A. General information

Party		
Period covered in this report (e.g. 1 January 2003	Samoa	
to 31 December 2004)	1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014	
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)	
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade	
	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

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1	Has information on CIT provided under the CITI				Yes (fu Yes (pa				
	If yes, ignore questions	ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.							
					No info	rmation	/unknown		
2	If any CITES-relevant le following details:	gislation h	nas been	planned, drafted	or enacte	ed, plea	se provide	the	
	Title and date: Trade in Bill 2013	Endanger	ed Specie	es Status: Drafte	ed 				
	Brief description of cont	ents: The	contents	of the Bill include	es:				
	1. Functions of the Minis	stry of Nat	ural Reso	ources and Enviro	onment a	nd Scie	entific Comm	nittee	
	2. Permits and Certifica	tes							
	3. Exemptions and Spec	cial Cases							
	4. Enforcement								
	5. Micellaneous								
3	Is enacted legislation av		one of the	e working	Yes				
	languages of the Conve	No							
					No information				
4	If yes, please attach a c		_		legislation attached				
	or key legislative provisi	ons that w	ere gaze	etted.	provided previously				
					not available, will send				
5	Which of the following is				domestic	: 7	Tick all appli	cable	
	measures adopted for C								
	accordance with Article						1.9.92		
			he condit			:	prohibition		
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No inform	ation	
	Trade	\boxtimes			\boxtimes				
	Taking	\boxtimes			\boxtimes				
	Possession	\boxtimes	į \square		\boxtimes				
	Transport								
	Other (specify)				П				

	Additional comments The Marine Wildlife Protection Regulation 2009 and the Fisheries Regulation 1995 has provisions which states conditions for the taking, possessing and trading of CITES listed species such as turtles, whales, dolphins and sharks.								
6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?								
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information				
	Powers of CITES authorities								
	Clarity of legal obligations								
	Control over CITES trade				\boxtimes				
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use								
	Coverage of law for all types of offences								
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties								
	Implementing regulations				\boxtimes				
	Coherence within legislation				\boxtimes				
	Other (please specify)								
	Please provide details if available effectiveness of the CITES legisla								
7	If no review or assessment has ta		ne	Yes					
	planned for the next reporting per	riod?		No					
					ormation 🖂				
	Please provide details if available been endorsed, it will be impleme and carried out will be reported.								
8	Has there been any review of legi subjects in relation to implementa			Ti	ck all applicable				
	Subject		Yes	No	No information				
	Access to or ownership of natural	resources							
	Harvesting								
	Transporting of live specimens			\boxtimes					
	Handling and housing of live spec								
	Please provide details if available								
9	Please provide details of any add	itional measure	s taken:						

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	No information		
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operation	s been und	ertaken?			
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers					
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets		\boxtimes			
	Border controls					
	Other (specify):					
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 viol details.	ations. If av	ailable, p	lease attach		
	Offences relating to trade - 1000 penalty units for first of offences - 1000 penalty units or 3 years imprisonment	fence, secor	nd or sub	sequent		
	2. Other offences - forges etc 5,000 penalty units imprison	ment or both	1			
	3. General penalty - offence under the Act 20 penalty units	, imprisonm	ent or bo	th		
	4. Confiscation and forfeitures					
	5. Regulations - regulations may be made prescribing offences not exceeding 1000 penalty units or 7 years imprisonment or both.					
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?					
5	If information available:		Numbe	er		
	☐ Significant seizures/confiscations					
	☐ Total seizures/confiscations					
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.					
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?					
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If availa Annex.	ble, please	attach de	etails as		
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?					
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the rannex.	esults? Pleas	se attach	details as		
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of?		Tick	if applicable		
	Return to country of export					
	Public zoos or botanical gardens					
	Designated rescue centres					
	Approved, private facilities					
	Euthanasia					

