

Implementation report format

Party	<i>Latvia</i>
Period covered in this report	<i>2018-2020</i>
Department or agency preparing this report	<i>Nature Conservation Agency of Latvia (CITES Management Authority)</i>
Contributing departments, agencies and organizations	<i>State Revenue Service Customs Board</i>

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

Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures.
[All Aichi Targets relevant to CITES, particularly Aichi Target 2, Target 6, Target 9, Target 12, 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	<p>Have any CITES relevant policies or legislation been developed during the period covered in this report? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', have you shared information with the Secretariat? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'No', please provide details to the Secretariat with this report: <i>Latvia directly implement EU level legislation amendments which includes also provisions agreed on previous COP.</i></p>
1.1.1b	<p>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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'No', please provide details of the constraints faced: <i>Latvia directly implement EU level legislation amendments.</i></p>

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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Are the procedures publicly available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2.1b	Do you have: Electronic data management and a paper-based permit issuance system?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Electronic permit information exchange between Management Authorities of some countries If 'Yes', please list countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Electronic permit information exchange to Management Authorities of all countries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Electronic permit data exchange between Management Authorities and customs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic permit used to cross border with electronic validation by customs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide information on challenges faced or issues overcome:			
If 'No', do you have any plans to move towards e-permitting ¹ ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are planning to move towards e-permitting, please explain what might help you to do so: Number of CITES permits issued in Latvia per year is too low to invest in establishment and maintenance of comprehensive IT system for e-permitting and due to Schengen agreement we see necessity for EU level e-permitting system rather than national level system. Nevertheless, we are exploring possibilities for more efficient data exchange between issuing authority and customs even though currently it takes on average less than a week to receive permit (in case when assessment from Scientific Authority or additional information from other countries is not necessary).			

Indicator 1.2.2: [The number of Parties making use of the simplified procedures provided for in Resolution Conf. 12.3 \(Rev. CoP16\).](#)

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 Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16) are urgently required.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	For the issuance of pre-Convention certificates or equivalent documents in accordance with Article VII , paragraph 2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	For the issuance of certificates of captive breeding or artificial propagation in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	For the issuance of export permits or re-export certificates in accordance with Article IV for specimens referred to in Article VII, paragraph 4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Are there other cases judged by a Management Authority to merit the use of simplified procedures? If 'Yes', please provide details: Latvia directly implement EU level legislation, that foreseen possibility for (re)exporters to receive partly fulfilled export permits or re-export certificates for dead Appendix II and III specimens if Scientific Authority is satisfied that particular (re)export will have no detrimental impact on the species concerned and the (re)export is registered by Management Authority.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ 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.

Objective 1.3 Implementation of the Convention at the national level is consistent with decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.
 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 Decisions of the Conference of the Parties and/or Standing Committee recommendations.

1.3.1a	<p>Has your country responded to all relevant special reporting requirements that are active during 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 listed)?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> Responses provided to ALL relevant reporting requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responses provided to SOME of the relevant reporting requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Responses provided to NONE of the relevant reporting requirements <input type="checkbox"/> No special reporting requirements applicable <input type="checkbox"/> </p>
1.3.1b	<p>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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide details of which Resolution(s) or Decision(s), and, for each, what difficulties were / are being encountered?</p>

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.

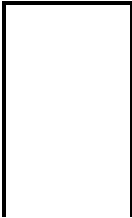
1.4.1a	<p>Have you undertaken any reviews of whether species would benefit from listing on the CITES Appendices? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide a summary here, or a link to the report of the work (or a copy of that report to the Secretariat if the work is not available online): We have not undertaken such reviews on national level, however as EU Member State we have been involved in this process within EU level Scientific Review Group including ordering such reviews from UNEP-WCMC.</p>
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Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.
 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:

- the population status of Appendix-II species;
- the trends and impact of trade upon Appendix-II species; and
- 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- the trends and impact of trade on Appendix II species?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



- the impact of any recovery plans on Appendix I species?

