# COVENTION ON INTERNATIONALTRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



# POLAND

**BIENNIAL REPORT** 

# 2013 - 2014

Warsaw, June 2015

# General information

Party	Poland
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of the Environment
	Department of Forestry and Nature Conservation
	(CITES MA of Poland)
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Ministry of Finance,
	General Police Headquarter,
	The Polish Society for Nature Protection "Salamandra",
	General Director for Environmental Protection

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.					fully) partly) formatior	n/unknown	
2	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following details:							
	Title and date:		S	status:				
	Brief description of contents:							
3	Is enacted legislation availa		f the working	ng languages of the	Yes			
	Convention? No No information							
4	If yes, please attach a copy provisions that were gazette		gislative te	xt or key legislative	provid	tion attac led previc ailable, w		
5	Which of the following issu your country has adopted for	r CITES-lis	ted species		neasures th	at Tick	c all applicable	•
	(in accordance with Article		The conditi	,	The		mahihitian of	2
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	prohibition of No informa	
	Trade	$\boxtimes$						
	Taking							
	Possession							
	Transport							
	Other (specify)							
	Additional comments	further am regulations amphibians declaration specimens Obligation involved in owners of the medica are obliged sell and to acquisition document in other docum Prohibition donations a	nendments) on wildlif s, reptiles, of possess they keep. of registra a animal tra pet shops) l treatment however to pass them from natur issued by a ment stating s referring apply to all s from the c Regional	onal law (Nature Co owners of live ie trade (CITES spi- birds and mammion to the appropria ation does not app ide, carrying on an as well as persons and rehabilitation o possess documen to the buyer (e.g. c e, and in case of bin district veterinary g legality of origin). e.g. to harvesting, native protected sp above mentioned p Directorate for E	animals cecies) from hals are of ate district oly to zoo economic keeping C purposes. ts stating l opy of CII th in captiv service, co possessing, becies (incl prohibition	of specie n Annex bliged to authority, logical g activity of ITES anin The above egal origi TES impo vity within nfirming , transpor uding nat s can be	s covered by A and B, incl o submit a w , in order to re- gardens and p on regular basis mals temporar ve mentioned in of an anima rt permit, perr n Polish territo birth in captiva t, sale and pun tive CITES sp granted only	y EU uding vritten gister ersons is (e.g. ily for sellers al they mit for ory – a vity, or rchase, ecies). by the

# B. Legislative and regulatory measures

6	6 What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of Tick all CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?						
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information		
	Powers of CITES authorities	$\square$					
	Clarity of legal obligations	$\square$					
	Control over CITES trade	$\boxtimes$					
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use						
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	$\square$					
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	$\square$					
	Implementing regulations	$\square$					
	Coherence within legislation						
	Other (please specify):						
	Please provide details if available:						
7	If no review or assessment has taken pl reporting period?	ace, is one planne	d for the next	Yes No No			
	Please provide details if available:						
8	Has there been any review of legislation relation to implementation of the Conve		subjects in	Tick all applicable			
	Subject		Yes	No	No information		
	Access to or ownership of natural resou	irces					
	Harvesting						
	Transporting of live specimens						
	Handling and housing of live specimen	S					
	Please provide details if available:						
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 unc	lertaken?				
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:					
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	$\square$				
	Border controls					
	Other (specify)					
	Control of CITES sale offers in the internet.					
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?					
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If a Annex.	vailable, p	lease attacl	n details as		
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?					
5	If information available:		Numł	ber		
	Significant seizures/confiscations	Total sei	zures in 20	13–133;		
	Total seizures/confiscations	Total seizures in 2014 – 88;				
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.		Information on significant seizures in Annex I - C5.			
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES- related violations?					
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please	attach det	ails as Ann	ex.		
	Detailed information in Annex II – C7 and C9.					
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?					
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please	attach detail	s as Annex			
	Detailed information in Annex II $-$ C7 and C9.					
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?		Т	ick if applicable		
	<ul> <li>Return to country of export</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Public zoos or botanical gardens</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$		
	<ul> <li>Designated rescue centres</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$		
	– Approved, private facilities					
	<ul> <li>Euthanasia</li> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>					
	Comments:					
	Live CITES specimens were mainly directed to public zoological or bot were distributed for training purposes to Customs Service, the Police, E educational purposes to universities, schools or museums.					

11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information on	Yes	
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or	No	$\boxtimes$
	other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Not applicable	
		No information	
	Comments:		
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with	Yes	$\boxtimes$
12	other countries		
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance,	No	
	joint operation, etc.)?	No information	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:		
	Cooperation with other countries in the reporting period concerned some occarealized within the scope of current necessities of the enforcement of CITES.	asional cases and was	
14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist in the	Yes	
	enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	No	$\boxtimes$
		No information	
15	If Yes, please describe:		
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes	$\boxtimes$
		No	
		Not applicable	
		No information	
	Comments:		
	Management Authority commissioned in 2014 the experts report on national ac implementation and enforcement of CITES and EU legislation on CITES in Po		
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

