## CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Party: IRELAND

## CITES Implementation Report for the period 2015 -2017

### Implementation report format

The format below follows the structure of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020* and aims to collect information to enable the Strategic Vision indicators to be implemented.

#### **CITES vision statement**

Conserve biodiversity and contribute to its sustainable use by ensuring that no species of wild fauna or flora becomes or remains subject to unsustainable exploitation through international trade, thereby contributing to the significant reduction of the rate of biodiversity loss and making a significant contribution towards achieving the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Article VIII, paragraph 7 (b), of the Convention requires each Party to submit to the CITES Secretariat a report on legislative, regulatory and administrative measures taken to enforce the provisions of the Convention.

The report format allows Parties to present information in a standard manner, so that it can be easily collated, with three main objectives:

- i) To enable monitoring of the implementation and effectiveness of the Convention;
- ii) To facilitate the identification of major achievements, significant developments, or trends, gaps or problems and possible solutions; and
- iii) Provide a basis for substantive and procedural decision-making by the Conference of the Parties and various subsidiary bodies.

Information on the nature and extent of CITES trade should be incorporated into the annual report [Article VIII paragraph 7 (a)], whereas the report provided under Article VIII paragraph 7 (b) should focus on measures taken to implement the Convention.

The report should cover the period indicated in <u>Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16)</u> which urges that the report should be submitted to the Secretariat one year before each meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP). The reason for setting the report to be due a year in advance of the following CoP is to allow information to be collated so it can be considered by the Standing Committee in advance of CoP, and enable publication of the Strategic Vision indicators in advance of CoP.

Reports should be prepared in one of the three working languages of the Convention (English, French, Spanish).

Parties are *strongly* encouraged to prepare and submit their reports in electronic form. This will facilitate timely integration of information from Parties into publication of the Strategic Vision Indicators. If reports are only provided in hard copy, resources will be needed at the Secretariat to make an electronic copy, and this is not good use of Secretariat resources.

The completed report should be sent to:

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If a Party requires further guidance on completing their report, please contact the CITES Secretariat at the address above

Party	Ireland
Period covered in this report	1/1/2015 – 31/12/2017
Department or agency preparing this report	The National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
Contributing departments, agencies and organizations	<ul> <li>CITES Management Authority</li> <li>CITES Scientific Authority – National Botanic Gardens</li> <li>National Parks and Wildlife Service – Birds Unit</li> </ul>

# GOAL 1 ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH AND IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONVENTION

Objective 1.1Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies,<br/>legislation and procedures.<br/>All Aichi Targets relevant to CITES, particularly Aichi Target 2, Target 6, Target 9, Target 12,<br/>Target 17 and Target 18.

Indicator 1.1.1: The number of Parties that are in category 1 under the national legislation project.

1.1.1a	Have any CITES relevant policies or legislation been developed during the period covered in this report? Yes No X If 'Yes', have you shared information with the Secretariat? Yes No Not Applicable X If 'No', please provide details to the Secretariat with this report:
1.1.1b	Does your legislation or legislative process allow easy amendment of your national law(s) to reflect changes in the CITES Appendices (e.g. to meet the 90 day implementation guidelines)? Yes No X If 'No', please provide details of the constraints faced:

**Objective 1.2** Parties have in place administrative procedures that are transparent, practical, coherent and user-friendly, and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens. Aichi Target 3.

## Indicator 1.2.1: The number of Parties that have adopted standard transparent procedures for the timely issuance of permits in accordance with Article VI of the Convention.

		Yes	No	No information
1.2.1a	Do you have standard operating procedures for application for and issuance of permits?	X		
	Are the procedures publicly available?		$\mathbf{X}$	
1.2.1b	Do you have:			
	Electronic data management and a paper-based permit issuance system?	$\boxtimes$		
	Electronic permit information exchange between Management Authorities of some countries If 'Yes', please list countries		×	
	Electronic permit information exchange to Management		X	

Authorities of all countries?			
Electronic permit data exchange between Management Authorities and customs?		$\boxtimes$	
Electronic permit used to cross border with electronic validation by customs?		$\boxtimes$	
If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide information on challer	ges faced	or issues	overcome:
If 'No', do you have any plans to move towards e-permitting <sup>1</sup> ?	×		
If you are planning to move towards e-permitting, please explain what might help you to do so:			

#### Indicator 1.2.2: The number of Parties making use of the simplified procedures provided for in <u>Resolution</u> <u>Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16)</u>.