	Other (specify):		
	Comments:		
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat	Yes	
	on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted	No	\boxtimes
	illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Not applicable	
		No information	
	Comments:		
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with	Yes	
	other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support,	No	
	investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?		
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:		
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to assist	Yes	
	in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	No	
	arrest and conviction of offenders:	No information	
15	If Yes, please describe:		
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related	Yes	
	enforcement?	No	\boxtimes
		Not applicable	
		No information	
	Comments:		
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) which are not yet reflected in the	Yes No	
	CITES Directory?	No information	
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	Yes	
	MA been designated?	No	\boxtimes
		No information	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified a CITES Directory.	s the lead MA in the	
5	How many staff work in each MA? 1		

6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters?	Yes No No information	
	If yes, please give estimation:	140 illioimaton	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if appli	cable
	 Administration 		
	- Biology		
	Economics/trade		
	Law/policy		
	- Other (specify):		
	 No information 		
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities	Yes	
	in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling,	No	\boxtimes
	tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	No information	
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kin	d of research involve	ed.
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) which are not yet reflected in the	Yes No	
	CITES Directory?	No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.		
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the	Yes	\boxtimes
	Management Authority?	No	
		No information	
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if app	licable
	 Government institution 		\boxtimes
	Academic or research institution		
	Permanent committee		
	Pool of individuals with certain expertise		\boxtimes
	- Other (specify):		
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? 3		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-	Yes	
	related matters	No	\boxtimes
		No information	
	If yes, please give estimation:		

7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)? Tick if applic									
	- Botany									
	- Ecology									
	− Ecology − Fisheries									
	- Forestry									
	 Welfare 	•								
	Zoology	y								
	- Other (s	specify): Expertis	se on marine spe	cies						
	 No info 	rmation								
8			s been undertak	en by the S	SA(s) in	Yes	\boxtimes			
	relation to	CITES species?				No				
						No informat	ion 🗌			
9	If Yes, plea	ase give the spec	cies name and pr	ovide deta	ils of the kin	d of research	involved.			
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)			
	Humpba ck whale		Understandin g distribution and habitat use of humpback whales in Samoa							
	Hawksbi Il turtles	Determining population status of nesting hawksbill turtles in Samoa					Includes flipper tagging and release of captured turtles			
	General					Identifyi ng illegal trade of CITES Appendi ces 1 & II species				
	No information									
10			s for scientific res			Yes				
	submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?					No				
						No informat	ion 🗌			
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:									

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement	Yes			
	authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	No	\boxtimes		
	confidential enforcement information related to on E3:	No information			
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and once Enforcement Authorities have been identified.	d email). Will provide deta	ails		
3	Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related	Yes	\boxtimes		
	enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	No			
		Under consideration			
		No information			
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:				
	Customs Division of the Ministry for Revenue is the lead agency	y			
	Quarantine Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries				
	Ministry of Police and Prisons				
	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment				
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: The Trade in Endangered Species Bill 2013 identifies officers of the Customs Department, Qurantine Division and an appointed person by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment to be authorized officers to carry out any enforcement.				

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is C	Tick if applicable					
	 Monitoring and 	\boxtimes					
	 Monitoring and 						
	- Permit issuance	9					\boxtimes
	Not at all						
	- Other (specify):						
2	Do the following at	uthoritie	s have ac	cess to th	ne Inte	rnet?	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						

	Scientific Authority						Staff responsible for SA has access to internet except requesting to allow acces internet time when needed Internet is granted only for time allocated and is also restricted to certain sites.	when s for d. r the
	Enforcement Authority						No information on access internet for EA as the EA not been identified for Sar	has
3	Is there an electron	nic infor	mation sy	stem pro	viding	informa	ation on Yes	
	CITES species?						No	\boxtimes
							No information	
4	If Yes, does it prov	ide info	rmation o	n:			Tick if appl	icable
	 Legislation (nat 	ional, re	egional or	internatio	nal)?			
	 Conservation st 	atus (na	ational, re	gional, in	ternati	onal)?		
	 Other (please s 	pecify):						
5	Is it available throu	igh the	Internet:				Yes	
							No	
							Not applicable	
							No information	
	Please provide UR	RL:						