# D. Administrative measures

## D1 Management Authority (MA)

	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	Yes No						
	Directory?	No information						
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.							
	Actual contact details of the CITES MA of Poland are the following:							
	Ministry of the Environment							
	Ministry of the Environment Department of Forestry and Nature Conservation							
	Division of the Conventions							
	Wawelska st. 52/54							
	00-922 Warsaw							
	E-mail: <u>cites-ma@mos.gov.pl</u> Tel: Secretariat: +48 (22) 369 25 50; CITES Team: +48 (22) 369 24 07; 369 22 59 Fax: +48 (22) 369 22 90							
	Director of the Department: Maria Zachwatowicz maria.zachwatowicz@mos.	gov.pl						
	Deputy Director: Anna Klisowska anna.klisowska@mos.gov.pl	0° T						
	Head of Division: <i>Bożena Haczek</i> bozena.haczek@mos.gov.pl							
	CITES team: Grażyna Machajewska grazyna.machajewska@mos.gov.pl, Ma	oiwowarski@mos.gov.						
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been	Yes						
	designated?	No	$\boxtimes$					
		No information						
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead M		tory.					
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-			tory.					
-	How many staff work in each MA? CITES team consists of 5 persons. Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related		tory.					
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5       6       7	How many staff work in each MA?         CITES team consists of 5 persons.         Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?         100%         If yes, please give estimation         What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?         -       Administration         -       Biology         -       Economics/trade         -       Law/policy         -       Other (specify)- – environmental protection         -       No information         Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species	IA in the CITES Direc Yes No No information Tick if ap	plicable					
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#### 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 No No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.		
	National Council for Nature Conservation Secretariat of the Council Wawelska St. 52/54 00-922 WARSAW		
	Tel: +48 (22) 369 20 17 Fax: +48 (22) 369 25 50 Email: cites-sa @ prop.mos.gov.pl		
3	Has your country designated a Scientific Authority independent from the	Yes	
	Management Authority?	No No information	
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country?	Tick if a	applicable
	– Government institution	r	
	<ul> <li>Academic or research institution</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Permanent committee</li> </ul>		$\square$
	<ul> <li>Pool of individuals with certain expertise</li> </ul>		$\square$
	<ul> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ul>		
	The CITES SA of Poland is represented by the CITES Commission within The State Council for Nature Conservation (body counseling and providing independent opinions for the Minister of the Environment).		
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues?		
	The CITES Commission consists of 5 persons.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?	Yes No No information	
7	If yes, please give estimation         What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tials if a	mulicable
/			applicable
	– Botany		
	<ul> <li>Ecology</li> <li>Fisheries</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Forestry</li> <li>Welfare</li> </ul>		
1			$\boxtimes$
	- Zoology		$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>Other (specify): invasive alien species, captive breeding in zoos, nature conservation law</li> </ul>		
	- No information		
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation	Yes	$\bowtie$
1	to CITES species?	No	
		No information	

	Species name	Populations	oulations Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)	
	Canis lupus	Belarus	Belarus and neighbouring countries				of the Mana	gement For <i>Canis</i> in
	2			č	-			
	3							
	etc.							
							No information	
10		Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?				Yes No No inform	nation	

#### 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	$\Box \Box$
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).		
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	
	There are CITES coordinators designated within the Police (General and Regional Headquarters), Ministry of Finance and regional Customs Chambers. Their main role is to coordinate CITES related efforts and to monitor activities of local and regional units concerning offences against wildlife.		
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:		
	There is no lead or superior institution among enforcement agencies.		
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: CITES coordinators of the above mentioned agencies, together with MA, S Phytosanitary Inspection and some NGOs, participate in meetings and acti Enforcement Working Group for CITES.		

1	To what extent is CIT	ES infor	mation in y	our country	compu	iterized?		Tick if applic	able
	<ul> <li>Monitoring an</li> </ul>	d reporti	ng of data c	on legal trac	le				
	<ul> <li>Monitoring an</li> </ul>	d reporti	ng of data c	on illegal tra	ade				$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>Permit issuance</li> </ul>	e							$\boxtimes$
	– Not at all								
	– Other (specify	)							$\boxtimes$
	CITES and EU regulations concerning CITES; practical information for applicants and traders; some news, e.g. concerning Conference of the Parties, committees and national CITES meetings.								
2	Do the following auth	orities h	ave access t	o the Intern	et?			Tick if applic	able
	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		de details where ropriate	
	Management Authority								
	Scientific Authority	$\square$							
	Enforcement Authority								
3	Do you have an electr	onic info	ormation sys	stem provid	ing info	ormation	on CITES Yes		$\square$
	species?						No		
							No i	nformation	

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

4	If Yes, does it provide information on:		Tie	ck if applicable				
	- Legislation (national, regional or international)?							
	<ul> <li>Conservation status (national, regional, inter-</li> </ul>	ernational)?			$\boxtimes$			
	- Other (please specify)?				$\boxtimes$			
	CITES Management Authority of Poland runs the CITES issues, which includes information on exi and national legislation related to CITES, as information materials and explanations.	isting CITES provis	ions, EU					
	On the internet websites of Customs Chambers and the Police units one can find basic information on CITES and relevant seizures and confiscations.							
	Polish NGOs, primarily WWF Poland, and Polish Society for Nature Protection "Salamandra" also provide important information on CITES matters and current projects concerning the Washington Convention.							
5	Is it available through the Internet:		Ye	S	$\boxtimes$			
	C		No					
			No	t applicable				
			No	information				
	Please provide URL:				1 202 202 203			
	CITES MA website:							
	www.mos.gov.pl/cites-ma							
	Customs website:							
	http://www.mf.gov.pl/pl/sluzba-celna							
	Websites of NGOs dealing with CITES issues:							
	http://www.salamandra.org.pl/ginace-gatunki							
	http://www.wwf.pl/co_robimy/gatunki_glowna/							
6	Do the following authorities have access to the foll	owing publications?		Tick if applica	able			
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforceme Authority				
	2005 Checklist of CITES Species (book)		$\square$					
	2008 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)	$\square$						
	Identification Manual	$\square$	$\square$					
	CITES Handbook	$\square$	$\square$					

