

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN (2013-2014)

A. General information

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| Party | Uzbekistan |
| Period covered in this report (e.g. 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004) | 1 January 2013 - 31 December 2014 |
| Details of agency preparing this report | “DAVBIONAZORAT” (State Inspection on guards of the Wildlife and reserves) at the State Committee on Nature Protection |
| Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals | 21 a Choshtepa str., 100049, Tashkent city, Uzbekistan |

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

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| 1 | Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4. | Yes (fully) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (partly) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information/unknown <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| 2 | If any CITES-relevant legislation has been planned, drafted or enacted, please provide the following details: Title and date: 2014 Status: ready Brief description of contents: Annex to the Resolution No. 290 dated 22.10.2014 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan according implementation of CITES requirements | | | | | |
| 3 | Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| 4 | If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted. | legislation attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> provided previously <input type="checkbox"/> not available, will send later <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| 5 | Which of the following issues are addressed by any stricter domestic measures adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention)? Tick all applicable | | | | | |
| | The conditions for: | The complete prohibition of: | | | | |
| Issue | Yes | No | No information | Yes | No | No information |
| Trade | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Taking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Possession | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Additional comments: in case of CITES and the Red Book of Uzbekistan, the use is permitted by the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers and the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan | | | | |
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| 6 | What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items? | Tick all applicable | | |
| | Item | Adequate | Partially Inadequate | Inadequate No information |
| | Powers of CITES authorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Clarity of legal obligations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Control over CITES trade | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Coverage of law for all types of offences | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Coverage of law for all types of penalties | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Implementing regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Coherence within legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Please provide details if available: | | | |
| 7 | If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Please provide details if available: | | | |
| 8 | Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Convention? | Tick all applicable | | |
| | Subject | Yes | No | No information |
| | Access to or ownership of natural resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Harvesting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Transporting of live specimens | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Handling and housing of live specimens | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Please provide details if available: Suggested amending the Code "On Administrative Offences", in terms of increasing responsibility for the collection, maintenance and transport of species listed in the Appendices of CITES | | | |
| 9 | Please provide details of any additional measures taken: | | | |

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

| | | Yes | No | No information |
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| 1 | Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken? | | | |
| | Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Inspections of traders, producers, markets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Border controls | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other (specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations. If available, please attach details. | | | |
| 4 | Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | <p>If information available:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations</p> <p>If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.</p> <p>In April 2013, by the border post "Keles railway" were delayed 600 turtles, which were transferred to the Tashkent Zoo.</p> <p>In April 2014, by the Border Guard Service of the military unit 9207 "Keles" were delayed 624 and 388 turtles, which were transferred to the nursery on the content of the turtles.</p> <p>In November 2014, by the Syrdarya regional military unit 9252 were delayed 43 turtles. The turtles were transferred to the nursery on the content of the turtles. In August 2013 the members of the military unit 9207 of the Tashkent region detained 23 Saker. The birds were transferred to the Tashkent Zoo.</p> <p>In August 2014, by the members of the Syrdarya Border Service were delayed 32 Saker. The birds are rehabilitated and released into the wild environment.</p> <p>In October 2014, by the Employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs during the inspection Jizzakh vehicles were seized 4 Saker and 1 Peregrine. The birds are rehabilitated and released into the wild environment.</p> | Number | | |

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| 6 | Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex. | | | |
| 8 | Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 | If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex. | | | |
| 10 | How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of? | Tick if applicable | | |
| | – Return to country of export | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Public zoos or botanical gardens | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Designated rescue centres | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Approved, private facilities | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Euthanasia | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Other (specify): | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Comments: nurseries for the rehabilitation for subsequent release into the wild, and if you can not do it because of the weather conditions, etc., for the purpose of keeping, breeding, or subsequent trading | | | |
| 11 | Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders? | Yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not applicable | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Comments: | | | |
| 12 | Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)? | Yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 | If Yes, please give a brief description: | | | |
| 14 | Have any incentives been offered to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders? | Yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 | If Yes, please describe: | | | |
| 16 | Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement? | Yes | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not applicable | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Comments: | | | |
| 17 | Please provide details of any additional measures taken: | | | |

D. Administrative measures**D1 Management Authority (MA)**

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| 1 | Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. | |
| 3 | If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory. | |
| 5 | How many staff work in each MA? 2 | |
| 6 | Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters? If yes, please give estimation: | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)? | Tick if applicable |
| | – Administration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Biology | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Economics/trade | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Law/policy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Other (specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – No information | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 | If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved. Identification of Saiga horn together with Institute of Gene Pool of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan | |
| 10 | Please provide details of any additional measures taken: prepare the Check List of local species, included in CITES | |