1.2.2a	1.2.2a Has your country developed simplified procedures for any of the following?			
		Tick all applicable		
		Yes	No	No information
	Where biological samples of the type and size specified in Annex 4 of <u>Resolution Conf. 12.3</u> (Rev. CoP16) are urgently required.		×	
	For the issuance of pre-Convention certificates or equivalent documents in accordance with <u>Article VII</u> , paragraph 2.	$\boxtimes$		
	For the issuance of certificates of captive breeding or artificial propagation in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 5.	$\boxtimes$		
	For the issuance of export permits or re-export certificates in accordance with Article IV for specimens referred to in Article VII, paragraph 4.	×		
	<ul> <li>Are there other cases judged by a Management Authority to merit the use of simplified procedures?</li> <li>If 'Yes', please provide details:</li> <li>Under Commission Regulation EC (No) 865/2006:</li> <li>Article 60- transfers between EU zoos</li> <li>Article 19-Simplified procedures with regard to the export or re-export of dead specimens.</li> </ul>	X		

# Objective 1.3Implementation of the Convention at the national level is consistent with decisions adopted<br/>by the Conference of the Parties.<br/>All Aichi targets relevant to CITES, particularly Target 9, Target 14 and Target 18.Indicator 1.3.1:The number of Parties that have implemented relevant reporting under Resolutions and<br/>Decisions of the Conference of the Parties and/or Standing Committee recommendations.1.3.1aHas your country responded to all relevant special reporting requirements that are active during<br/>the period covered in this report, including those in the Resolutions and Decisions of the

Conference of the Parties, Standing Committee recommendations, and Notifications issued by the Secretariat (see [link to location on the CITES website where the reporting requirements are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> e-permitting refers to the electronic (paperless) management of the permit business process, including permit application, Management Authority – Scientific Authority consultations, permit issuance, notification to customs and reporting.

	listed])?			
	Responses provided to ALL relevant reporting requirements			
	Responses provided to SOME of the relevant reporting requirements			
	Responses provided to NONE of the relevant reporting requirements			
	No special reporting requirements applicable			
1.3.1b	Were any difficulties encountered during the period covered in this report in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference			
	of the Parties? Yes 🗌 No 🛛			
	If 'Yes', please provide details of which Resolution(s) or Decision(s), and, for each, what difficulties were / are being encountered?			

**Objective 1.4** The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species. Aichi Target 1, Target 12, Target 14 and Target 19.

1.4.1: The number and proportion of species that have been found to meet the criteria contained in Resolution Conf. 9.24 or its successors. This includes both the periodic review and amendment proposals.

1.4.1a	Have you undertaken any reviews of whether species would benefit from listing on the CITES Appendices?	Yes 🗌 No 🛛
	If 'Yes', please provide a summary here, or a link to the report of the work (or a copy of that report to the Secretariat if the work is not available online):	

# **Objective 1.5**Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.<br/>Aichi Target 2, Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 9, Target 12 and Target 14.

- Indicator 1.5.1: The number of surveys, studies or other analyses undertaken by exporting countries based on the sources of information cited in Resolution Conf. 16.7 on Non-detriment findings related to:
  - a) the population status of Appendix-II species;
  - b) the trends and impact of trade upon Appendix-II species; and
  - c) the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species and the impact of any recovery plans.

1.5.1a	Have any surveys, studies or other analyses been undertaken <u>in your country</u> in relation to:	Yes	No	Not Applicable	If Yes, How many?
	- the population status of Appendix II species?	X			
	<ul> <li>the trends and impact of trade on Appendix II species?</li> </ul>		$\times$		
	<ul> <li>the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species?</li> </ul>	X			
	<ul> <li>the impact of any recovery plans on Appendix I species?</li> </ul>		X		
	Have the surveys, studies or analyses integrated relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities?			X	

	If there are such studies that you are willing	to share, pleas	e provide:		[
	Species name (scientific) See: Details under 3.4.1a and b	or other analy stable / increa	ary of the results o rsis (e.g. populatio ase, off-take levels hed reference mat	n status, de etc), or pro	ecline /
1.5.1b	How are the results of such surveys, studies findings (NDFs)? Please tick all that app		ses used in makin	g non-detrir	ment
			Revised harves	•	quotas X export 🗌
			Stricter de	omestic me	·
		C	hanged managem	nent of the s	species X
			ussion with Manag	-	
			Discussion with of	ther stakeho	olders? <u>X</u>
		Other (plea	ase provide a shor	t summary)	):
	In the EU the results of surveys, studies and negative opinions on species imported into t domestic measures for many CITES listed s	he EU Member			
1.5.1c	Do you have specific conservation measures plans for naturally occurring Appendix-I listed		Yes No Not Applicable No information		
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, inclu impact:	uding, if possib	le, an evaluation o	f their	
	See: 3.4.1 b on the Peregrine Falcon				
1.5.1d	Have you published any non-detriment findir If 'Yes', please provide links or examples to t	-		No 🗙	
1.5.1e	Which of the following (A to F of paragraph a do you use in making non-detriment findings		ion Conf. 16.7)	Yes	No
	A. relevant scientific literature concerning sp distribution and population trends.	ecies biology, l	ife history,	X	
	B. details of any ecological risk assessments	conducted.		imes	
	C. scientific surveys conducted at harvest loo from harvest and other impacts.	cations and at s	sites protected	${\color{black} \boxtimes}$	
	D. relevant knowledge and expertise of local	and indigenou	is communities.		$\boxtimes$
	E. consultations with relevant local, regional	and internatior	al experts.	$\boxtimes$	
	F. national and international trade information the CITES trade database maintained by UN Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), publication on trade and investigations of sales at market example.	IEP World Con ons on trade, lo	servation ocal knowledge	$\boxtimes$	