7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned inform	nation?	
8	<ul> <li>Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:</li> <li>Mortality in transport?</li> <li>Seizures and confiscations?</li> <li>Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually tra Comments:</li> <li>Polish Customs officers note down the information about eventual mortality transport and number of items actually traded in appropriate boxes in CITES permits.</li> <li>The information on seizures and confiscations in the past year is reported to N each following year in a tabular form .</li> </ul>	in	plicable
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements? If Yes, please give the URL: CITES MA website:	Yes No No information	
10	www.mos.gov.pl/cites-ma           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?           -         Press releases/conferences	Tick if ap	plicable
	<ul> <li>Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances</li> <li>Brochures, leaflets</li> <li>Presentations</li> <li>Displays</li> <li>Information at border crossing points</li> <li>Telephone hotline</li> <li>Other (specify): CITES calendar for year 2015 distributed among institutions and agencies involved in implementation and enforcement of CITES.</li> <li>Please attach copies of any items as Annex.</li> </ul>		
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: See Annex III- D6 Capacity building activities 2013-2014		

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit for empowered to sign CITES pern Secretariat?	Yes No Not applicable No information					
	If no, please provide details of a	any:				No information	
	Changes in permit format:						
	Changes in designation or s	ina Dobrzyńska a			d to sign		
2	CITES permits and certificates. To date, has your country devel		it procedur	es for any of	the	Tick if applicable	
	following?		_		<b>N</b> T		
				Yes	No	No informati	on
	Permit issuance/acceptance						
	Registration of traders						
3	Registration of producersPlease indicate how many CITE				$\square$		
	(Note that actual trade is norma documents). Year 2013	Import or			-	Lestion refers to issu	
		introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other *		
	How many documents were issued?	390	29	7	530	* EU Certificates acc. to the Counc (EC) No. 338/97	
	How many applications were denied because of severe ommissions or mis- information?	-			3		
	Year 2014 How many documents were issued?	328	16	15	698		
	How many applications were denied because of severe ommissions or mis- information?	-		-	3		
4	Were any CITES documents the of severe ommissions or mis-in		cancelled	and replaced	because	Yes No No information	
5	If Yes, please give the reasons t	for this.					

6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents fro countries.	m other		Tick if applicable	2			
	Reason	Yes	No	No informat	ion			
	Technical violations		Π					
	Suspected fraud							
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment							
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition							
	Other (specify)	$\overline{\boxtimes}$						
	Incorrect procedure of issuance a retrospective export permit.							
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procissuance of permits?	edure for		Yes No No information				
	Comments Wild specimens of native CITES species are not a subject of explo purposes of commercial international trade.	oitation fo	r the					
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? In year 2013- about 230 times							
	In year 2014- about 240 times							
9	Has the Management Authority charged fees for permit issuance, registration or       Tick if apple							
	related CITES activities?							
	- Issuance of CITES documents:							
	- Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITE	S species:			Ц			
	- Harvesting of CITES-listed species :							
	- Use of CITES-listed species:				Ц			
	<ul> <li>Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:</li> </ul>							
	<ul> <li>Importing of CITES-listed species:</li> </ul>							
	– Other (specify):				$\boxtimes$			
	EU Certificates issued according to the Council Regulation (EC)	No. 338/	97.					
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.							
	Fee for the issuance of the CITES import, (re-)export permit was:	107 PLN						
	(~25 EUR). Fee for the issuance of the EU Certificate acc. to the Council Reg 338/97 was: 17 PLN (~4 EUR).	ulation (H	EC) No.					
	Budgetary and governmental units, including zoological, botanica scientific institutions are exempted from the above mentioned fee		and					
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CIT wildlife conservation?	ES or		Tick if ap	plicabl			
	<ul> <li>Entirely:</li> </ul>							
	– Partly:							
	– Not at all:							
	<ul> <li>Not at all.</li> <li>Not relevant:</li> </ul>							
	Comments: Money obtained from the above mentioned fees is not allocated di the CITES implementation purposes or wildlife conservation. It g the self-governmental budget.							
	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:							

### D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities been up CITES implementation at the national level	y of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of Tick if applied nplementation at the national level?					
	Increased budget for activities		Improv networ	vement c rks	of natio	onal	
	Hiring of more staff			ase of tec oring/enf			pment for
	Development of implementation tools		Comp	uterisatio	on		
	– Other (specify)						
2	Have the CITES authorities in your country activities provided by external sources?	been the	e recipie	<i>ent</i> of any	of th	e follc	owing capacity building
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	Staff of Management Authority						A number of advices provided by other MAs.
	Staff of Scientific Authority						Workshop on NDF organized by the European Commission.
	Staff of enforcement authorities						
	Traders						Traders and public were the recipient of awareness campaigns, lectures and phone and written advices provided by CITES authorities.
	NGOs						Financial assistance from the National Fund for Environmental Protection for CITES prjects.
	Public						
	Other (specify)						