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

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| 1 | Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. The Scientific Authority from 2013 is the "Institute of Gene Pool of Plants and Animals of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan", except former Institute of Zoology and Institute of Botany. | |
| 3 | Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| | No information <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| 4 | What is the structure of the SA(s)? Tick if applicable | | | | | | |
| | – Government institution <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| | – Academic or research institution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| | – Permanent committee <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| | – Pool of individuals with certain expertise <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| | – Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| 5 | How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? 2 like permanent staff and sometimes involve the scientific experts | | | | | | |
| 6 | Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters | | | | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please give estimation: | | | | | | | |
| 7 | What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)? Tick if applicable | | | | | | |
| | – Botany <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| | – Ecology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| | – Fisheries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| | – Forestry <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| | – Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| | – Zoology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| | – Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| – No information <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species? | | | | | | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 | If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved. | | | | | | |
| | Species name | Populations | Distribution | Off take | Legal trade | Illegal trade | Other (specify) |
| | Saiga antelope | Ustyurt | Uzbekistan | x | | x | |
| | Hubara bustard | Kyzyl Kum desert | Uzbekistan | x | | | |
| | Horsfield tortoise | Kyzyl Kum desert, steppe regions in some districts of Uzbekistan | Uzbekistan | | | | Monitoring and count of animals |
| | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2? | | | | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| | No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 | Please provide details of any additional measures taken: |

D3 Enforcement Authorities

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| 1 | Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2 | If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email). | | | | |
| 3 | Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Under consideration <input type="checkbox"/> | No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement: | | | | |
| 5 | Please provide details of any additional measures taken: | | | | |

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

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| 1 | To what extent is CITES information computerized? Tick if applicable | | | | | | |
| | - Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| | - Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| | - Permit issuance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| | - Not at all | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| | - Other (specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| 2 | Do the following authorities have access to the Internet? Tick if applicable | | | | | | |
| | Authority | Yes, continuous and unrestricted | Yes, but only through a dial-up connection | Yes, but only through a different office | Some offices only | Not at all | Please provide details where appropriate |
| | Management Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Scientific Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Enforcement Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3 | Is there an electronic information system providing information on CITES species? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No information <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

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| 4 | If Yes, does it provide information on: | Tick if applicable |
| | – Legislation (national, regional or international)? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Conservation status (national, regional, international)? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Other (please specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | Is it available through the Internet: | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Please provide URL: | |

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| 6 | Do the authorities indicated have access to the following publications? | | | Tick if applicable |
| | Publication | Management Authority | Scientific Authority | Enforcement Authority |
| | <i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species</i> (book) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices</i> (CD-ROM) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Identification Manual</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>CITES Handbook</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | If not, what problems have been encountered to access this information? | | | |
| 8 | Have Enforcement Authorities reported to the Management Authority on: | | | Tick if applicable |
| | – Mortality in transport? | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Seizures and confiscations? | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Discrepancies in number of items in permits and number of items actually traded? | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments: | | | | |
| 9 | Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements? | | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| If Yes, please give the URL: | | | | |
| 10 | Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public? | | | Tick if applicable |
| | – Press releases/conferences | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Brochures, leaflets | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Presentations | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Displays | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Information at border crossing points | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Telephone hotline | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| – Other (specify): | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Please attach copies of any items. | | | | |
| 11 | Please provide details of any additional measures taken: | | | |

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

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| 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | | | Not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| If no, please provide details of any: | | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| – Changes in permit format: | | | | | | |
| – Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials: | | | | | | |
| 2 | To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following? | | | Tick if applicable | | |
| | | Yes | No | No information | | |
| | Permit issuance/acceptance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Registration of traders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Registration of producers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 3 | Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued and denied in the two-year period? (Note that actual trade is reported in the Annual Report by some Parties. This question refers to issued documents). | | | | | |
| | Year 2013 | Import or introduction from the sea | Export | Re-export | Other | Comments |
| | How many documents were issued? 380 | 53 | 238 | 21 | | 68 permits are non realized |
| | How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation? | | | | | |
| | Year 2014 | | | | | |
| | How many documents were issued? 237 | 45 | 137 | 16 | | 20 permits are non realized |
| | How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation? | | | | | |
| 4 | Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of serious omissions or misinformation? | | | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 5 | If Yes, please give the reasons for this. | | | | | |
| 6 | Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from other countries. | | | Tick if applicable | | |
| | Reason | | Yes | No | No information | |
| | Technical violations | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Suspected fraud | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other (specify): | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 7 | Are harvest and/or export quotas used as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits? | | | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

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| | | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Comments | |
| 8 | How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? According to necessity (quotas, import and export permits), more than 20 times per year | |
| 9 | Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities? | Tick if applicable |
| | – Issuance of CITES documents: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Harvesting of CITES-listed species | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Use of CITES-listed species | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Importing of CITES-listed species | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Other (specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | Tick if applicable |
| | – Entirely | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Partly | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Not at all | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Not relevant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Comments: | |
| 12 | Please provide details of any additional measures taken: | |