# Indicator 1.5.2: The number of Parties that have adopted standard procedures for making non-detriment findings.

1.5.2a				No
1.0.24		Yes	No	information
	Do you have standard procedures for making non-detriment findings in line with <u>Resolution Conf. 16.7</u> ?	$\boxtimes$		
	If 'Yes', please briefly describe your procedures for making non-de or attach as an annex to this report, or provide a link to where the on the internet: <u>https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/d1f3a65f-3d71-446d-af61-5adf9fadece0/Guide%20t</u>	information	can be	
1.5.2b	When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of the following	ng		
	guidance been used?	Plea	se tick	all that apply
	Virtual Coll	lege		
	IUCN Chec	klist		$\times$
	Resolution Conf.	16.7		X
	2008 NDF works	hop		
	Species specific guida	•		$\boxtimes$
	0	ther		$\boxtimes$
	If 'Other' or 'Species specific guidance', please specify details: Any and all sources of information used from published literature t	o reports.		
1.5.2c	detriment findings? An Ev Le	ase by case nually ery two year ss frequently nix of the ab	/	
	Please describe the circumstances under which non-detriment fin	dings would	be cha	anged:

## Indicator 1.5.3: The number and proportion of annual export quotas based on population surveys.

1.5.3a	Do you set annual export quotas?	Yes No	
	If 'Yes', do you set quotas based on population survey, or by other means? Please specify, for each species, how quotas are set:		Other,
	Species Name (scientific)	Population Survey?	please specify
1.5.3b	Have annual export quotas been set at levels which will ensure sustainable production and consumption?	Yes No	
	If 'Yes', please describe how this fits into your non-detriment	t finding process:	

 

 Objective 1.6
 Parties cooperate in managing shared wildlife resources. Aichi Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 10, Target 12 and Target 19.

 Indicator 1.6.1:
 The number of bilateral and multilateral agreements that specifically provide for comanagement of shared CITES listed species by range States.

 1.6.1a
 Is your country a signatory to any bilateral and/or multilateral agreements for co-management of shared species? Yes No

 If 'Yes', please provide brief details, including the names of the agreements, and which other countries are involved:
 Ireland is a party to the CMS, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the AEWA, Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, and the IWC, the International Whaling Commission.

# Indicator 1.6.2: The number of cooperative management plans, including recovery plans, in place for shared populations of CITES-listed species.

1.6.2a	Do you have any cooperative management plans, including recovery plans, in place for shared populations of CITES-listed species? Yes 🗌 No inform					
		es', please list the species for which these plans are in place and provide a link or reference published plan for each species.				
	Species Name (scientific)	Link or reference to a published plan				

Indicator 1.6.3: The number of workshops and other capacity-building activities that bring range States together to address the conservation and management needs of shared, CITES listed, species.

1.6.3a	Have the CITES authorities <i>received or benefited</i> 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/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources <sup>2</sup> ?
	Staff of Management Authority						
	Staff of Scientific Authority						
	Staff of enforcement authorities						
	Traders						
	NGOs						
	Public						
	Other (please specify):						

<sup>2</sup> Please provide the names of Parties, and any non-Parties, involved.

1.6.3b	Have the CITES authorities been the to other range States?	e provide	ers of a	ny of the	e follo	wing	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						Technical advice and discussions with other scientific authorities in the EU. Training in 2016 on "artificial propagation" definitions for plants.
	Staff of Scientific Authority		X		X	X	
	Staff of enforcement authorities						
	Traders NGOs						
	Public						
	Other Parties/International meetings						Scientific Authority
	Other (please specify)					×	author on CITES in Kew "State of the Worlds Plants" Reports 2016 and 2017
1.6.3c	In what ways do you collaborate with	other C	ITES P	arties?			: 
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very Often	ΔΙγνεντε	Further detail /
	Information exchange			X		Ľ	
	Monitoring / survey					Ľ	
	Habitat management					Ľ	
	Species management						
	Law enforcement			$\boxtimes$		Ľ	
	Capacity building			X		C	
	Other (please provide details)						

## **Objective 1.7**Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade.<br/>Aichi Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 9, Target 10, Target 12 and Target 19.

Indicator 1.7.1: The number of Parties that have, are covered by, or engaged with:

- an international enforcement strategy and/or action plan;
- formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network;
- a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan; and
- formal national interagency cooperation, such as a national interagency enforcement committee.

1.7.1a	Do you have, are you engaged in, or covered by:	Yes	No	No Information				
	– an international enforcement strategy and/or action plan?	X						
	– formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network?	X						
	– a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan?		X					
	<ul> <li>formal national interagency cooperation, such as a national interagency enforcement committee?</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$				
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please specify the level of engagement and provide additional details:							
	<ul> <li>Ireland as Member State of the EU Ireland is bound by the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking.</li> <li>Our enforcement agencies are a party to Interpol/Europol</li> </ul>							

# Indicator 1.7.2: The number of Parties with a process or mechanism for reviewing their enforcement strategies, and the activities taken to implement their strategies.