Have the surveys, studies or analyses integrated relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities?

There are no indigenous communities in Latvia

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please provide:</p> <p>A brief summary of the results of the survey, study or other analysis (e.g. population status, decline / stable / increase, off-take levels etc), or provide links to published reference material. A brief summary of the results of the survey, study or other analysis (e.g. population status, decline / stable / increase, off-take levels etc), or provide links to published reference material.</p> <p>For several CITES listed species national species management plans had been developed and adopted within reporting period. CITES and potential trade issues have been emphasised within these plans. All of these species are specially protected in Latvia (in case of Lynx lynx and Canis lupus also game species) and therefore subject to permanent population monitoring. Species management plans are available in Nature Conservation homepage https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/sugu-un-biotopu-aizsardzibas-plani. Species covered by management plans are Ursus arctos, Lynx lynx, Lutra lutra, Canis lupus, and birds (owls, Clanga pomarina).</p> <p>Species name (scientific)</p> <p>Ursus arctos</p> <p>Lynx Lynx</p> <p>Canis Lupus</p> <p>Lutra lutra</p> <p>Clanga Pomarine Glaucidium passerinum, Aegolius funereus, Strix aluco, Strix uralensis, Asio otus, Bubo bubo</p>
1.5.1b	<p>How are the results of such surveys, studies or other analyses used in making non-detriment findings (NDFs)? Please tick all that apply</p> <p>Revised harvest or export quotas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Banning export <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Stricter domestic measures <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Changed management of the species <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Discussion with Management Authorities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Discussion with other stakeholders? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please provide a short summary): Management plans has been adopted for native CITES listed species of owls and Clanga pomarina to improve their conservation status. Management plan developed to manage population of Lutra lutra and recover population of Ursus arctos. For Canis lupus and Lynx lynx management plans developed to set criteria for hunting quotas and ensure sustainable species management.</p>
1.5.1c	<p>Do you have specific conservation measures or recovery plans for naturally occurring Appendix-I listed species?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including, if possible, an evaluation of their impact: Please see answer to the question 1.5.1a as the national species conservation plans mentioned there overlap with this question.</p>
1.5.1d	<p>Have you published any non-detriment findings that can be shared? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<p>If 'Yes', please provide links or examples to the Secretariat within this report: <i>The criteria to set favourable hunting quotas for Canis lupus and Lynx Lynx are included in species management plans, which are published in https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/sugu-un-biotopu-aizsardzibas-plani</i></p>		
1.5.1e	Which of the following (A to F of paragraph a) x) of Resolution Conf. 16.7) do you use in making non-detriment findings?	Yes	No
	A. relevant scientific literature concerning species biology, life history, distribution and population trends.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	B. details of any ecological risk assessments conducted.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	C. scientific surveys conducted at harvest locations and at sites protected from harvest and other impacts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	D. relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	E. consultations with relevant local, regional and international experts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	F. national and international trade information such as that available via the CITES trade database maintained by UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), publications on trade, local knowledge on trade and investigations of sales at markets or through the Internet for example.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.5.2a	<p>Do you have standard procedures for making non-detriment findings in line with Resolution Conf. 16.7?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please briefly describe your procedures for making non-detriment findings, or attach as an annex to this report, or provide a link to where the information can be found on the internet:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Yes No No information</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
1.5.2b	<p>When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of the following guidance been used?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Please tick all that apply</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Virtual College <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">IUCN Checklist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Resolution Conf. 16.7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">2008 NDF workshop <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Species specific guidance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Other' or 'Species specific guidance', please specify details:</p>	
1.5.2c	<p>How often do you review and/or change your non-detriment findings?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Case by case <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annually <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Every two years <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Less frequently <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">A mix of the above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please describe the circumstances under which non-detriment findings would be changed: <i>The import and export are mainly with captive bred species (leather products, caviar). In case of hunting trophies DNF are checked case by case if application of new species received.</i></p>	

