte		reporting
7	If no review or assessment has taken place reporting period?  Please provide details if available:	ace, is one planne	d for the next		Yes No No in	formation X
8	Has there been any review of legislation		subjects in		Tick all a	pplicable
	relation to implementation of the Conve	ention?				
	Subject		Yes		No	No information
	Access to or ownership of natural resou	irces			X	
	Harvesting	X				
	Transporting of live specimens		X			
	Handling and housing of live specimen		X			1 1
	Please provide details if available: EU working on some guidelines to improguidelines covered above mentioned	ve implementatio				
9	Please provide details of any additional					
	C. Complian	ce and enforce	ement meas	ures		
				Yes	No	No information
1	Have any of the following compliance	monitoring opera	tions been unde	rtaken?		
	Review of reports and other information producers:	on provided by tra	ders and	X		
	Inspections of traders, producers, mark	kets		X		
	Border controls			Χ		
21277	Other (specify)					
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g been imposed for CITES-related viola		pensions)	X		
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and Annex.  See Annex 1.	for what types of	violations? If av	ailable, p	lease attac	h details as
4	Have any significant seizures, confisca CITES specimens been made?	ations and forfeitu	res of	X		

What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of

CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?

Tick all applicable

5	If information available:		Number		
	X Significant seizures/confiscations		4 case	es	
	X Total seizures/confiscations		57/34 ca	ases	
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex. See Annex 1.		,-		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?		X		
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please a	ttach deta	ails as Anne	ex.	
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	X			
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please att	ach detail	ls as Annex.		
	Twice confiscation decisions made by CITES MA were appealed in State illegal internal trade of live pythons. In both cases State Court rejected appears intacted.				
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?		Т	ick if appl	licable
	Return to country of export				
	Public zoos or botanical gardens				X
	Designated rescue centres				
	Approved, private facilities				
	– Euthanasia				
	- Other (specify)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		***************************************	Χ
	Comments: The parts and derives are used for educational and training (mainly cosmetic products) are destroyed.	ig purpo	ses. Some	specimen	S
11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information		Yes		
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE o		No		X
	other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?		Not appli		
	persistent orientees.	***************************************	No inforn	nation	Ш
	Comments:				
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities w		Yes		X
	other countries		No		
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance joint operation, etc.)?	· <b>,</b>	No informa	ation	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: Exchange of information throug communication with other EU countries when some specific cases at specimens are investigated.				
14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist ir		Yes		
	enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction		No		X
	offenders?		No informa	ation	
15	If Yes, please describe:				
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement		Yes		
			No		X
			Not appli		
		***************************************	No informa	ation	
	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 No No information	X
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.		
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 identified as the lead M	A in the CITES Direc	tory.
5	How many staff work in each MA?		
	Staff overall - 130, but staff members working with CITES issues - 4		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?  If yes, please give estimation	Yes No No information	х П
	60% of time spent working on CITES issues for two staff members, $15%$ -for the other two staff members		
	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if ap	plicable
	– Administration		
	- Biology		X
	– Economics/trade		
	– Law/policy		X
	- Other (specify)		
	– No information	A. 144-144-144-144-144-144-144-144-144-144	
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to	Yes	
	CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	No	Х
		No information	
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		
TATATURA TO THE TATATA	In 2013 CITES MA of Latvia has successfully realized project aiming to s implementation in Latvia by training officers of enforcement authorities a awareness about CITES.  Additionally CITES MA has been working on two project applications to of CITES in Latvia as well as strengthen collaboration and best practice s	and raising public strengthen implement	
	parties.		