1.7.2a	Do you have a process or mechanism for reviewing your enforcement strategy(ies) and the activities taken to implement your strategy(ies)?	Yes No, but review is under consideration No No information	
	If 'Yes', what do you do?		
	If 'Yes' or 'No, but review is under consideration', which tools do yo	ou find of value?	
1.7.2b	Have you used the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, or equivalent tools?	YesImage: Constraint of the second secon	r
	If 'Yes', please provide feedback on the parts of the toolkit used an equivalent tools have been. Please specify improvements that cou If 'No', please provide feedback on why not or what is needed to m tools useful to you:	ld be made:	t

Indicator 1.7.3: The number of Parties that have criminal (penal) law and procedures, capacity to use forensic technology, and capacity to use specialized investigation techniques, for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences..

1.7.3a	Do you have law and procedures in place for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences as a crime?	Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please provide the title of the legislation and a summary of the penalties available –	No mornation	
	Section 53A of the Wildlife Acts 1976-2018 refers-		
	Penalties "74 (3) Where a person commits an offence under Part II (other than under section 28, 33, 34 or 38) or under section 45, 47, 51, 52, <mark>53A</mark> or 58(3)(b) in relation to—		

	(a) any specimen of a species of fauna specified in the Fourth Schedule, (b) any specimen of a species listed in annexes to the CITES	
	Regulations, or (c) any specimen of a species of flora or fauna which is of a species for the time being declared by regulations under this section to be a species to which this subsection relates,	
	such person is liable—	
	(i) on summary conviction, to a class A fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both, or	
	(ii) on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding €100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both…"	
1.7.3b	Are criminal offences such as poaching and wildlife trafficking recognized as serious crime <sup>3</sup> in your country?	Yes  No  No information
	If 'Yes', please explain what criteria must be met for poaching or winter treated as serious crimes:	ildlife trafficking offences to be
1.7.3c	Do you have capacity to use forensic technology <sup>4</sup> to support the investigation of CITES offences?	Yes No No information X
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary of any samples from CITE collected and submitted to an appropriate forensic analysis facility another country) during the period covered in this report: If 'Yes', and your country has an appropriate forensic analysis facility please indicate which species it applies to:	(located in your country and/or
1.7.3d	Did your authorities participate in or initiate any multi-disciplinary <sup>5</sup> law enforcement operation(s) targeting CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	Yes No No information
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including any lessons lear other Parties:	ned which might be helpful for
1.7.3e	Do you have a standard operating procedure among relevant agencies for submitting information related to CITES offences to INTERPOL and/or the World Customs Organization?	Yes No No information X

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines serious crime as conduct constituting an offence punishable by imprisonment for at least four years or a more serious penalty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Capacity to use forensic technology means the ability to collect, handle and submit samples from crime scenes involving CITES-listed species to an appropriate forensic analysis facility, located either in your country or in another country(ies).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A multi-disciplinary law enforcement operation is one that involves officers from all relevant enforcement disciplines as appropriate, for example officers from Police, Customs and the wildlife regulatory authority. It could be either sub-national, national or international in scope.

1.7.3f	Do you have legislative provisions for any of the following that can be applied to the investigation, prosecution and/or sentencing of CITES offences as appropriate?	Yes	No	No information	If yes, how many times was this used during the period covered by this report?
	General crime <sup>6</sup>			X	
	Predicate offences <sup>7</sup>			X	
	Asset forfeiture <sup>8</sup>			X	
	Corruption <sup>9</sup>			X	
	International cooperation in criminal matters <sup>10</sup>			X	
	Organized crime <sup>11</sup>			X	
	Specialized investigation techniques <sup>12</sup>			X	
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain how each brief summary, including any lessons learned which r				
1.7.3g	Do you have institutional capacity to implement the le provisions listed in question 1.7.3f against CITES offe			Yes No No informatio	on X
	If 'No', please provide a brief summary of your major	capaci	ty-builc	l ling needs:	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> General crime laws relate to offences such as fraud, conspiracy, possession of weapons, and other matters as set out in the national criminal code.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Article 2, paragraph (h) of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines a predicate offence is an offence whose proceeds may become the subject of any of the money-laundering offences established under the Convention.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Asset forfeiture is the seizure and confiscation of assets obtained from criminal activities to ensure that criminals do not benefit from the proceeds of their crimes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Provisions against corruption include national laws to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption covering offences such as bribery of officials, embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds, trading in influence and abuse of functions by public officials.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> International cooperation in criminal matters includes legislation through which a formal request for mutual legal assistance and/or extradition of a person for criminal prosecution can be forwarded to another country.

Article 2, paragraph (a) of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines an organized criminal group as a structured group of three or more persons, existing for a period of time and acting in concert with the aim of committing one or more serious crimes or offences established in accordance with the Convention, in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Specialized investigation techniques are techniques that are deployed against serious and/or organized crime when conventional law enforcement techniques fail to adequately address the activities of crime groups. Examples include controlled deliveries and covert operations.

Indicator 1.7.4:	The number of Parties using risk assessment and intelligence to combat illegal trade in
	CITES-listed species.