6	Do the authorities indicated have access to the following publications? Tick if app						
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority			
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)						
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)		\boxtimes				
	Identification Manual		\boxtimes	\boxtimes			
	CITES Handbook		\boxtimes				
7	If not, what problems have been encounter	ed to access this	information?				
8	Have Enforcement Authorities reported to to on:	he Management	Authority	Tick if applicable			
	– Mortality in transport?						
	– Seizures and confiscations?						
	 Discrepancies in number of items in per of items actually traded? 	mits and number					
	Comments: No information from the Enforc	ement Authorities	have been p	rovided.			
9	Is there a government website with informa	ition on CITES an	d its Yes				
	requirements?		No				
			No i	nformation			
	If Yes, please give the URL:						
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in an activities to bring about better accessibility of the Convention's requirements to the wide	to and understand		Tick if applicable			
	Press releases/conferences						
	 Newspaper articles, radio/television app 	earances					
	 Brochures, leaflets 						
	Presentations						
	Displays						
	 Information at border crossing points 						
	 Telephone hotline 						
	Other (specify):						
	Please attach copies of any items.						
11	Please provide details of any additional me	asures taken:					

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit format or the designation and signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/ certificates been reported previously to the Secretariat?					Yes No Not applicable	\boxtimes
	If no, please provide details	s of any:				No information	
	 Changes in permit form 						
	 Changes in designation 						
2	To date, has your country of any of the following?				s for	Tick if appli	cable
				Yes	No	No informatio	n
	Permit issuance/acceptance	се					
	Registration of traders						
	Registration of producers						
3	Please indicate how many period? (Note that actual tr question refers to issued d	rade is reported					
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re- export	Other	Comments	,
	How many documents were issued?	None	Six (6)				
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?	None	None	None	MATCH BREAT CHARLES BREAT BR		
	Year 2						
	How many documents were issued?	None	Four (4)	None			
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?	None	None	None			
4	Were any CITES document and replaced because of s				?	Yes No No information	
5	If Yes, please give the reas	sons for this.					
6	Please give the reasons fo other countries.		TES docu	ıments fror	n	Tick if appli	cable
	Re	ason		Yes	No	No informatio	n
	Technical violations						
	Suspected fraud						
	Insufficient basis for finding	រូ of non-detrime	nt				
	Insufficient basis for finding	ງ of legal acquis	ition				
	Other (specify):						
7	Are harvest and/or export of procedure for issuance of p		a manage	ement tool	in the	Yes No	

	No inform	nation
	Comments Currently, Samoa has not put harvest and/or export quotas and are used the quotas identified under the CITES eg, number of giant clams allowed under personal and household effects - 3 pieces.	using
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions	? N/A
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities?	k if applicable
	 Issuance of CITES documents: 	
	 Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species 	
	 Harvesting of CITES-listed species 	
	 Use of CITES-listed species 	
	 Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species 	
	 Importing of CITES-listed species 	
	- Other (specify): No charged fees for issuing of permits until legislation is end	orsed
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?	k if applicable
	- Entirely	
	- Partly	
	- Not at all	
	 Not relevant 	
	Comments:	
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D6 Capacity building

1	lave any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance Tick ffectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level?						Tick if applicabl	e
	Increased budget for activities		Impro	vemen	t of n	al networks	\boxtimes	
	Hiring of more staff			nase of oring/e	equipment for It			
	Development of implementation tools		Comp	outeriza	tion			
	Other (specify):							
2	Have the CITES authorities received or benefited from any of the following capacity- building activities provided by external sources?							
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity. Target group	Oral or written advice/guidanc	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources	?
	Staff of Management Authority						Advice and recommendation fr the Scientific Authority for CITES Notifications and Proposals	
	Staff of Scientific Authority						Department of Conservation, New Zealand and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPRE	
	Staff of enforcement authorities				\boxtimes		Department of Conservation, New Zealand	•
	Traders							
	NGOs							
	Public							
	Other (specify):							