D6 Capacity building

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| 1 | Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level? | | Tick if applicable | | | |
| | Increased budget for activities | <input type="checkbox"/> | Improvement of national networks | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Hiring of more staff | <input type="checkbox"/> | Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Development of implementation tools | <input type="checkbox"/> | Computerization | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Other (specify): | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 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. | Oral or written advice/guidance | Technical assistance | Financial assistance | Training | Other (specify) |
| | | Target group | | | | |
| | Staff of Management Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Staff of Scientific Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Staff of enforcement authorities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Traders | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NGOs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| 3 | Have the CITES authorities 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) |
| | | Target group | | | | |
| | Staff of Management Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Staff of Scientific Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Staff of enforcement authorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Traders | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NGOs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other parties/International meetings <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| 4 | Please provide details of any additional measures taken: | | | | | |

D7 Collaboration/cooperative initiatives

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| 1 | Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet? | | |
| 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 | Annually |
| | | None | No information |
| | | Other (specify) | |
| | Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Consultations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | At the national level have there been any efforts to collaborate with: | Tick if applicable | Details if available |
| | Agencies for development and trade | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Provincial, state or territorial authorities | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Local authorities or communities | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Indigenous peoples | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Trade or other private sector associations | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | NGOs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Other (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 5 | To date, have any Memorandum of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the Management Authority and the following agencies? | Tick if applicable | |
| | Scientific Authority | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Customs | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Police | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other border authorities (specify): | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other government agencies | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Private sector bodies | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NGOs | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other (specify): Consultations | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | Have government staff participated in any regional activities related to CITES? | Tick if applicable | |
| | Workshops | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Meetings | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other (specify): | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | Has there been any effort to encourage any non-Party to accede | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| | to the Convention? | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | If Yes, which one(s) and in what way? | | |
| 9 | Has technical or financial assistance been provided to another country in relation to CITES? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 10 | If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided? | | |
| 11 | Has any data been provided for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 12 | If Yes, please give a brief description. | | |
| 13 | Have measures been taken to achieve coordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related conventions)? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 14 | If Yes, please give a brief description. | | |
| 15 | Please provide details of any additional measures taken: | | |

D8 Areas for future work

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| 1 | Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority? | | | |
| | Activity | High | Medium | Low |
| | Increased budget for activities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Hiring of more staff | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Development of implementation tools | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Improvement of national networks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Computerization | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other (specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty? | | | |
| 4 | Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required. | | | |
| 6 | Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been identified within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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| | No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | If Yes, please give a brief description. |
| 8 | Please provide details of any additional measures taken: |

E. General feedback

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

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

| Question | Item | | |
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| B4 | Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation | Enclosed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not available | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not relevant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C3 | Details of violations and administrative measures imposed | Enclosed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not available | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not relevant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C5 | Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited | Enclosed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Testudo horsfieldi 2013 = 600 | Not available | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Testudo horsfieldi 2014 - 624 + 388 +43 = 1055 | Not relevant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Falco cherrug 2013=23 | | |
| | Falco cherrug 2014 -32+4=36 | | |
| | Falco peregrinus 2014=1 | | |
| C7 | Details of violations and results of prosecutions | Enclosed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not available | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not relevant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C9 | Details of violations and results of court actions | Enclosed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Testudo horsfieldii. Cases goes to trial. | Not available | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Falco cherrug. At the stage of the investigation. | Not relevant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D4(10) | Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes | Enclosed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not available | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not relevant | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Comments of the forthcoming second edition of the Determinant of species included in the CITES List, in Uzbek and Russian languages. Posters, illustrated of re-introduction of the tortoises into the wild, posters of the Saiga antelope, brochures and presentations on the protection and restoration of species included in the CITES (Saiga tatarica, Horsfield tortoise, Houbara bustard, etc.) | | |

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“DAVBIONAZORAT”

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CITES Management Authority of Uzbekistan

**CITES implementation and enforcement in Uzbekistan.
ANNUAL REPORT**

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Year 2014

GENERAL

The Republic of Uzbekistan joined the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna in 1997. On the 10th of July, 1997 Oliy Majlis (the Parliament of Republic of Uzbekistan) accession the Convention CITES which has come into force for the country since 8th of October 1997.

Since this time according to the decision of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan the State Committee on Nature Protection was commissioned to organize the CITES Management Authority of Uzbekistan. Then the functions of MA CITES were executed by the Department of State inspection of the Republic of Uzbekistan on protection and rational use of the flora, fauna and reserves (GosBioControl – now “DAVBIONAZORAT”) under the State Committee of Nature Protection of Republic of Uzbekistan. The Department of “Davbionazorat” closely cooperates with the institutes of INSTITUTE OF THE GENE POOL OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS of the Academy of Sciences RUz, which perform the functions of Scientific Authority of CITES of Uzbekistan.