1.7.4a	Do you use risk assessment to target CITES enforcement effort?	Always Very often Sometimes Rarely Never No information	
1.7.4b	Do you have capacity to analyse information gathered on illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Yes No No information	
1.7.4c	Do you use criminal intelligence <sup>13</sup> to inform investigations into illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Always Very often Sometimes Rarely Never No information	
1.74d	Have you implemented any supply-side activities to address illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	Yes No, but activities are under development No No information	
1.7.4e	Have you implemented any demand-side activities to address illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	Yes No, but activities are under development No No information	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Criminal intelligence is information that is compiled, analyzed and disseminated in an effort to anticipate, prevent and/or monitor criminal activity. Examples include information on potential suspects held in a secure database and inferences about the methods, capabilities and intentions of specific criminal networks or individuals that are used to support effective law enforcement action.

# Indicator 1.7.5: The number of administrative measures, criminal prosecutions and other court actions for CITES-related offences.

During the	e period covered in this report:	Yes	No	No Information			
1.7.5a	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related offences?		X				
	If 'Yes', please indicate how many and for what types of offences. If available, please attach details: Ban on re-export of unworked pre-Convention ivory (since 2015), Suspension of import of Rhino hunting trophies from South Africa (since 2014)						
	The main types of fraud were smuggling and not proving the trade.	legal orig	in of CITES	specimen in			
1.7.5b	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of CITES-related offences?		X				
	If 'Yes', how many and for what types of offences? If available, please attach details: For details, please see the attachment.						
1.7.5c	Have there been any other court actions against CITES- related offences?		×				
	If 'Yes', what were the offences involved and what were the result	s? Please	attach detai	ls:			
1.7.5d	How were any confiscated specimens disposed of?		Tick	all that apply			
	<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>						
	<ul> <li>Approved private facilities</li> </ul>			×			
	– Euthanasia						
	<ul> <li>Other (please specify):</li> </ul>						
	Have you encountered any challenges in disposing of confisca Do you have good practice that you would like to share with ot						

**Objective 1.8** Parties and the Secretariat have adequate capacity-building programmes in place. Aichi Target 1, Target 12 and Target 19.

Indicator 1.8.1: The number of Parties with national and regional training programmes and information resources in place to implement CITES including the making of non-detriment findings, issuance of permits and enforcement.

1.8.1a	Do you have information resources or training in place to support: Yes The making of non-detriment findings?		
	Permit officers?		
	Enforcement officers?		
1.8.1b	Is the CITES Virtual College used as part of your capacity building work?	Yes No	
	What improvements could be made in using the Virtual College for capacity building?	No information	

1.8.1c	Is the ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Toolkit used in the development of capacity-building programmes, or does it form part of the curriculum of such programmes? What improvements could be made in using the ICCWC Toolkit for capacity building?	Yes No No information	
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# GOAL 2 SECURE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MEANS FOR THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

**Objective 2.1** Financial resources are sufficient to ensure operation of the Convention.

Information to be provided through records held by the Secretariat on financial management of the Convention.

- **Objective 2.2** Sufficient resources are secured at the national and international levels to ensure compliance with and implementation and enforcement of the Convention. Aichi Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, Target 12, Target 19 and Target 20.
- Indicator 2.2.1: The number of Parties with dedicated staff and funding for Management Authorities, Scientific Authorities and wildlife trade enforcement agencies.

2.2.1a	Do you have an approved service standard(s) <sup>14</sup> for your Management Authority(ies)?	Yes No	$\square$
	If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.		
	If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?		
	The issue of permits and certificates within a thirty day period		
	If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards <sup>15</sup> ?	Yes	
	If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?	No	
	To issue permits and certificates within a thirty day period from the date of application		
	Do you publish your performance against service standard targets?	Yes No	
	If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:		
	In the period 2015-2017, 97% of all permits and certificates were issued within the thirty day period from the date of application.		
	If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of: Yes		No
	– availability of funding?		
	– number of staff?		
	– a shortage of skills?		
	If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of?		
2.2.1b	Do you have an approved service standard(s) <sup>47</sup> for your Scientific Authority(ies)?	Yes No	
	If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.		
	If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> For example, a time frame in which you are required to provide a response on a decision to issue or not issue a permit, certificate, or re-export certificate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> For example, 85% of all decisions will take place within the service standard.

	-	u have performance targets are your performance targe			Yes No	
		ease provide your performating the period covered in the				
	lf you did not i a result of:	Yes		No		
	_ availability	of funding?				
	<ul> <li>number of</li> </ul>	staff?				
	<ul> <li>a shortage</li> </ul>	of skills?				
	If 'Yes' to a sh	ortage of skills, which skills	do you need more of?			
2.2.1c	enforcement a If 'No', please	an approved service standa authority(ies)? go to Question 2.2.1d. ich services are there stand			Yes No	
	-	u have performance targets are your performance targe			Yes No	
		ease provide your performa ing the period covered in th				
	If you did not i a result of:	meet your performance tar	gets then was this shortfall	Yes		No
	<ul> <li>availability</li> </ul>	of funding?				
	<ul> <li>number of</li> </ul>	staff?				
	<ul> <li>a shortage</li> </ul>	of skills?				
	If 'Yes' to a sh	ortage of skills, which skills	do you need more of?			
2.2.1d	2.2.1b, or 2.2.	1c, relating to the existence	r answered 'No' to the first pa e of approved service standa r your authorities to function e	rds for your au		
	Do you have s	Management Authority(ies)	Scientific Authority(ies)	Enforce Authori		
	Funding?	Yes X No	Yes 🛛 No 🗌		] No 🛛	
	Staff?         Yes <a>No <a>No <a>Yes</a> <a>No <a>No <a>Yes</a> <a>No <a>No</a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a></a>					
	Skills?	Yes 🗌 No 🛛	Yes 🛛 No 🗌	Yes 🗌	] No 🛛	
			<u>]</u>			