3	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority	$\square$			$\boxtimes$		
	Staff of Scientific Authority	$\square$			$\boxtimes$		See Annex III
	Staff of enforcement authorities				$\boxtimes$		
	Traders						On some commercial websites or Internet hobby forums, eg. devoted to exotic reptiles or birds.
	NGOs	$\square$			$\square$	$\boxtimes$	
	Public						
	Other parties/International meetings						
	Other (specify)						
4	Please provide details of any additional mea	asures ta	ken				

#### D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-a	agency or	inter-secto	oral commi	ittee on CITH	ES?	Y	les	$\boxtimes$
							١	lo	
							1	No information	
2	If Yes, which age The National O Management Au Service, the Polic	CITES V thority, S	Working Geientific A	Group con Authority, 1	nsists of r Ministry of 1	epresenta Finance,	Customs		
	Poland, PTOP " (TOZ) and represe Group meetings a	sentatives	of zoolog	ical and bo	tanical garde		Animals		
3	If No, please indi among CITES au							to ensure co-ordin	ation
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify	<i>i</i> )
	Meetings								
	Consultations								
4	At the national le collaborate with:		there been	any efforts	s to	Tick if applicable		Details if avail	able
	Agencies for dev	elopment	and trade						
	Provincial, state o	or territor	ial authori	ties				Cooperation with Regional Author in the field of registration of C animals (mainly advising and consulting on Cl documents).	tities ITES
	Local authorities	or comm	unities					Cooperation with regional custom chambers, regio headquarters of the Police and prosecutors in re- to the investigat which are being carried out.	nal the elation
	Indigenous peopl	les							
	Trade or other pr	ivate sect	or associat	tions			$\boxtimes$		
	NGOs							Exchange of information and participation in trainings organis NGOs.	
	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		Tick if app	olicable
	agencies? SA			
	Customs			
	Police			
	Other border authorities (specify)			
	Other government agencies			
	Private sector bodies			
	NGOs	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	Other (specify)			
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?		Tick if app	olicable
	Workshops			$\boxtimes$
	Meetings			$\boxtimes$
	Other (specify)			$\square$
	<ul> <li>Participation in regular meetings of the Committee on Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora and Scientific Review Group (EU meetings) and in some workshops for the East and Central Europe;</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Participation in a Polish-German working group on wolf, set up according to the Guidelines on Large Carnivore Initiative Europe (V meeting of the group in February, 2014 in Berlin);</li> <li>Participation in a meeting of the working group on management of the cross-border population of wolf in Poland and Belarus; The aim of the meeting was to reach an agreement regarding the Management Plan of wolf population in Belarus (Minsk, December, 2013);</li> </ul>			
	- Participation in the international project SAMBAH ( <i>Static Acoustic Monitoring of the Baltic Sea</i> <i>Harbour Porpoise</i> ). From Polish side the project was realized by the Marine Department of the Institute of Meteorology and Water Management, the Hel Marine Station and the Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection.			
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to	Yes		
	the Convention?	No		$\boxtimes$
		No information		
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?			
9	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance	to another	Yes	
	country in relation to CITES?		No	$\boxtimes$
			No information	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was	provided?		
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CIT	TES Identification	Yes	
	Manual?		No	$\bowtie$
			No information	

12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
13	Has your country taken measures to achieve co-ordination and reduce	Yes	$\square$
	duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related	No	
	Conventions)?	No information	
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
	Issues regarding CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements are le (Ministry of the Environment). It ensures coordination of actions and excludes unnecessary duplication.		
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 implevel and what is the respective level of priority?	lementat	ion at the na	itional
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities		$\square$	
	Hiring of more staff	$\square$		
	Development of implementation tools		$\square$	
	Improvement of national networks		$\square$	
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement		$\square$	
	Computerisation			$\square$
	Other (specify)	$\square$		
	- Trainings for the judiciary sector;			
	- Creation of CITES centre for confiscated animals.			
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific	Yes		
	Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	No		$\boxtimes$
		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		$\boxtimes$
		No inf	ormation	
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	Yes		$\boxtimes$
	Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	No		
		No inf	ormation	
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
	In our opinion, taking into consideration the effective implementation of CITES p of documents, it would be advisable to create confidential database gathering exa permits and certificates being used by the Parties.			
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	$\bowtie$
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	$\boxtimes$
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	$\boxtimes$
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	$\boxtimes$
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	$\boxtimes$
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
D4 (10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for	Enclosed	$\boxtimes$
	educational or public awareness purposes,	Not available	
		Not relevant	
	Comments		

# PART 2 SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

В.	Legislative a	ind regulatory	/ measures
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1b	If not already provided un has been updated in this re					f any natio	nal legislation that
2b	If your country has planne reported under question B					ant legislat	ion, other than that
	Title and date:			Status:			
	Brief description of conter	nts:					
5b	Has your country adopted specifically for non CITE	S-listed spec	ies <sup>1</sup> ?				question B(5),
	Information on the stricter	r domestic m	easures ha	we been described in	previous s	ection.	
	Tick all applicable catego						1.11.1. 0
	T		The condi	<u>.</u>		î	prohibition of:
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
	Trade						
	Taking						
	Possession						
	Transport						
	Other (specify) Additional comments						
	Additional comments						
8b	Has there been any review						
	relation to implementation	n of Council	Regulation		7	N	
	L	-4: 1:-41			Yes	No	No information
	Introduction of live Regul Community that would the (in accordance with Article	reaten the in	digenous f				
	Marking specimens to fac with Article 19, paragraph	ilitate identi		accordance		$\boxtimes$	
	Please provide details if a	vailable:		1	1		1
	With regard to the invasive implement the Regulation on the prevention and man	(EU) no 114	3/2014 of	the European Parliam	nent and of	the Counc	cil
9b	Please provide the followi	ing details at	out Regul	ations-related violation	ons:		
	i) Maximum penalt	-	-				
		itional meas	-	in relation to implem	entation of	f the Regul	ation not reported
	The most severe penalty w concerning CITES, is impr Conservation Act of 16 Ap	hich may be risonment fro					
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