#### D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1		any changes in t your country whi		Yes No No information	X 1		
2	If Yes, please us	Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.					
3	Has your countr Management Au		ientific Authority	independe	nt from the	Yes No No information	x 
4	What is the strue	cture of the SA(s)		Tic	k if applicable		
	– Governn	nent institution			X		
	– Academ	ic or research ins	titution				X
	– Permane	ent committee					
	– Pool of i	individuals with c	ertain expertise				
	– Other (s	pecify)					
5	There are design practice the CITES issues). of Biology of U	gnated 3 SA-s in leading SA is the Additionally the niversity of Laty	on CITES issues? Latvia but only 2 e Natural History ere is 1 expert dea via. Other experts ease by case basis.	of them down Museum aling with sof specifi	of Latvia (stafi CITES issues f	f-1 person deal rom other SA -	ling with the Faculty
6		te the percentage	of time they spend	d on CITES	related	Yes	X
	matters?					No	
	If yes, please gi	ve estimation				No information	n 📋
			ersity of Latvia - l	less than 5	% per person		
			Museum of Latv				
	person per yea						1 10 11 11
7		ills/expertise of st	taff within the SA(	(s)?		Tic	k if applicable
	– Botany						X
	- Ecology						Х
	– Fisherie						
	– Forestry						LJ
	– Welfare						X
	– Zoology						X
	- Other (s	• •					
	- No info	ormation					Ц
8	1		een undertaken l	by the SA	(s) in	Yes	<u> </u>
	relation to CIT	ES species?				No No informatio	x n $\square$
9	If Vest please of	ive the species na	me and provide de	etails of the	e kind of researc		••
	Species name	Populations Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
	1				11		
	2						
	3						
	etc.		an.an,an,an.an.an.an.an.an.an.an.an.an.an.an.an.a				
	***************************************	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>			1	No information	on $\square$
10	Have any proi	iect proposals fo	or scientific resea	rch been s	submitted to	Yes	
		under Resoluti				No No informati	on 🔲

11	Please provide details	of any a	dditional m	ieasures tak	cen:			
3	Enforcement Authoritie	es						
1	To date, has your cour authorities that have be enforcement information	Yes X No   No information						
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).							
3	related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?							
4		m" in th for inter	e Nature (	Conservati	on Age	ncy resp	onsible for duties of Management n and information exchange with	
5	Please provide details	of any a	dditional m	neasures tal	ken:			
1	To what extent is CIT  - Monitoring an  - Monitoring an  - Permit issuand  - Not at all	d reporti d reporti	ng of data o	on legal tra	de rade		Tick if applicable  X  X  X	
2	Other (the reg     Do the following auth					nd II )	X Tick if applicable	
2	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						
	Scientific Authority	X						
	Enforcement Authority	X						
3	Do you have an electr species?	onic info	ormation sy	stem provi	ding inf	ormation	on CITES Yes X No No Information	

4	If Yes, does it provide information on:			Tick if applicable
	<ul> <li>Legislation (national, regional or internation</li> </ul>		X	
	- Conservation status (national, regional, inter	rnational)?		X
	Other (please specify)?			
5	Is it available through the Internet:		Yes	X
			No	
				applicable
	Please provide URL: http://www.daba.gov.lv/ - se	action of CITES	NO 1	nformation
6	Do the following authorities have access to the following		)	Tick if applicable
Ü		Management	Scientific	Enforcement
	Publication	Authority	Authority	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 acc	ess to the mentione	d information?	
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Mana	gement Authority o	n:	Tick if applicable
	– Mortality in transport?			
	<ul><li>Seizures and confiscations?</li></ul>			X
	Discrepancy in number of items in permit and n	umber of items actu	ually traded?	X
	Comments: There have not been registered any n			
9	Is there a government website with information on	CITES and its	Yes	X
	requirements?		No	
			No in	formation
	If Yes, please give the URL:			
	1. http://www.daba.gov.lv/public/lat/cites/ 2. http://cites.ldm.gov.lv/			
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the bring about better accessibility to and understanding requirements to the wider public?			Tick if applicable
	Press releases/conferences			X
	Newspaper articles, radio/television appeara	ances		X
	- Brochures, leaflets			X
	- Presentations			X
	– Displays			X
	Information at border crossing points			X
	- Telephone hotline			X
	- Other			
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex.			