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32 Durmon-yuli street, 100125, Tashkent city, Republic of Uzbekistan. Tel. +99871-2890465, +99871-2891207, fax +99871-2627938
- **Enforcement Authority:** “DAVBIONAZORAT” - Department of State inspection of the Republic of Uzbekistan on protection and rational use of the flora, fauna and reserves. Total staff – 110 peoples, and inspectors – 64 peoples.

LEGISLATION

There are a lot of Governmental Laws and Acts about Nature protection in Uzbekistan:

- The Law RUz “On Nature Protection” (09.12.1992)
- The Law RUz “On Protection and Use of Animal World” (26.12.1997)
- The Law RUz “On Protection and Use of Plants World” (26.12.1997)

- The Decree of Oliy Majlis (Parliament) RUz No.937 from 03.09.1993 “On Protection strengthening of valuable and endangered species of plants and animals and Regulation of their Use” (Getting of animals, their import and export. The order of writing out the permits is indicated.)
- “The Rules of Hunting and Fishing on the territory of RUz” confirmed by State Committee on Nature Protection of RUz (02.05.2006)
- The Instruction of Kabinet of Ministers RUz No.76-F from 19.02.1996 on Prohibition of catching, import and export of falcons.
- The Decree of Oliy Majlis (Parliament) RUz “On Confirming the Rules on the State Committee on Nature Protection of RUz (26.04.1996)

Regrettably, the above acts do not correspond completely the requirements of the CITES Convention.

In 2004 were prepared the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan from 28/10/2004 No.508 “On strengthening the control over rational use of biological resources, their imports and exports outside the Republic of Uzbekistan”.

ditionally returned to the Management Authority of CITES.

At the present time was developed the main regulations on the implementation of the CITES Convention based on the documents which sent from the CITES Secretariat. Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan on October 20, 2014 № 290 approved the Regulations on the procedure of passing the licensing procedures in the field of international trade in species of wild fauna and flora, Endangered (SITES) in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Also, the Cabinet of Ministers on October 20, 2014 № 290 approved the Regulations on the procedure for the distribution of funds received as payment for the use of animal and plant life, penalty amounts and the amounts collected from violators of environmental law for damages.

IMPORT, EXPORT, RE-EXPORT.

From 1998 till 31 December 2014 **2537** CITES permits was given by “DAVBIONAZORAT” (export, re-export and import permits, valid and invalid).

In 2014 was written out 237 CITES permits (from No.002300 till No.00237). The number of import permits is 45. The total number of export permits is 137. Re-export is 16. Non realized - 20.

More detail information present in the tables below.

All permits were given with protected stamps. All permits were written in English.

The main number of export permits were written for reptiles – tortoises (*Testudo (Agrionemys) horsfieldii*).

For birds the main numbers of permits was written for parrots for pet trade. I was also issued temporary import and export permits for falcons, which comes for hunting from Arab countries.

Import and export of mammals is rather small – usually it is mammals from zoo or circus.

SIGNIFICANT TRADE – Horsfield tortoises (*Agryonemys* “Testudo” horsfieldi) – in 2014 year the CITES quota was 50000 wild specimens and 50000 ranching specimens – official data. The main importers of wild tortoises – USA. The main importers of ranching specimens – EU countries.

During 2014 was confiscated 1055 . These tortoises were transferred to the tortoises farms. They were subsequently exported.

Illegal export – by approximate till 5000 specimens. The main imports countries for illegal tortoises - Russian Federation and Ukraine.

ILLEGAL TRADE in:

Saiga antelope (*Saiga tatarica*) – no official data. In 2014 was burn 300 Saiga antelope horns, which was seized before.

Bear – no official data, but probably some bears shooting by poachers for meat, skin and a hole.

Snow leopard – no official data, very rare animal. Probably some animals shooting for skin trade.

Was confiscated 1 skin in 2008. Was prosecuted and the guilty punished.

Falcons – In September 2013 on the border with Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan Customs was seized 23 saker falcon. Falcons trying to import into the Republic of Uzbekistan to further send to Arab countries. Saker falcons were transferred to Tashkent Zoo. The guilty are punished according to the law.

In August 2014 on the border with Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan Customs was seized 32 saker falcon (*Falco cherrug*). In October 2014 in Djizzakh Region of the Republic of Uzbekistan police was seized 4 Faloc cherrug and 1 Falco peregrinus. The birds were transferred to a specialized nursery. There they were rehabilitated and released into the wild. How to release the birds into the wild was controlled by inspectors of nature protection.