# C. Compliance and enforcement measures

2b		·	
1	Have any actions, in addition to those reported in C (2-9) above, been taken	Yes	
	for Regulation-related violations?	No	$\bowtie$
		No information	
9Ъ	<ul> <li>Please provide the following details about Regulations-related violations:</li> <li>i) Maximum sanctions which have been imposed over this reporting per The highest possible penalty (described in section B 9b) was not imposed durin In the majority of cases courts imposed financial sanctions and forfeiture of con- some cases there were suspended sentences pronounced by court.</li> <li>ii) The outcomes of any prosecutions; We do not have detailed information on this issue.</li> </ul>	g the reporting period.	
16b	Has there been any review or assessment of Regulation-related	Yes	
	enforcement, in addition to that reported under C (16) above?	No	$\bowtie$
		No information	
	Comments:		
18	Have specimens been marked to establish whether they were born and bred	Yes	$\boxtimes$
new	in captivity? (In accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No.	No	
	865/2006, Article 66)	No information	
	Polish law does not impose obligation of marking of all CITES animals bred in captivity.		
	However, specimens have been marked according to the art. 66 for the purposes laid down in the EU wildlife trade regulations.		
	Comments:		
19	Have any monitoring activities been undertaken to ensure that the intended	Yes	$\boxtimes$
new	accommodation for a live specimen at the place of destination is adequately equipped to conserve and care for it properly? (In accordance with Article	No	
	4 paragraph 1 (c) of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i> ).	No information	
	Comments:		
	According to the art. 61 p.3 of the Nature Conservation Act of 16 April 2004, is dependent on a positive veterinary opinion stating that animals which are g kept in appropriate conditions, as far as their physiological and behavioral net opinion should be attached to the application for issuance of an import permit	oing to be imported wi eds are concerned. Suc	lÎ be
20	Have national action plans for co-ordination of enforcement, with clearly	Yes	
	defined objectives and timeframes been adopted, and are they harmonized	N.T.	
new		No	$\square$
new	and reviewed on a regular basis? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIa.)	No No information	
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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	Yes No	
	costs incurred? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007)</i> 2551, paragraph IIc.)	No information	
	Comments:		
23	Are training and/or awareness raising activities being carried out for a)	Yes	$\boxtimes$
new	enforcement agencies, b) prosecution services, and c) the judiciary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph	No	
	IId.)	No information	
	Comments:		
	See Annex III- D6		
24	Are regular checks on traders and holders such as pet shops, breeders and	Yes	$\boxtimes$
new	nurseries being undertaken to ensure in-country enforcement? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph	No	
	IIg.)	No information	
	Comments:		
	Enforcement Authorities monitor and control wildlife trade on internal market inspections of pet-shops, animal fairs, monitoring of sales of CITES specimen		
25	Are risk and intelligence assessment being used systematically in order to	Yes	$\boxtimes$
new	ensure thorough checks at border-crossing points as well as in-country? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph	No	
	IIh.)	No information	
	Comments:		
26	Are facilities available for the temporary care of seized or confiscated live specimens, and are mechanisms in place for their long-term re-homing,	Yes	$\boxtimes$
new	where necessary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C</i>	No	
	(2007) 2551, paragraph Iii.)	No information	
	Comments:		
	There was opened in 2014 the CITES Centre for seized specimens of CITES a Garden in Warsaw. The centre offers temporary care for amphibians and sma		
	Apart from this centre, seized or confiscated CITES species are kept – as far a and botanical gardens or in some rescue centres for stray animals. Creation of (-s) still remains a high priority.		
27	Is cooperation taking place with relevant enforcement agencies in other	Yes	$\boxtimes$
new	Member States on investigations of offences under Regulation No. (EC) 338/97? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> ,	No	
	paragraph IIIe.)	No information	
	Comments:		
	Cooperation with other countries in the reporting period concerned some oc realized within the scope of current necessities of the enforcement of CITES.	casional cases and was	
28	Is assistance being provided to other Member States with the temporary	Yes	
new	care and long-term re-homing of seized or confiscated live specimens? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph	No	$\square$
	IIIj.)	No information	
	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 No No information	
	Comments:		
30	Is advice and support being provided to CITES MAs and law enforcement	Yes	$\boxtimes$
new	agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community to facilitate legal and sustainable trade through correct	No	
	application of procedures? (In accordance with <i>Commission</i>	No information	
	Recommendation C (2007) 2551, paragraph IIII.)		
	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 No No information	
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 No No information	

### D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

8b		arch activities b CITES listed sp	een undertaken	by the SA	(s) in	Yes				
		CITES listed sp	No No information	n 🖂						
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	on 🗌							
11 new	How many Sci attended?	entific Review (	Number 7							
	Indicate any diff									