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

1.5.3a	<p>Do you set annual export quotas?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', do you set quotas based on population survey, or by other means? Please specify, for each species, how quotas are set:</p> <p><i>We do not set national export quotas, but we set EU level export quotas for example for <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>. For native species in Latvia, there are hunting quotas for game species and CITES documents are issued only if specimen is obtained legally. For non-game species export permits are not issued</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Population Survey? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Species Name (scientific)</p>	
1.5.3b	<p>Have annual export quotas been set at levels which will ensure sustainable production and consumption?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please describe how this fits into your non-detriment finding process: <i>For Anguilla Anguilla quotas has been set at EU level.</i></p>	

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 co-management of shared CITES listed species by range States.

1.6.1a	<p>Is your country a signatory to any bilateral and/or multilateral agreements for co-management of shared species? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide brief details, including the names of the agreements, and which other countries are involved: <i>But in the same time for large carnivors (Ursus arctos, Canis lupus, Lynx lynx) species management plans were developed involving Baltic countries to ensure that shared population aspects are taken into account in species management plans.</i></p>
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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	<p>Do you have any cooperative management plans, including recovery plans, in place for shared populations of CITES-listed species? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please list the species for which these plans are in place and provide a link or reference to a published plan for each species.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Species Name (scientific)</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Link or reference to a published plan</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Ursus arctos</i></td> <td>https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/sugu-un-biotopu-aizsardzibas-plani</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Lynx lynx</i></td> <td>https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/sugu-un-biotopu-aizsardzibas-plani</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Canis lupus</i></td> <td>https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/sugu-un-biotopu-aizsardzibas-plani</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Species Name (scientific)	Link or reference to a published plan	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/sugu-un-biotopu-aizsardzibas-plani	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/sugu-un-biotopu-aizsardzibas-plani	<i>Canis lupus</i>	https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/sugu-un-biotopu-aizsardzibas-plani
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<i>Canis lupus</i>	https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/sugu-un-biotopu-aizsardzibas-plani								

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	<p>Have the CITES authorities <i>received or benefited</i> from any of the following capacity-building activities provided by external sources?</p> <p>Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.</p>						
	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources ¹ ?	
	Target group						
	Staff of Management Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organized by the European Commission
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organized by the European Commission
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organized by the European Commission
	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"/>	

¹ Please provide the names of Parties, and any non-Parties, involved.

	Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1.6.3b	Have the CITES authorities been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity-building activities to other range States?						
	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)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial support for EU-twix data base
	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other Parties/International meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Training and experience exchange seminars within review process for conservation plans for Lynx lynx, Canis lupus, Lutra lutra and Ursus arctos
1.6.3c	In what ways do you collaborate with other CITES Parties?						
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very Often	Always	Further detail / examples
	Information exchange	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	To verify legality of documents, breeders etc.
	Monitoring / survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not just in CITES issues, but in broader scale
	Habitat management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not just in CITES issues, but in broader scale
	Species management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not just in CITES issues, but in broader scale
	Law enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communication during investigation process
	Capacity building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	During training sessions or seminars
	Other (please provide details)						

Objective 1.7 Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade.
[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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– formal national interagency cooperation, such as a national interagency enforcement committee?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If 'Yes' to any of the above, please specify the level of engagement and provide additional details: <i>Within reporting period EU action plan against wildlife trafficking have been implemented by the European Commission and EU Member States. Latvia actively participates in the Enforcement group of EU Member States and neighbouring countries as well as financially supports and exchanges information through EU-twix platform. Risk assessment have been carried out in Latvia to select enforcement priorities and interagency agreements have been actively used or renewed within this period to enhance enforcement actions. During meeting with all relevant enforcement authorities involved in fight against wildlife and environmental crime it have been decided that for Latvia bilateral or multilateral agreements are more suitable approach than formal national enforcement committee.</i></p>				