11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:
	During 2014 project aiming to strengthen the implementation of CITES in Latvia have been realized.
	Project was funded by the national fund for conservation of environment. During the project
	implementation 5 training seminars for enforcement authorities have been organized providing
	training for 121 persons involved in enforcement activities. During the project implementation two
	new CITES expositions have been created and a new brochure about CITES have been published in
	Latvian, English and Russian.
	Besides above mentioned project 2 training seminars have been organized providing training for 30 enforcement officers.
	During the reporting period there have been countless press releases, posts in webpage and social media, newspaper articles, radio and television appearances about CITES issues. Information about CITES continuously have been updated and appended in the webpage of CITES MA.
	9 presentations about CITES issues have been shown for more than 175 students and school children, additionally several presentations have been shown for stakeholders and other interested persons.
	In 2014 International Wildlife day was celebrated by organizing awareness raising seminar and publishing special press release.
	Two one day seminars have been organized for hunters and owners of pet shops. As a result authority
	responsible for issuance of hunting permits together with hunting permit for native CITES game-
	species (Lynx lynx, Canis lupus) issues application form for EU certificate or CITES export permit.
	Meanwhile pet shop owners organize registration procedure on behalf of their clients who buy
	specimens of CITES listed species.

## 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 No Not applicable No information	x 
	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 procedu following?	the	Tick if applicable	;	
		Yes	No	No informati	on
	Permit issuance/acceptance	X			
	Registration of traders				
	Registration of producers	X			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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	34	35	182	Additionally 28 CITES certificates issued for use in the European Union (transportation of live CITES animals, prove of legal origin etc.)		
	How many applications were denied because of severe ommissions or misinformation?	0	0	0	0			
	Year 2 How many documents were issued?	0	49	26	232	Additionally 50 CITES certificates issued for use in the European Union (transportation of live CITES animals, prove of legal origin etc.)		
	How many applications were denied because of severe ommissions or misinformation?	0	0	0	2	In one case application for import of specimen for which there is import suspension in European Union was rejected.  In the second case application for import of already seized specimen was rejected.		
4	Were any CITES documents the of severe ommissions or mis-in		r cancelled	and replaced	because	Yes X No information		
5	If Yes, please give the reasons replaced because of deadline application.							
6	Please give the reasons for recountries.	er	Tick if applicable					
	Re	eason	2411-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1	Yes	No	No information		
	Technical violations							
	Suspected fraud			X				
	Insufficient basis for finding of	······································						
	Insufficient basis for finding of	legal acquisition						
	Other (specify)							
7	Are harvest and/or export quota issuance of permits?	as as a managemen	t tool in th	e procedure f	or	Yes X No		
	Comments							
8	How many times has the Scien Couple of times per year.	tific Authority beer	n requested	I to provide o	pinions?			
9	Has the Management Authority related CITES activities?	charged fees for p	ermit issua	ance, registra	tion or	Tick if applicable		

			Issuance of CITES documents:						X
		_	Licensing or registration of operation	ns that p	roduce C	ITES sp	ecies:		X
			X						
			<u> </u>						
			Importing of CITES-listed species: Other (registration of CITES listed s	necies).					X
1,		If Vac							
10	U		please provide the amounts of such fees for CITES permits and certificate		allowing				
		o o	If specimen will be used for comm				ı —		
			11.38 Euros;	er erar p	P 0 0 - 0	(			
		0	If specimen will be used for circus	es and t	ravelling	g exhibit	ions		
			(code Q) – 8.54 Euros;						
		О	If specimen will be used for other						
		0	100% relief on the state fee of CI						
			apply if specimen will be used for						g
			trophies (code H), law enforcement (code - Z)	it/juaicia	ai/torens	ic (code	L), Z	oos	
		o	State fee on registration of specim	ens of C	ITES sn	ecies is	9.96 F	turos.	
			State to on region and or speem						
1	1	Have r	evenues from fees been used for the in	nplemen	itation of	CITES	or		Tick if applicable
		wildlif	e conservation?	•					
			Entirely:						
		_	Partly:						
777		_	Not at all:						X
			Not relevant:						
		Comm	ents: State fees are transferred into	State B	ndoet				
1	2		provide details of any additional mea						
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D6		Canacit	n huilding						
D6			y building		***************************************		*******		
]	1		any of the following activities been u		n to enha	ance effe	ctiver	ness of	f Tick if applicable
		CITE	S implementation at the national level	.?					
		Increa	ased budget for activities		Improv	vement c	f nati	onal	X
		1110101			networ				
		Hirin	g of more staff		Purcha	ise of tec	hnica	l equi	pment for X
		1111111	g of more starr			oring/enf			
		David	opment of implementation tools	X		uterisatio			
		Deve	***************************************	ļ	<u> </u>				
		-	Other (regular training for custom a	uthoritie	s, police	and wild	llife		X
ļ		inspe							
1 2	2		the CITES authorities in your country	been th	e recipie	<i>nt</i> of any	of th	e follo	owing capacity building
		activi	ties provided by external sources?			·	foresonascen	······	٦
				4)					
		Pleas	e tick boxes to indicate which target	en				fy)	The state of the s
		group	and which activity.	ritt	1)	1		eci	What were the external
				or w	nica ance	cial	ng	ds)	sources?
				Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	
		Targe	et group	Or ad	Te	Fin	Ë	Ot	