3	Have the CITES authorities been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity-building activities?									
	Please tick boxes target group and			Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	De	etails
	Staff of Managen	nent Aut	hority							
	Staff of Scientific	Authori	ty				ĪП			
:	Staff of enforcem		-							
	Traders									
-	NGOs									
	Public									
	Other parties/Inte	ernation	al meetings	3 🔲						
	Other (specify)									
4	Please provide d	etails of	any addition	onal mea	sures t	aken:				
D7 Co .	Is there an inter-			ctoral cor	nmittee	e on CI	TES?		Yes No	\boxtimes
	No information									
2	If Yes, which age	encies a	are represe	nted and	how of	ten do	es it n	neet?		
	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet? Bi-monthly Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Attorney General, National University of Samoa, Samoa Tourism Authority, Ministry of Customs and Revenue and Scientific Research of Samoa.									
3	If No, please indicate the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the Management Authority to ensure coordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SAs, Customs, police, others):									
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Ann	ually	Non	e ii	No nformation	Other (specify)
	Meetings									
	Consultations									
4	At the national le		e there be	en any ef	forts to		Tic	k if a	oplicable	Details if available
	Agencies for dev	velopme	ent and trac	de						
	Provincial, state	or territ	orial author	rities						
	Local authorities or communities									

	Indigenous peoples				
	Trade or other private sector associations				
	NGOs				
	Other (specify)				
5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITE agreed between the Management Authority and the followagencies?	S been	Tick	if appli	cable
	Scientific Authority				
	Customs				
	Police				
	Other border authorities (specify):				
	Other government agencies				
	Private sector bodies				
	NGOs				
	Other (specify):				
6	Have government staff participated in any regional activit related to CITES?	ies	Tick	if appli	cable
	Workshops				\boxtimes
	Meetings				\boxtimes
	Other (specify): Trainings				\boxtimes
7	Has there been any effort to encourage any non-Party to	accede	Yes		
	to the Convention?		No		
			No informa	ation	
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?				
9	Has technical or financial assistance been provided to		Yes		
	another country in relation to CITES?		No		\boxtimes
			No informa	ation	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance wa	s provided	?		
11	Has any data been provided for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?		Yes		
	identification Manual?		No		\boxtimes
			No informa	ation	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.				
13	Have measures been taken to achieve coordination and		Yes		Ц
	duplication of activities between the national authorities for CIT and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the		No		
	biodiversity-related conventions)?		No informa	ation	
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.				
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:				

D8 Areas for future work

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority?					
	Activity	High	Medium	Low		
	Increased budget for activities					
	Hiring of more staff	\boxtimes				
	Development of implementation tools					
	Improvement of national networks					
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement	\boxtimes				
	Computerization					
	Other (specify): A follow-up workshop/meeting to provide an update on the implementation status from the March 2012 workshop held in Samoa.					
2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes No No infor	mation			
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?					
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen	Yes		\boxtimes		
	in your country requiring attention or assistance?	No				
		No infor	mation			
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required There was no coordination at the National level to implement CITES obligation as well as legislation that addresses CITES. The national workshop in 2010 that was provided by the New Zealand Government helped identify the gaps with implementation of CITES at the national level and the development of the drafted Trade in Endangered Species and Trade Bill.					
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been identified	Yes				
	within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	No				
	-	No infor				
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.					
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:					

E. General feedback

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

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

Question	Item		
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed	
		Not available	\boxtimes
		Not relevant	
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	
		Not available	\boxtimes
		Not relevant	
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	
		Not available	\boxtimes
		Not relevant	
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES	Enclosed	\boxtimes
	produced for educational or public awareness purposes	Not available	
		Not relevant	
	Comments The Trade in Endangered Bill 2013 will be provided once it has been finalized.		