- 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No, but review is under consideration	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If 'Yes', what do you do? <i>Management Authority is also the Enforcement Authority in internal market and bilateral agreement is signed with Customs Board. The international trade enforcement strategy and priorities are set on Nature Conservation Agency level (NCA strategy) and every year the list of priority control objects are set. Therefore NCA is flexible to any necessary changes arisen due to changes in legislation or illegal trade trends.</i></p> <p>If 'Yes' or 'No, but review is under consideration', which tools do you find of value?</p>			
1.7.2b	Have you used the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, or equivalent tools?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No, but toolkit use is under consideration	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If 'Yes', please provide feedback on the parts of the toolkit used and how useful the toolkit or equivalent tools have been. Please specify improvements that could be made: <i>Some parts and information from the toolkit have been used for training custom and police officers purposes.</i></p> <p>If 'No', please provide feedback on why not or what is needed to make the toolkit or equivalent tools useful to you:</p>			

- 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	<p>Do you have law and procedures in place for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences as a crime?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide the title of the legislation and a summary of the penalties available</p> <p>Within Criminal law imprisonment up to 5 years is foreseen for CITES infringements and poaching of protected species. Law on Administrative Liability and specific laws define administrative fines.</p> <p>The legislation states that all illegally acquired specimens should be confiscated. If poaching or any other type of deliberate killing of protected species is proved the offender have to reimburse up to 120 minimal wages (currently in total 51'000 euros) per specimen to government for the damage caused to the species concerned (total amount depends on how rare the species is and whether the infringement have been conducted within protected territory established for particular species).</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>
1.7.3b	<p>Are criminal offences such as poaching and wildlife trafficking recognized as serious crime¹ in your country?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please explain what criteria must be met for poaching or wildlife trafficking offences to be treated as serious crimes: Regarding poaching main criteria is the harm caused to the species (to evaluate it, species experts and Nature Conservation Agency is involved). Regarding CITES criteria is either harm caused to the species or value of the shipment/traded goods.</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>
1.7.3c	<p>Do you have capacity to use forensic technology² to support the investigation of CITES offences?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary of any samples from CITES-listed species that were collected and submitted to an appropriate forensic analysis facility (located in your country and/or another country) during the period covered in this report: There have not been such cases during reporting period.</p> <p>If 'Yes', and your country has an appropriate forensic analysis facility for CITES-listed species, please indicate which species it applies to: There are several laboratories able to work with forensic analysis in Latvia and, if necessary, the communication with other EU countries authorities is available to find necessary expertise in EU.</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>
1.7.3d	<p>Did your authorities participate in or initiate any multi-disciplinary³ law enforcement operation(s) targeting CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties: During reporting period Latvia participated in operations Thunder 2020 and OP LAKE 2020/2021. Operation Thunder 2020 ended with no seizures. Added value of participation in this operation was awareness raising for enforcement officers and traders engaged in trade in CITES species.</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>
1.7.3e	<p>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?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>

¹ 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.

² 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).

³ 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 ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
	Predicate offences ²	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
	Asset forfeiture ³	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
	Corruption ⁴	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
	International cooperation in criminal matters ⁵	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
	Organized crime ⁶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
	Specialized investigation techniques ⁷	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain how each is used for CITES offences? Please provide a brief summary, including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties: the communication and work together with police lead to several investigations regarding live animal trade. Some cases are still under investigation				
1.7.3g	Do you have institutional capacity to implement the legislative provisions listed in question 1.7.3f against CITES offences?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>			
	If 'No', please provide a brief summary of your major capacity-building needs: The capacity in terms of officers, their general knowledge about the methods and available technical resources is rather sufficient while the wide scope of offences these officers are dealing with and turnover might cause problems.				