	Staff of Management Authority	X			X		Training on identification of CITES tree species organised by CITES MA of Germany. Training on use of CITES trade data base and NDF procedure provided by European Commission and UNEP WCMC. Several guidelines have been elaborated in EU level on CITES issues.
	Staff of Scientific Authority						
	Staff of enforcement authorities				X		
	Traders						
	NGOs						
	Public						
	Other (specify)						
3	Have the CITES authorities in your country activities?  Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.  Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical de assistance	Financial costa	Training 19	Other (specify)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority  Staff of Scientific Authority				X		CITES MA organized training seminars for enforcement authorities about CITES. During these seminars also SA and MA staff have been trained on issues in the competence of the other authority and vice versa (e.g.MA have been trained on identification of species by SA)
	Staff of enforcement authorities				Х	X	See section D4-11
	Traders NGOs						Sec section D4-11
	Public Public					X	
	Other parties/International meetings						
	Other (specify)						
4	Please provide details of any additional me	asures to	ken			<u> </u>	
4	r lease provide details of any additional me	asuits ta	KOII				

## D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?						Yes		
							lo lo information	X	
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2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?								
3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the MA to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SA(s), Customs, police, others):								iation
	-	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specif	y)
	Meetings				X			Twice per y	ear
	Consultations		X					Regular communicat (every week). institution agreements I been signed to Customs Boar State Veterin Service (enforce authorities) provide effect information shand collabora During report period CITES have been worksign such agree with National as well.	Inter- al nave with d and nary ement o to ctive naring ation. rting S MA king to ements
4	At the national level have there been any efforts to collaborate with:						if applicable	Details if avai	lable
	Agencies for development and trade						X	CITES MA pr regular communication consultation stakeholders, i is some act information of field regard CITES issu	n and to all f there ual 1 their
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities					X			
	Local authorities or communities					X		nana wasan was	
	Indigenous peoples							See answer a	bove
	Trade or other pr	ivate sec	tor associa	tions		X			
	NGOs						X		10-14111-1411-1-1-1
	Other (specify)								

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 ap	plicable
	SA		
	Customs		X
	Police		
	Other border authorities (specify)		
	Other government agencies		X
	Private sector bodies		
	NGOs		
	Other		
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?	Tick if ap	plicable
	Workshops		X
	Meetings		X
	Other (specify)		
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to Yes		
	accede to the Convention?  No No information		Х
		300	
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?	**	
9	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance to	Yes No	X
	another country in relation to CITES?	No information	$\bigcap$
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	Yes	
	Manual?	No	X
		No information	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
13	Has your country taken measures to achieve co-ordination and reduce	Yes	
	duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related	No	X
	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		X				
	Hirring of more staff	X					
	Development of implementation tools		X				
	Improvement of national networks			X			
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement		X				
	Computerisation			X			
	Other (specify)						
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific						
	Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	No		X			
		No info	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	Yes					
	requiring attention or assistance?	No		X			
		No inf	ormation				
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is	required	l <b>.</b>				
6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the	Yes					
	Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	No		X			
		No inf	ormation				
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.						
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:						

#### E. General feedback

Please provide any additional comments you would like to make, including comments on this format.