Indicator 2.2.2: The number of Parties that have undertaken one or more of the following activities:

- changed the budget for activities;
- hired more staff;
- developed implementation tools;
- purchased technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement.

2.2.2a	Have any of the following activities been undertaken during the period covered in this report to enhance the effectiveness of CITES	
	implementation at the national level?	Tick if applicable
	Hiring of more staff	
	Development of implementation tools	
	Purchase of technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement	
	Other (please specify):	

2.2.2b	During the period covered in this report budget for your:	Increased	Stable	Decreased	
	Management Authority(ies)			×	
	Scientific Authority(ies)			×	
	Enforcement authorities	rcement authorities			
2.2.2c	Have you been able to use international development funding assistance to include level of implementation of your		Yes	No	Not applicable
	Management Authority(ies)?		×		
	Scientific Authority(ies)?		×		
	Enforcement authorities?			×	
2.2.2d	What is the respective level of priority f the national level through the following		ng the effectiv	veness of CITES	implementation at
	Activity	High	Medium	Low	Not a Priority
	Hiring of more staff		×		
	Development of implementation tools			×	
	Purchase of new technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement			X	
	e-permitting		X		
	Other (please specify):				
2.2.2e	Do you have an operational system (e. electronic database) for managing	g.	Yes	Under development	No
	Species information				×
	Trade information				×
	Non-detriment findings				$\boxtimes$

# Indicator 2.2.3: The number of Parties raising funds for CITES implementation through user fees or other mechanisms.

2.2.3a	Do	bes the Management Authority charge fees for:	Tick all that are app	licable
	_	Administrative procedures		
	-	Issuance of CITES documents (e.g. for import, exports, re-export, or the sea)	or introduction from	
	-	Shipment clearance (e.g. for the import, export, re-export, or introd of CITES-listed species)	uction from the sea	
	-	Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species		
	-	Harvesting of CITES-listed species		

	<ul> <li>Use of CITES-listed species</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Other (please specify):</li> </ul>		
	The Irish CITES Management Authority does not charge for any of these serv	ices.	
2.2.3b	Is a fee schedule publicly available? Yes ☐ No X		
	If 'Yes', please provide an internet link, or a copy of the schedule to the Secret	tariat:	
	No fees are charged for any of the services listed at 2.2.3a		
2.2.3c	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildli	fe conservation	2
2.2.00		Entirely	
		Partly	
		Not at all	
		Not relevant	$\overline{X}$
2.2.3d		Yes	No
	Do you raise funds for CITES management through charging user fees?		$\boxtimes$
	Do your fees recover the full economic cost of issuing permits?		$\boxtimes$
	Do you have case studies on charging or using fees?		X
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide brief details:		
	Do you use innovative financial mechanisms to raise funds for CITES implementation?		$\boxtimes$
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		

## Indicator 2.2.4: The number of Parties using incentive measures as part of their implementation of the Convention.

2.2.4a	Do you use incentive measures <sup>16</sup> such as those described in <u>CoP14 Doc 14.32</u> to implement the Convention?						
	Due diligence 🗌 🛛						
	Compensatory mechanisms 🗌 🛛						
	Certification						
	Communal property rights 🗌 🛛						
	Auctioning of quotas 🗌 🛛						
	Cost recovery or environmental charges 🗌 🛛						
	Enforcement incentives						
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, or if you use other measures, please provide a summary or link to further information:						
2.2.4b	Have incentives harmful to biodiversity been eliminated?						
	Not at all						
	Very little						
	Somewhat 🗌						
	Completely						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Defined as 'Social and economic incentives that promote and regulate sustainable management of and responsible trade in, wild flora and flora and promote effective enforcement of the Convention'. The intent of such measures is not to promote wildlife trade as such, but rather to ensure that any wildlife trade undertaken is conducted in a sustainable manner.

**Objective 2.3** Sufficient resources are secured at the national and international levels to implement capacity-building programmes. Aichi Target 12, Target 19 and Target 20.

Indicator 2.3.1: The number of capacity building activities mandated by Resolutions and Decisions that are fully funded.