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 <input type="checkbox"/>	Very often <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/>	Rarely <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
1.7.4b	Do you have capacity to analyse information gathered on illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>			

¹ General crime laws relate to offences such as fraud, conspiracy, possession of weapons, and other matters as set out in the national criminal code.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

1.7.4c	Do you use criminal intelligence ¹ to inform investigations into illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Always <input type="checkbox"/> Very often <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, but activities are under development <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, but activities are under development <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>

¹ 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 period covered in this report:		Yes	No	No Information
1.7.5a	<p>Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related offences?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please indicate how many and for what types of offences. If available, please attach details: Please see annual illegal trade report.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.7.5b	<p>Have there been any criminal prosecutions of CITES-related offences?</p> <p>If 'Yes', how many and for what types of offences? If available, please attach details:</p> <p>1. criminal case of trade with skins of <i>Lutra lutra</i> (court approved agreement imposing a fine of 34 200 euro for the damage caused to nature);</p> <p>2. criminal case on cruelty to animals and violation of the rules on trade in endangered wildlife (court approved agreement imposing a fine of 34 400 euros on one accused person, 420 hours of forced labor for another and for a third – fine of 20 210 euros.</p> <p>3. One case of trade with live <i>Puma concolor</i> is still in the process.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.7.5c	<p>Have there been any other court actions against CITES-related offences?</p> <p>If 'Yes', what were the offences involved and what were the results? Please attach details:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.7.5d	<p>How were any confiscated specimens disposed of? Tick all that apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Return to country of export <input type="checkbox"/> – Public zoos or botanical gardens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> – Designated rescue centres <input type="checkbox"/> – Approved private facilities <input type="checkbox"/> – Euthanasia <input type="checkbox"/> – Other (please specify): Stored for awareness raising purposes or disposal. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>Have you encountered any challenges in disposing of confiscated specimens? No. Current amount of seizures does not raise problems, but significant increase in seizures (especially in case of live specimens) could cause problems due to capacity of National zoological garden.</p> <p>Do you have good practice that you would like to share with other Parties?</p>			

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	<p>Do you have information resources or training in place to support: YesNo</p> <p>The making of non-detriment findings? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Permit officers? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Enforcement officers? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>		
1.8.1b	<p>Is the CITES Virtual College used as part of your capacity building work?</p> <p>What improvements could be made in using the Virtual College for capacity building? Some materials from CITES Virtual College is used, but as CITES is implemented by EU Regulations, we mainly use EU educational materials</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

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) ¹ for your Management Authority(ies)?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?	Standards are set on authority level. As CITES permit issuance is a service, the national legislation sets maximum time for answering any application (30 days). Response time set for CITES documents is much lower than general response time (~95% of CITES applications are answered within 5 to 10 working days).	
	If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards ² ?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If 'Yes', what are your performance targets? 95% of CITES applications are answered within 5 to 10 working days	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Do you publish your performance against service standard targets?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report: During reporting period all CITES permits were issued within one month. 95% of CITES applications are answered within 5 to 10 working days.		

¹ 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.

² For example, 85% of all decisions will take place within the service standard.

	<p>Customer satisfaction survey for all services by NCA available on - https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/klientu-apmierinatibas-aptaujas</p> <p>If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – availability of funding? – number of staff? – a shortage of skills? <p>If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
2.2.1b	<p>Do you have an approved service standard(s)⁴⁷ for your Scientific Authority(ies)?</p> <p>If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.</p> <p>If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?</p> <p>If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards⁴⁸?</p> <p>If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?</p> <p>If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:</p> <p>If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – availability of funding? – number of staff? – a shortage of skills? <p>If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
2.2.1c	<p>Do you have an approved service standard(s)⁴⁷ for your enforcement authority(ies)?</p> <p>If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.</p> <p>If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?</p> <p>If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards⁴⁸?</p> <p>If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>National legislation determine the time within which to react on possible violation and the time limits for reviewing violations and violation proceedings for all enforcement authorities</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Non-compliance with deadlines is a procedural violation, so every effort is</p>

**made not to
delay deadlines**

If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:

If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of:

	Yes	No
– availability of funding?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
– number of staff?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
– a shortage of skills?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of?