#### D3 Enforcement Authorities

6 new	Has a liaison officer/focal point for CITES been nominated with your country?	hin each relevant enforcement authority i Yes	n ⊠
new		No	
		Under consideration	
		No information	

#### D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1b	Is Regulation-related information in your country computerized on?	Tick if appl	icable
	<ul> <li>Annex D listed species</li> </ul>		$\boxtimes$
	- Other matters not reported on in question D4 (1) (please specify)		
3b	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on	Yes	$\square$
	Regulation-listed species?	No	
	CITES Management Authority of Poland through its own website provides access to the CITES related information in electronic format from the other websites on CITES issues (CITES and EU provisions, guidelines and other materials). www.mos.gov.pl/cites-ma	No information	

# D5 Permitting and registration procedures

9b	Has the Management Authority charged fees for any Regulation-related matters	Yes	
	not covered in question D5 (9)?	No	$\bowtie$
	If yes, please provide details of these Regulation-related matters and the amount of any such fees.	No information	
13 new	Can you indicate the percentage of permits/certificates issued that are returned to the MA after endorsement by customs?	Percentage : about 95%	
		No information	
14	Has a list of places of introduction and export in your country been compiled in	Yes	$\boxtimes$
new	accordance with Article 12 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97?	No	
	If yes, please attach.	No information	
	The list of designated inspection border points in Poland is available on		
	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/pdf/list_points_of_entry.pdf		
15	Have persons and bodies been registered in accordance with Articles 18 and 19	Yes	
new	of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	No	$\bowtie$
	If yes, please provide details.	No information	
16	Have Scientific institutions been registered in accordance with Article 60 of	Yes	
new	Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	No	$\boxtimes$
	If yes, please provide details.	No information	
17	Have breeders been approved in accordance with Article 63 of Commission	Yes	
new	Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	No	$\square$
	If yes, please provide details.	No information	
18	Have caviar (re-)packaging plants been licensed in accordance with Article 66	Yes	$\square$
new	(7) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	No	
	If yes, please provide details.	No information	
	See Annex V - D5 (2) 18.		

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

#### 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	
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	
	There is still problem of proving legal origin of captive bred specimens originating from breeding operations across the EU, in the context of documents which should be regarded as sufficient proof of legality. Lack of common approach in this area is an issue often reported by the enforcement officers.		

#### Annex I - C5

According to the information reported by the Ministry of Finance, in 2013 Customs Service carried out 133 seizures. Total number of the seized specimens was 10632, including: 8084 live animals (mostly leeches of *Hirudo medicinalis;* also 2 tortoises of *Testudo horsfieldii* and 4 parrots of different species), 2137 specimens of traditional chinese medicine (TCM), 2 specimens of ivory (*Elephantidae* spp.), 4,6 kg of caviar (*Acipenseriformes* spp.), 616 kg of corals (*Scleractinia* spp., *Milleporidae spp.*).

In 2014 Customs Service made 88 seizures consisting of 3303 specimens, including: 1043 live animals (mostly leeches of *H. medicinalis*), 153 live plants of *Cactacecae* spp., 2040 specimens of traditional chinese medicine (TAM), 1 specimen of ivory (*Elephantidae* spp.), 44 kg of corals (*Scleractinia* spp. and *Milleporidae* spp.) and 5,9 kg of caviar (*Acipenseriformes* spp.).

Type of seizure	Type of location	direction	species	No of specimens	units	Description of goods	mass	date	Country of export	Country of origin
Tourist	airport	import	Crocodylus porosus	2		MEA - Meat (incl. fish)	0,15	13-02-2014	AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA
Unknown	border post	import	Hippocampus spp.	600	Pills	MED - Medicine		01-02-2014	INDONESIA	INDONESIA
Tourist	land boundary	Export- reexport	Cacatua alba, Eolophus roseicapilla	(2+2) 4		LIV - Live specimens		24-03-2014	POLAND	SLOVAKIA
Unknown	land boundary	import	Hippocampus spp.	500	Pills	MED - Medicine		30-05-2014	UKRAINE	unknown
Commercial	land boundary	import	Accipenseriformes spp.			CAV - Caviar (unfertilized, dead, processed eggs)	6	19-03-2014	BELARUS	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
Unknown	border post	import	Ornithopters spp., Troides spp.	(3+18) 21		TRO - Trophy (all the trophy parts of one animal if they are exported together)		09-06-2014	THAILAND	INDONESIA

#### Most significant seizures made by Customs Service in 2014

#### Most significant seizures made by Customs Service in 2013

Type of seizure	Type of location	direction	species	No of specimens	units	Description of goods	mass	date	Country of export	Country of origin
Commercial	Maritime port	Import	Varanus niloticus	300		LPS - Small leather product (belts, braces, bicycle saddles, etc.)		2013-10-24	HONG KONG	CHAD
Commercial	Border post	Import	Ornithopthera spp.	53		TRO - Trophy (all the trophy parts of one animal if they are exported together)		2013-11-12	INDONESI A	Unknown
Commercial	Land boundary	Import	Hirudo medicinalis	290		LIV - Live specimens		2013-09-13	UKRAINE	UKRAINE
Commercial	Land boundary	Import	Hirudo medicinalis	6960		LIV - Live specimens		2013-10-19	UKRAINE	UKRAINE
Tourist	Land boundary	Import	Hippocampus coronatus	800	Pills	MED - Medicine		2013-11-12	UKRAINE	INDONESIA

#### Annex II - C7 and C9

Violations of the CITES provisions (included in the national and EU law) are subject to sanctions such as penalty of detention or fine (for offences) and sentence of imprisonment from 3 months up to 5 years (for crimes).