2.3.1a	you run during the period covered in this report?			Withou from the Secreta	е	stance Conducted or assisted by the Secretariat	
			Ν	lone		Х	X
				1			
				2-5 6-10			
				0-10 1-20			
		Ν	dore tha	-			
	Please list the Resolutions or Decisions	involve	d:				
2.3.1b	What sorts of capacity building activities	s have ta	aken pla	ce?			
2.3.1c	What capacity building needs do you ha	ave?					
	Please tick all boxes which apply to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	
	Target group	δ ŭ		ii se		Ö	Details
	Staff of Management Authority		X		X		We will need technical assistance to set up an e-permitting system
	Staff of Scientific Authority						
	Staff of enforcement authorities	X	×		X		
	Traders / other user groups						
	NGOs						
	Public						
	Other (please specify)						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> An activity might be a single day training e.g. for a group of staff from the Management Authority, or a longer course / project undertaken by an individual.

### GOAL 3 CONTRIBUTE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING THE RATE OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS AND TO ACHIEVING RELEVANT GLOBALLY-AGREED GOALS AND TARGETS BY ENSURING THAT CITES AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCESSES ARE COHERENT AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE

- **Objective 3.1** Cooperation between CITES and international financial mechanisms and other related institutions is enhanced in order to support CITES-related conservation and sustainable development projects, without diminishing funding for currently prioritized activities. Aichi Target 2 and Target 20.
- Indicator 3.1.1: The number of Parties funded by international financial mechanisms and other related institutions to develop activities that include CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements.

3.1.1a	Has funding from international financial mechanisms and other related institutions been used to develop activities that include CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements? If 'Yes', please provide brief details:	Yes No Not applicable No information	
3.1.1b	During the period covered in this report, has funding for your country from international funding mechanisms and other related institutions:	Increased Remained stable Decreased	

Indicator 3.1.2: The number of countries and institutions that have provided additional funding from CITES Authorities to another country or activity for conservation and sustainable development projects in order to further the objectives of the Convention.

3.1.2a	Have you provided technical or financial assistance to another country or countries in relation to CITES?						Yes No No	information
	If 'Yes', please tick boxes to indicate type of assistance provided Country(ies)	Species Management <sup>18</sup>	Habitat Management <sup>19</sup>	Sustainable use	Law Enforcement	Livelihoods	Other (specify)	Details (provide more information in an Appendix if necessary)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Use species conservation column for work directly related to species – e.g. population surveys, education programmes, conflict resolution, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Use habitat conservation column for work that will indirectly support species conservation – e.g. habitat management, development of policy frameworks for how land is managed, etc.

#### **Objective 3.2** Awareness of the role and purpose of CITES is increased globally. Aichi Target 1, Target 4, Target 12 and Target 18.

Indicator 3.2.1: The number of Parties that have been involved in CITES awareness raising activities to bring about better awareness by the wider public and relevant user groups of the Convention requirements.

3.2.1a	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better awareness of the Convention's requirements by the wider public and relevant user groups?	Wider public	Relevant User Groups
	– Press conferences		
	<ul> <li>Press releases</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Newspaper articles, brochures, leaflets</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Television appearances</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Radio appearances</li> </ul>	X	
	- Presentations		
	<ul> <li>Public consultations / meetings</li> </ul>		
	-		
	– Market surveys		
	– Displays	X	
	<ul> <li>Information at border crossing points</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Telephone hotline</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Website(s) – if so please provide link(s)</li> </ul>	$\times$	
	https://www.npws.ie/legislation/cites		
	<ul> <li>Other (specify):</li> </ul>		
	Please attach copies of any items or describe examples:		

## Indicator 3.2.2: The number of visits to the CITES website.

3.2.2a	How regularly do your Authorities consult the CITES website?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate the most frequent usage (decide on an average amongst staff if necessary). Target group	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less frequently	Not known	
	Staff of Management Authority		X				
	Staff of Scientific Authority		X				
	Staff of enforcement authorities					X	
3.2.2b	What has been your experience with using the	CITES w	/ebsite?	Exc	ellent		
				Goo		$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$	
					rage		
				Poo			
				-	Poor		
				No i	nformation		
	Any further comments on the CITES Website? (e.g. useful aspects, any difficulties encountered, which authorities find which functions/tools most useful, what is missing, etc):						

A question relating to this indicator is within question 3.2.1a.

- **Objective 3.3** Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced.
- Indicator 3.3.1 The number of Parties which report that they have achieved synergies in their implementation of CITES, other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental, trade and development agreements.

3.3.1a	Have measures been taken to achieve coordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national CITES authorities and national focal points for other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the other biodiversity-related conventions: CBD, CMS, ITPGR, Ramsar, WHC) <sup>20</sup> to which your country is party?	Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please give a brief description: There is a single administrative unit within this Department with respon of the various international agreements including CITES, CBD and CMS		dination

# Indicator 3.3.2: The number of biodiversity conservation or sustainable use projects, trade and development goals, or scientific and technical programmes that integrate CITES requirements.