Before, from 1998 till 2012 - 35 illegal falcons was confiscated. But real volume of illegal traffic of falcons per year is unknown.

OTHER ACTIVITY:

Workshops were held with customs.

It was seminars together with customs officers about CITES, CITES requirements for export and import live animals and plants, and their derivatives.

CITES activities in the country, in respect to:

a. Review of Significant Trade

Uzbekistan exports and imports of the wild animals included in Appendixes of CITES. First of all it is commercial operations - sale of tortoises (*Agriemys (Testudo) horsfieldi*, decorative birds (parrots - *Psittacidae*) and some birds of prey (from *Falconidae* - *Falco subbuteo*, *Falco columbarius*, from *Accipitridae* - *Accipiter gentiles*, *Accipiter nisus*, *Accipiter baidus*, from *Strigiformes* - *Asio otus*, *Otus scops*, *Otus brucei*, *Athene noctua*). Import and re-export of falcons for the purpose of falconry hunting also takes place to be. As well as exchange of animals between zoos. Management authority of CITES, together with Scientific Authority and customs service is carried out control over moving of animals.

b. CITES projects

With the funding from "Flora and Fauna International" was create a joint project for protection of Saiga antelope (*Saiga tatarica*) on the territory of Usturt Plateu near the border with Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. One of the aims of this project – organisation special reserve for Saiga antelope (estimation territory – 1000 square km).

c. Registration of operations breeding Appendix-I animal species for commercial.

In Uzbekistan there are a lot of nurseries (breeding stations), where keep and breed different kinds of animals, some of which is included in Appendices of Convention CITES. In total are 28 nurseries (from them in 9 nurseries contain the animals included in the Appendix 1).

Including:

- Two breeding stations - «Emirates Birds Breeding Center for Conservation» and «Emirates Center for Conservation of Houbara» on cultivation of the houbara bustard (*Chlamydotis undulata*) which get divorced with the purpose of the introduction to the nature.

- In ecocenter "Dzhejran" on cultivation of a Przewalsky horse (*Equus przewalskii*), koulan (*Eguus hemionus*), a Bukhara mountain Sheep (*Ovis vignei* Blyth) and markhor (*Carpa falconeri*) in the scientific purposes, for an exchange with other nurseries or zoos. Also an introduction of Persian gazelle (*Gazella subgutturoza*) into nature.

- Nursery in Zarafshan Reserve - for Bukhara deer (*Cervus elaphus bactrianus*)

- Nursery in Baday-Tugay Reserve - for Bukhara deer (*Cervus elaphus bactrianus*).

- Nursery in Nurata Reserve - for Severzov sheep (*Ovis ammon severtzovi*)
 - "Zoocomplex" Company - keep and breed the steppe tortoises (*Agrionemys (Testudo) horsfieldi*) in commercial purposes.
 - The Tashkent zoo: the Amur tiger (*Panthera tigris sibirica*), a leopard (*Panthera pardus*), birds of prey (*Falconidae, Accipitridae*), including the condor of And (*Vultur gryphus*), and a white crane (*Grus leucogernaus*) included in the Appendix 1: primacies (*Primates*), including the mandrill (*Mandrillus (Papio) sphinx*), gibbons (*Hylobatidae spp.*), tamarins (*Callithrix spp.*), included in the Appendix 1 and others. The animals are keep and breed with the purpose of studying in a captivity, an exchange of animals with other zoological gardens and propagation of protection of fauna.
 - Private nurseries under maintenance and cultivation of parrots and other birds, which are used, mainly in commercial purposes.
- All animals that are grown up in nurseries, are used in scientific, nature protection, informative and commercial purposes.

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**Information concerning present status on ranching and trading Central Asian tortoise *Agrionemys horsfieldii* (Gray, 1884) in Uzbekistan.
Report of Uzbekistan to the CITES Secretariat in accordance with Res. Conf. 11.16 2015**

1. Status of considered wildlife population.

One of the main exported from Uzbekistan types of animals is the Central Asian tortoise. *Agrionemys horsfieldii* (Gray, 1884) listed in the 2-nd Appendix of the CITES Convention, with status "concern". Presently, according to the Decision of the 64-th meeting of the CITES Secretariat Standing Committee, Central Asian tortoise in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan is assigned a status of "species of possible concern", which means obligatory assignment of quotas for the quantity withdrawn tortoise from wildlife and population monitoring.

Quotas for harvesting and export of tortoise to be approved by the interdepartmental committee under the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan (AS RUz), session of which is on 12 March 2014. Committee composition includes representatives of Administrative and Scientific bodies of CITES, Academy of Sciences, State Environmental Committee (Goskomprirody). Permission for harvesting tortoise and collection of eggs is issued by special authority of biological control - Gosbiokontrol (State biological control) at the State Committee on Nature Protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan under the auspices and control of Administrative and Scientific bodies of CITES.