The most frequent violation concerning endangered species of fauna and flora, identified in the reporting period, is border-crossing without necessary permits and offering for sale without sufficient documents of legal origin and acquisition (usually on markets, zoological exchanges and internet).

Sentences in the majority of court cases imposed fines and forfeitures of seized specimens. So far, the most severe penalty of imprisonment (from 3 months up to 5 years) has not been imposed, however there were cases where penalty of imprisonment for a few months was applied in suspension.

Furthermore, people who were convicted for the infringement of provisions regarding wildlife trade can be refused by CITES Management Authority to obtain a CITES permit within the period of 3 years from the date of conviction (art. 61 p. 7 of the Nature Conservation Act of 16 April 2004). There was no such case in the reporting period.

#### Annex III- D6 Capacity building activities 2013-2014

#### Activities carried out by CITES MA of Poland

- 1) Press release for zoological trade on CITES provisions;
- 2) Giving lectures on CITES as part of :
  - postgraduate studies on veterinary of the undomesticated animals,
  - conference on falconry,
  - workshops for Customs Service and the Police,
  - workshops for the CITES Management Authorities and Scientific Authorities from the Central and Eastern Europe;
- 3) Creating of CITES calendar for the year 2015 and its distribution among authorities and agencies involved in CITES implementation in Poland and the EU countries;
- 4) Creating of the glass case with forfeited CITES specimens in the building of the Ministry of the Environment;
- 5) Organizing 2 meetings of the National CITES Working Group;
- 6) Commissioning of the following experts reports:
  - National action plan concerning the implementation and enforcement of CITES legislation and CITES –related EU law for years 2014-2020;
  - Evaluation of the registration system of CITES animals in Poland;
  - European eel conservation, reconstruction of population and trade control;
  - Issues regarding trade in CITES animals of captive breeding origin;
  - Identification of problems concerning trade in CITES plants originating from cultivation.

Moreover, representatives of Management Authority informed the society on relevant CITES matters and provisions by means of telephone hotline, interviews for the press, radio and television.

## Enforcement Authorities - Customs Service

Actions taken by Customs Service at the central level:

- Organizing and carrying out a specialized training and workshop for CITES coordinators and other Customs officers in the field of verification of CITES specimens offered on the internet, procedures for dealing with seized specimens and practical exercises devoted to identification of CITES plant specimens (June, 2013);
- Organizing the XI workshops for CITES coordinators of Customs Service and the Police (December, 2013),
- Organizing and carrying out a specialized training and workshops for CITES coordinators and other Customs officers in the field of identification of CITES plants and animals, their seizure and temporary keeping; As a part of this training there was also carried out training for prosecutors (May, 2014);
- Organizing and carrying out a specialized training and workshop for CITES coordinators and other Customs officers in the scope of safety rules during seizures of CITES specimens, conduction of educational activities on the Convention and identification of the protected species (December, 2014).

Actions taken at local level:

- Numerous trainings conducted by Customs CITES coordinators for Customs officers;
- Trainings and lectures for Police officers and Customs agents;
- Several lectures, meetings and presentations about the conservation of endangered species for students, pupils of primary and secondary schools (totally more than 6000 in the reporting period), interested people and participants of exhibitions.
- Giving information about CITES to the public via radio, television and press releases;
- Participation in and co-organizing several displays, conferences and picnics devoted to the conservation of endangered species of wild fauna and flora.
- Customs Chamber in Przemyśl created a programme for identification of specimens of CITES species.

### NGOS's

- Polish Society for Nature Conservation "Salamandra"
  - Carrying out a workshop for the representatives of district offices in Wielkopolskie voyevodeship in the field of registration of CITES animals (with regard to the national law) (May, 2013);
  - Monitoring of the internet in terms of the trade in CITES species. Its results were published in the report prepared by IFAW and CEEweb for Biodiversity under title "Wanted-Dead or Alive" (February-March, 2014);
  - Co-organizing (together with CEEweb for Biodiversity and MA of Hungary) a seminar for the representatives of CITES authorities from Central and Eastern Europe devoted to the internet trade in CITES species.
- ➢ WWF Poland

WWF Poland realized some species-specific projects concerning domestic animals that are CITES species:

- Reintroduction of lynxes in Piska Forest and Napiwodzko-Ramuckie Forests as a part of project "Active conservation of lowland population of lynx in Poland" (2014-2015);
- Project so-called "Blue Patrol": The project has been implemented since 2010 by WWF Poland together with the Marine Station of the Institute of Oceanography, University of Gdansk, under the name: "Support for the restitution and protection of Baltic Sea mammals in Poland", and since 2013 also with the KULING Waterbird Research Group under the name: "Protection of water bird and water mammal habitats". Under this project SMIOUG carried out research with C-POD hydroacoustic devices used for the registration of sounds emitted by porpoises. The project completion was planned for the end of 2014. The region of porpoise detection covers the area from the Vistula River mouth along the Vistula Spit up to the border of Russia. The project also encompassed the analysis of the fishing effort in the region of hydroacoustic studies of porpoise abundance (Southern Bay of Gdańsk) and of the correctness of fishing gear marking. Together with the Sea Fishing Inspectorate, works related to the removal of poaching gear were conducted. The Blue Patrol is composed of 200 volunteers its members monitor and intervene if water mammals or birds in need of help are observed.