3.3.2a	How many international projects which integrate CITES issues has yo contributed towards?	our country			
3.3.2b	In addition to 3.2.2a, how many national level projects has your count implemented which integrate CITES issues?	try			
3.3.2c	C Have there been any efforts at a national scale for your CITES Management or Scientific Authorities to collaborate with:				
	Agencies for development?		$\boxtimes$		
	Agencies for trade?	X			
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities?		X		
	Local authorities or communities?		X		
	Indigenous or local peoples?		X		
	Trade or other private sector associations?		X		
	NGOs?		X		
	Other (please specify)		X		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> CBD = Convention on Biological Diversity; CMS = Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, ITPGR = International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Ramsar = The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, WHC = World Heritage Convention.

3.3.2d	Are CITES requirements integrated into?	Yes	No
	National and local development strategies?		X
	National and local poverty reduction strategies?		X
	Planning processes?		X
	National accounting?		X

Indicator 3.3.3: The number of Parties cooperating / collaborating with intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to participate in and/or fund CITES workshops and other training and capacitybuilding activities.

3.3.3a	Has funding been provided or received to facilitate CITES workshops, training or other capacity building activities to / from:	Tick if applicable	Which organizations?
	Inter-governmental organizations?		
	Non-governmental organizations?		

**Objective 3.4** The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals, the sustainable development goals set at WSSD, the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020* and the relevant *Aichi Biodiversity Targets,* and the relevant outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.

This objective may also be assessed by a variety of means beyond the reporting format, including action taken to implement many of the CITES resolutions and decisions. Aichi Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 12, Target 14, Target 17, Target 18 and Target 19.

## Indicator 3.4.1: The conservation status of species listed on the CITES Appendices has stabilized or improved.

3.4.1		shows that the conservation status			
а	CITES Appendices has st	cies in your country listed on the abilized or improved?	Yes	No	Not Applicable
		Appendix I	$\boxtimes$		
		Appendix II	$\boxtimes$		
		Appendix III			
	If there are such studies the	nat you are willing to share, please pr	ovide:		
		es have declined due to historic habitat an n are protected under national legislation.			
	Species name (scientific)	Link to the data, or a brief summary			
	Hammarbya paludosa – bog orchid- destruction of bogs	The reproductive biology and conservation of ra Ireland). Department of Botany, Duffy, K. 2008	re orchid spe	cies in Ireland	, Trinity College (Dublin,
	Cephalanthera longifolia – narrow leaf helleborine – deciduous woodland				
	Pseudorchis albida- small white orchid – grazing, fertilizer and pasture improvement				
	Spiranthes romanzoffiana- Irish ladies tresses Though widespread in North America, Irish Lady's-tresses is one of Europe's rarest orchids, with just a few populations in western Scotland and Ireland	Irish Orchid Conservation: The Biogeograp romanzoffiana in Ireland, Lupton, L. 2010.	ohy and Co	onservation E	Biology of Spiranthes

	Generally common orchids have declined, including the distinctive early purple orchid ( <i>Orchis mascula</i> ) of the Burren, the delicate lesser butterfly orchid ( <i>Platanthera bifolia</i> ) and early marsh orchid ( <i>Dactylorhiza incarnata</i> ).	elands Wild Orchids 2	2013
3.4.1b			
3.4.1b		Yes No No information	

implementation?

indicator 5	Action Plan (NBSAP).	al blouiversity Strai	egy and
3.4.2a	Has CITES been incorporated into your country's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)?	Yes No No information	
	See: <u>https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/National%20Bi</u> <u>odiversity%20Action%20Plan%20English.pdf</u>		
3.4.2b	Have you been able to obtain funds from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) or other sources to support CITES aspects of NBSAP	Yes No	

#### Indicator 3.4.2: The number of Parties incorporating CITES into their National Biodiversity Strategy and

No information

Indicator 3.5.1: The number of cooperative actions taken under established bilateral or multilateral agreements to prevent species from being unsustainably exploited through international trade.

3.5.1a	Has your country taken action under established bilateral or multilateral agreements other than CITES to prevent species from being unsustainably exploited through international trade? If 'Yes', please provide details:	Yes No No information	
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# Indicator 3.5.2: The number of times other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources are consulted on issues relevant to species subject to unsustainable trade.

3.5.2a	Average number of times per year that international organizations or agreements have been consulted	Once	-5 times	6-20 times	More than 20 times	No consultation	Optional comment about which organizations and
	by CITES Authorities	0	Ϋ́	Ь	Ę∶Z	Ž	issues consulted on
	Management Authority(ies)					X	
	Scientific Authority(ies)					X	
	Enforcement Authority(ies)					X	

### **General feedback**

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

Item						
Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation if changed	Enclosed					
Web link(s)	Not available					
See: 1.73a	Previously provided	$\boxtimes$				
Please list any materials annexed to the report, e.g. fee schedules	s, awareness raising material	s, etc:				
Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen i	n Yes	X				
your country requiring attention or assistance?	No					
	No Information					
If 'Yes', please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.						
The increase in the number of applications for CITES permits and certificates coupled with the potential impact of Brexit, are current issues that need to be addressed in Ireland at the workforce planning level.						

Are there examples of good practice you would like to share with other Parties?	Yes No No Information	
If 'Yes' please provide details / links:		
How could this report format be improved?		

Thank you for completing the report. Please remember to include relevant attachments referred to in the report when it is submitted to the Secretariat.