Annually, Scientific body of CITES (Institute of zoology at the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan), jointly with Gosbiokontrol (State biological control) conduct scientific researches, which include monitoring and population status evaluation of exported types to determine quotas for harvesting tortoise and amount of payment for license to collect eggs (during the year 2014 research was conducted between 5 to 19 April). Data obtained as a result of complex data analysis, were presented in the form of annual expert opinion and considered as determinant for issuance of quotas. On the basis of obtained data, new areas are identified with high density of population, suitable for harvesting tortoise.

Observations have shown that population of tortoise in natural landscapes did not experience significant fluctuations and remained stable. According to various data, in total, based on expert estimate, Uzbekistan is inhabited by approximately 20 million specimen of Central Asian tortoise. Animals are unevenly distributed in the territory of the republic. Depending on conditions, population density varies from 0,001 - 3 tortoise per ha in places unsuitable for habitat to areas with very high population density - 200-220 tortoise / ha.

The ratio of males and females population in Uzbekistan recorded in an average of 0,75:1.

Presently, tortoise harvesting is mainly carried out in the Navoi region, where the population size is very high. According to expert data of Gosbiokontrol (State biological control), jointly with representatives of Scientific Bodies of CITES, tortoise population in Navoi region estimates to 12 million specimens.

Number of specimens (eggs, young or adults) annually harvested from wildlife.

Harvesting of eggs to grow tortoise by ranching method is carried out in all regions of the country. Annually, works are carried out on tortoise population density estimation and identification of borders with increased population. Eggs are harvested in areas with low density, since, based on previously conducted studies we revealed that, that in places where the population size makes 10-30 tortoise / ha. reproductive ability of the population is very low. Due to a so-called negative feedback: increasing population density increases the effects of mechanisms that reduces the density.

When testing females, with respect to presence of eggs. in places with a high population density, number of pregnant females ranges from 1-2 per 10-15 females. In a population with an average or low density, the number of pregnant females reaches 8-9 per 10-12 females. Apparently, it is due to an occurrence of a well-known biological law of self-regulation and recovery of populations. An example is the captive breeding of *A.horsfieldii* - at a very high density population, breeding can only be achieved when using stimulants. Sexual behavior and reproduction is observed only at low population density in the cage. The same is noted by other collectors upon overcrowded captivity of *Testudo graeca*.

Harvesting of eggs is carried out in Jizzakh, Kashkadarya, Navoi and Bukhara regions.

Assessment of productivity in wild populations, harvested for ranching.

Presently, in Uzbekistan, there are 9 operational nurseries on breeding and growing tortoise by ranching method.

Table 1. Data on breeding of tortoise in various nurseries of Uzbekistan for the year 2014.

| Name of nursery | Source of origin of eggs (spe.) | Collected eggs (spe.) | Hatched tortoise (tort.) | Hatched tortoise (%) | Died tortoise (tort.) | Died tortoise (%) |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | R | 7000 | 6450 | 92,1 | 98 | 0,8 |
| | M | 5930 | 5250 | 88,5 | | |
| 2. | R | 4000 | 3500 | 87,5 | 48 | 1.4 |
| 3. | R | 4000 | 3300 | 82,5 | 67 | 2,0 |
| 4. | R | 8000 | 5370 | 67,1 | 105 | 1,5 |
| | M | 2840 | 1735 | 61,1 | | |
| 5. | R | 4000 | 3100 | 77,5 | 54 | 1,7 |
| 6. | R | 4000 | 3000 | 75 | 78 | 2,6 |
| 7. | R | 3000 | 2150 | 71,7 | 47 | 2.2 |
| 8. | R | 3000 | 2344 | 78,1 | 23 | 0,7 |
| | M | 1431 | 1077 | 75.3 | | |
| 9. | R | 12000 | 11725 | | 177 | 0.9 |
| | M | 8188 | 8027 | 97.8* | | |

* A high percentage of breeding in nursery is associated with the use of high-tech equipment - ovoscope and device for early diagnosis of fertile eggs (Buddy Digital Egg Motion).

Several effective breeding populations are exploited for many years. Thus, the breeding population of Jizzakh is exploited since 1995. Long-term observations have shown that eggs obtained from a given population over 20 years of stability by hatchability, noted only a slight decrease in fertile tortoises by 3-6%. Often there are repeated layings are noted.

The second breeding population, located in Samarkand region, which is exploited since 2011, has the same rate of fertile eggs.

Third exploited populations - Navoi, the largest, but due to an unstable collection of eggs productivity it is not studied that well. However, in the field of harvest, observation is made of unchanged (constant) density, both of juvenile, and newborn specimens.