Cooperation between the network of volunteers operating in the area and a science and research institution – SMIOUG – allows for a suitable response to all threats concerning Baltic Sea mammals (including porpoises) found on beaches.

#### Other capacity building activities:

- Poland participated in the reporting period in the international project SAMBAH (*Static Acoustic Monitoring of the Baltic Sea Harbour Porpoise*). From Polish side the project was realized by the Marine Department of the Institute of Meteorology and Water Management, the Hel Marine Station and the Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection.
- General Director for Environmental Protection together with the Regional Director for Environmental Protection in Gorzów Wielkopolski organized the conference "Active protection of the osprey on the Polish and German borderland" addressed to energetisists and foresters (December, 2014);
- Poland participated in a Polish-German working group on wolf, set up according to the Guidelines on Large Carnivore Initiative Europe (V meeting of the group in February, 2014 in Berlin);
- Representatives of Poland participated in a meeting of the working group on management of the cross-border population of wolf in Poland and Belarus; The aim of the meeting was to reach an agreement regarding the Management Plan of wolf population in Belarus (Minsk, December, 2013);
- Representatives of Poland from the environment and agriculture department, as well as from the forestry sector, participated in a meeting of the Polish-Slovakian group on big predators with the aim of cooperating in the fired of management of the cross-border populations of big predators (April, 2013).

Annex IV - D4 Information material, leaflets, brochures

#### Annex V- D5, 18 (Part II) Register of caviar producers and exporters

#### **Caviar plants in Poland – updated information**

Referring to the Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP 14) "Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish" and art. 66 p. 7 of the Commission Regulation No. 865/2006 (with further amendments), CITES Management Authority of Poland has registered the following producers and exporters of caviar:

Registration number: 0001
 Date of Registration: 20.02.2007
 Name of the Company: "ACIPOL"
 Address: Rybacka 1A St., 62-505 Konin
 Description: aquaculture plant harvesting roe of *Acipenseriformes* spp. for the production of caviar. Species, which are currently bred in this company are: *Acipenser baerii, Acipenser gueldenstaedtii, A. baerii x A. gueldenstaedtii, Acipenser ruthenus, Huso huso x Acipenser ruthenus*;

Registration number: 0002
 Date of Registration: 26.02.2007
 Name of the Company: "HAYKO"
 Address: Urocza 11/III/4 St., 82-300 Elbląg
 Description: plant processing, producing, packaging and re-packaging caviar of *Acipenseriformes* spp.

Registration number: 0003
 Date of Registration: 26.02.2007
 Name of the Company: "LECH"
 Address: Kościelna 3a St., 84-360 Łeba
 Description: plant producing (processing) and (re-)packaging caviar of *Acipenseriformes* spp.

4. Registration number: 0004
Date of registration: 27.03.2008
Name of the Company: Gospodarstwo Rybackie "GOSŁAWICE"
Address: Rybacka 2 St., 62 – 505 Konin
Description: aquaculture plant breeding species of *Acipenseriformes* spp., harvesting roe, processing, producing and packaging caviar of *Acipenseriformes* spp. Species, which are currently bred in this aquaculture, are: *Acipenser baerii, Acipenser gueldenstaedtii, Polyodon spathula and hybrid of Acipenser ruthenus and Acipenser ruthenus x Huso huso.* 

Registration number: 0005
 Date of registration: 16.12.2009
 Name of the Company: Gospodarstwo Rybackie "WĄSOSZE"
 Address: 62-561 Ślesin
 Description: aquaculture plant harvesting roe of *Acipenseriformes* spp. for the production of caviar. Species, which are currently bred in this company are: *Acipenser baerii, Acipenser gueldenstaedtii, Acipenser ruthenus, Huso huso x Acipenser ruthenus.*

6. Registration number: 0006

Date of registration: 18.01.2010 Name of the Company: Zakład Przetwórstwa Rybnego "JESIOTR" Address: Rybacka 1A St., 62-505 Konin Description: plant producing (processing) and (re-)packaging caviar of *Acipenseriformes* spp.

- 7. Registration number: 0007
  Date of registration: 13.12.2010
  Name of the Company: Przedsiębiorstwo "Rekin" Jan Mozolewski i Wspólnicy Sp. J. Address: Kopernika 51 St., 19-200 Grajewo
  Description: plant producing (processing) and (re-)packaging caviar of *Acipenseriformes* spp.
- 8. Registration number: 0008
  Date of registration: 05.09.2011
  Name of the Company: "KORDEX"
  Address: Sztormowa 5 St., 84-100 Swarzewo
  Description: plant processing, producing, packaging, re-packaging caviar of *Acipenseriformes* spp.
- 9. Registration number: 0009 Date of registration: 19.11.2013 Name of the Company: "OLSZTYN II" Address: Ruś 97, 10-687 Olsztyn Description: plant processing, producing, packaging, re-packaging caviar of *Acipenseriformes* spp.
- 10. Registration number: 0010

  Date of registration: 28.03.2014
  Name of the Company: "EKO KAWIOR"
  Address: Rzgów II 5 B
  Description: aquaculture plant harvesting roe of *Acipenseriformes* spp. for the production of caviar.

Registered companies are obliged to submit annual reports concerning their activities in the field of harvesting, processing, (re-)packaging and selling caviar. After evaluation of submitted reports CITES MA may grant extension of registration if company would apply for it.