Thank you for completing the form. Please remember to include relevant attachments, referred to in the report. For convenience these are listed again below:

Item		
Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed Not available	
	Not relevant	X
Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	X
	Not available	
	Not relevant	
Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	X
	Not available	
	Not relevant	
Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	X
	Not available	
	Not relevant	
Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	
	Not available	
	Not relevant	X
Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for	Enclosed	X
educational or public awareness purposes,	Not available	
	Not relevant	
Comments: The newest brochure about CITES produced in 2014 can be		
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# Detailed Information about Seizures and Confiscations of CITES Listed Specimens and Administrative Penalties Reporting period 2013/2014

During reporting period Latvian enforcement authorities (Customs Board, Nature Conservation Agency and Police) did 57 seizures that resulted in 34 administrative violation cases with confiscations and 5 cases without confiscation. Totally there have been confiscated 5151 products and derives (5056 of these were cosmetic products containing black caviar extract and extract of *Orchis mascula*) from CITES listed species and 4 live CITES listed animals and 4 live CITES listed plants. In 18 cases 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 four most significant cases are bolded.

The total amount of administrative fines for illegally traded CITES specimens for reporting period were 6280 Euro.

The lowest administrative fine was 70 Euro, the highest 700 Euro. In all cases illegally traded specimens have been confiscated. In four cases only administrative fine was given due to legal origin of traded specimens.

#### Information about confiscated CITES specimens on 2013/2014

Description of Specimen	Scientific Name of Specimen	CITES App./ EU App.	Amount	Country of Origin (if known)
Live animal	Ursus arctos	II / A	1	Russian Federation
Stuffed animal	Crocodylus siamensis	I/A	1	Malaysia
Tusk	Loxodonta africana	I / A	1	DRC
Live animal	Testudo graeca	II / A	1	Unknown
Stuffed animal	Aquilla pomarina	II / A	1	Latvia
Stuffed animal	Lynx lynx	II / A	1	Russian Federation
Skin	Lynx lynx	II / A	22	Russian Federation
Skin	Ursus arctos	II / A	1	Russian Federation
Skin	Ursus arctos	II / A	1	Unknown
Skin	Ursus arctos	II / A	1	Vietnam
Tubes with cosmetics	Ursus arctos	II / A	2	Russian Federation
Live animal	Python molurus	II / B	1	Unknown
Live animal	Python regius	II / B	1	Unknown
Live animal	Python regius	II / B	1	Czech Republic
Live plants	Platanthera bifolia	II / B	4	Latvia
Chewing gums	Hoodia gordoni	II / B	223 kg	Belarus
Tubes with	Acipenseriformes spp. /	II / B	5056	Israel
cosmetics	Orchis mascula			
Tubes with cosmetics	Naja spp.	II / B	1	Thailand
Tubes with cosmetics	Pythonidae	II / B	1	Turkey
Tubes with cosmetics	Python reticulatus	II / B	3	Turkey
Leather product	Naja spp.	II / B	1	Indonesia

Leather product	Crocodylus spp.	II / B	1	USA
Stuffed animal	Caiman crocodilus	II / B	1	Unknown
Pieces of corals	Acropora sp.	II / B	4	Australia
Pieces of corals	Scleractinia spp.	II / B	23	Unknown
Snakes in the bottles of alcohol	Ophiophagus hannah	II / B	1	Unknown
Tusks	Odobenus rosmarus	III / B	4	Russian Federation
Skull	Odobenus rosmarus	III / B	1	Russian Federation
Bone	Odobenus rosmarus	III / B	2	Russian Federation
Snakes in bottles of alcohol	Xenochrophis piscator	III / C	1	Cambodia
Snakes in bottles of alcohol	Xenochrophis piscator	III / C	8	Unknown
Snakes in bottles of alcohol	Xenochrophis piscator	III / C	7	Vietnam
Snakes in bottles of alcohol	Xenochrophis piscator	III / C	5	Thailand