In our reports on breeding tortoises in nurseries provided for the years 2012, 2013, also 2014, is is stated that part of the incubated eggs were obtained from the breeding stock, therefore, generation hatched from these eggs must be marked as C (captive). However, due to the fact that the quota for ranched tortoise R (ranching) was higher than the hatched tortoise, thus, all specimens mere marked as R.

The number of animals released and their survival rates estimated on the basis of research and tagging programs, if such are available.

Scientific body of CITES jointly with with Gosbiokontrol (State biological control), with the assistance of Zookompleks LLC., developed a program for annual release of 3-5% of tortoise grown in the nursery, from eggs harvested from wildlife. Tortoise grown upto a size of not less than 70 mm, only then, released to places where harvesting of eggs is carried out. The program entered into force since spring 2011.

In spring 2014, Program is implemented on assessment of survival rate for released tortoise. Studies were conducted in the Jizzakh and Samarkand regions.

Based on obtained results, it is possible to conclude, that successful survival size for tortoise makes 6-7 cm and larger, they are quite viable - their survival makes 85-90 %%. However, younger specimens, size of which makes 5 cm or less, have a significantly lower survival rate from 10 to 25 %%.

The mortality rate in nurseries and causes of death

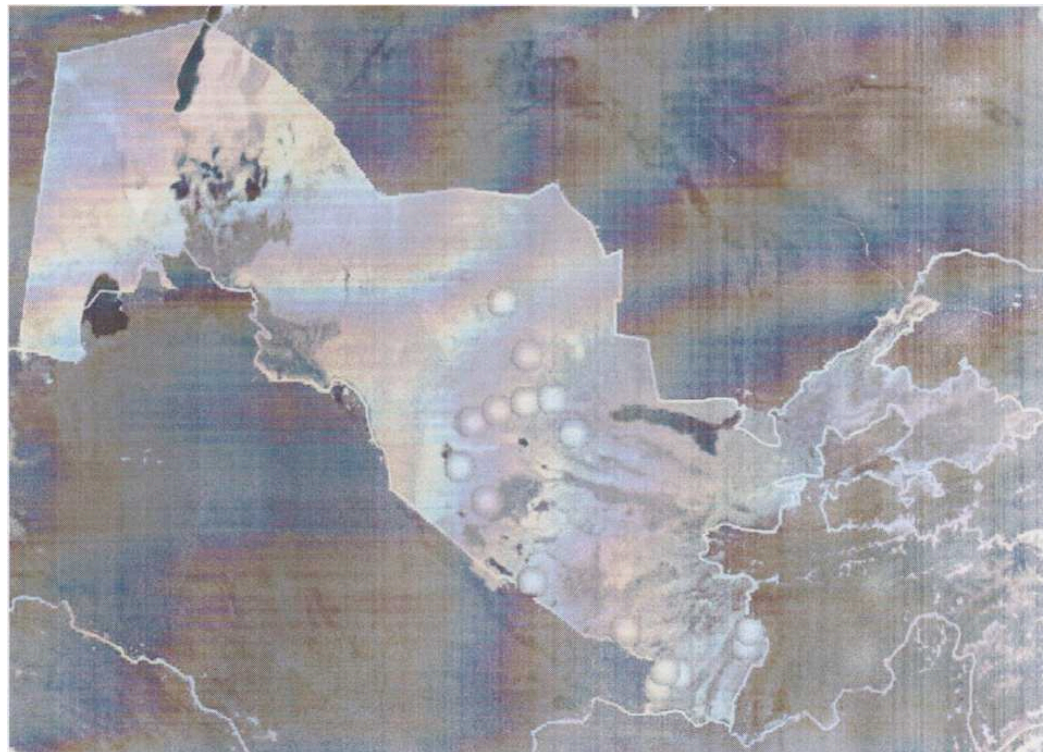
According to our observations, Central Asian tortoise juveniles are fully viable under appropriate conditions of breeding and have a high survival rate. During the eight-month period of keeping - from hatching to reaching a commercial size (60 mm or more), and further exports, mortality rate makes approximately 3-4%. This mortality rate is maintained throughout many years. Most die during the first 3 months after hatching, among the smallest, weakest, or with birth defects of specimens, which did not have a chance of survival in the wild.

Conservation program and scientific experiments carried out in relation to ranching and wild population.

Every year, since 2009, biological resources Monitoring team under Gosbiokontrol (State Biological Control) with herpetologists of the Institute of Zoology at the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan (presently known as the Institute of gene pool of flora and fauna) conduct population accounting of Central Asian tortoise in key regions of Uzbekistan, in territories of Navoi, Bukhara, Kashkadarya, Surkhandarya and Jizzakh regions, both in areas where tortoise was harvested and non harvested areas.

Localizations are known in Navoi region with extremely high population (208 specimens / ha). In average, is typical habitats, population makes 6-10 specimen / ha. Population status in the country has a stable status. However, there are threats to the species: poaching and degradation and reduction of natural habitats.

Map of tortoise distribution in natural-territorial complexes of Uzbekistan.



Information on population accounting of Central Asian tortoise *Agrionemys horsfieldii* (Gray, 1844) in Uzbekistan for the year 2014

| | | | Year 2014 | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| | route tracking | | Area | | ratio in sample areas | |
| | Density tort/ha | Ratio female/male %% | S | Density tort/ha | Ratio female/male | Ratio female/male/juven (%%) |
| Sundukli sands near lake Sychankul | 0,2 | 0:100 | 10000 | 0,15 | 1:0 | 100:00:00 |
| Kemerikum Sands | 0,05 | 0:100 | 10000 | 2,3 | 1,2:1:0,06 | 52,9:44.1:2,9 |
| Foothills of Kuldjuktai | 0,9 | 50:50 | 10000 | 2,2 | 1:1:0,07 | 48.3:48,3:3,4 |
| Out. k. Kinir | 0,3 | 33,3:50:16,7 | 10000 | 1,0 | 1,2:1 | 53,8:46,2 |
| T. 1 Navoi region, Central Qyzylqum | 2,1 | 47,6:52,4 | 10000 | 2,65 | 2,7:1 | 73,2:26,8 |
| T. 2 Navoi region, Central Qyzylqum | 7,35 | 40,1:59,2:0,7 | 10000 | 6.75 | 2,7:1:0,1 | 71,3:26,3:2,5 |
| T. 3 Navoi region, Central Qyzylqum | 12,15 | 54.7:44,9:0,4 | 10000 | 6,25 | 2,7:1 | 73,2:26,8 |
| T. 4 Navoi region, Central Qyzylqum | 8,3 | 60,2:39,8 | 10000 | 8,3 | 2,4:1 | 70,8:29,2 |

| | | | | | | |
|--|------|----------------|-------|------|------------|----------------|
| T. 5 Navoi region, Central Qyzylqum | 5,5 | 55,5:44,5 | 10000 | 4,6 | 2:1:0,2 | 62,3:31,1:6,6 |
| <u>Year 2015</u> | | | | | | |
| Navoi Region, Balpantau | 3,75 | 59,2:40,8 | | | | |
| Navoi Region, Balpantau | 3,75 | 54,2:45,8 | | | | |
| Navoi Region, Bulkantau | 3,5 | 36,9:63,1 | | | | |
| Navoi Region, Bulkantau | 5,5 | 87,5:12,5 | | | | |
| Navoi region | 0,5 | 100:00:00 | | | | |
| Navoi region | 10,5 | 66,7:14,5:18,8 | | | | |
| Navoi region | 3,5 | 65,5:34,5 | | | | |
| Navoi region | 5,75 | 64,3:35,7 | | | | |
| Navoi region | 22,5 | 63,0:34,7:2,3 | | | | |
| Navoi region | | | 10000 | 4,6 | 2,3:1:0,02 | 68,2:31,9:0,35 |
| Navoi region | | | 2500 | 12,4 | 5,9:1:0,8 | 74,4:13,7:11,9 |

Presently, large scale works are carried out in Uzbekistan to identify places with commercial population of tortoises. Today, estimated population of one such population in Navoi region makes 12 million specimens. Half of this population has a commercial value. Commercial resources in this territory are maintained in strictly prescribed size. Particular attention is paid to the presence of mature tortoises. Population must be maintained in such a condition, in which the highest reproductive performance is registered. Thus, increasing the reproductive ability of the population, it is possible to harvest from 3 to 10% of tortoise commercial population without causing damage. Consideration must also be given to the fact that 3-5% are releases out of total harvested eggs in these territories, as well as natural movement of tortoises from regions with large population to territories with a small population, as well as in places of harvest.

Considering various aspects of tortoise protection problems, in the light of development of national programs, we see the main direction of our work in suppressing illegal catching, harvesting and artificial incubation of eggs, and seizure from nature and rearing of juvenile. Effective enforcement of existing legislation, study of biology and behavior of tortoises, annual monitoring and the changes in this regard in protection status.

In April 2013, the "Keles railway" border post apprehended 600 tortoises. Which were handed over to the Tashkent Zoo.

In April 2014, "Keles" militarized border police 9207 apprehended 624 and 388 tortoises. Which were handed over tortoise nursery.

In November 2014 in Syrdarya regional military unit 9252 apprehended 43 tortoises. Tortoises were handed over to the tortoise nursery.

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