There is necessary to improve knowledges on administrative infringement proceedings for new inspectors

2.2.1d Please only complete this question if you answered 'No' to the first part of question 2.2.1a, 2.2.1b, or 2.2.1c, relating to the existence of approved service standards for your authorities:

Do you have sufficient of the following for your authorities to function effectively? **In our view this is not really "Yes" or "No" question. In our case answer to some these questions would be "partly".**

	Management Authority(ies)	Scientific Authority(ies)	Enforcement Authority(ies)
Funding?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Staff?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Skills?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Purchase of technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Other (please specify):			
2.2.2b	During the period covered in this report, was the budget for your:	Increased	Stable	Decreased
	Management Authority(ies)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Scientific Authority(ies)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Enforcement authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2.2c	Have you been able to use international development funding assistance to increase the level of implementation of your	Yes	No	Not applicable
	Management Authority(ies)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Scientific Authority(ies)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Enforcement authorities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.2.2d	What is the respective level of priority for enhancing the effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level through the following activities?				
	Activity	High	Medium	Low	Not a Priority
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Purchase of new technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	e-permitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2.2e	Do you have a operational system (e.g. electronic database) for managing		Yes	Under development	No
	Species information		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Trade information		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Non-detriment findings		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): Training for all authorities		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

2.2.3a	Does the Management Authority charge fees for:	Tick all that are applicable	
	– Administrative procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Issuance of CITES documents (e.g. for import, exports, re-export, or introduction from the sea)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	– Shipment clearance (e.g. for the import, export, re-export, or introduction from the sea of CITES-listed species) – charged by Customs Board not Management Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	– Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Harvesting of CITES-listed species	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Use of CITES-listed species	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Other (please specify): State duty for registration of live CITES mammal, bird and reptile species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.2.3b	Is a fee schedule publicly available?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If 'Yes', please provide an internet link, or a copy of the schedule to the Secretariat: https://likumi.lv/ta/id/150402-noteikumi-par-1973-gada-vasingtonas-konvencija-par-starptautisko-tirdzniecibu-ar-apdraudetajam-savvalas-dzivnieku-un-augu-sugam... State duty/fee for CITES permit depends from the purpose codes: T – 11.38 euro; Q – 8.54 euro; B, E, G, M, N, S – 4.27 euro.		
2.2.3c	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?	Entirely <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Partly <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Not at all <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		Not relevant <input type="checkbox"/>	
2.2.3d	Do you raise funds for CITES management through charging user fees?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Do your fees recover the full economic cost of issuing permits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Do you have case studies on charging or using fees?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide brief details: there is discussion to revise fees and to increase them.		

	<p>Do you use innovative financial mechanisms to raise funds for CITES implementation? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide brief details: <i>Some of the national CITES related aims have been incorporated in projects financed by either state or EU project programs.</i></p>
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Indicator 2.2.4: The number of Parties using incentive measures as part of their implementation of the Convention.

2.2.4a	<p>Do you use incentive measures¹ such as those described in CoP14 Doc 14.32 to implement the Convention? YesNo</p> <p>Due diligence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Compensatory mechanisms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Certification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Communal property rights <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Auctioning of quotas <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Cost recovery or environmental charges <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Enforcement incentives <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes' to any of the above, or if you use other measures, please provide a summary or link to further information:</p> <p><i>In a way certification idea is incorporated in the national requirement to register all live specimens of CITES Appendix I and II mammal, bird and reptile species including those owned by pet traders. Buyer can ask for registration sheet of particular specimen and check in the webpage of CITES Management Authority whether particular specimen is registered thus being sure that competent authority have checked whether specimen is of legal origin or not.</i></p> <p><i>Regarding compensatory mechanisms - some native CITES listed species have conflicts with agriculture, for example - Lynx lynx and Canis lupus (both in case of livestock), Ursus arctos (in case of beekeeping), Lutra lutra and Pandion haliaethus (both in case of aquaculture). National legislation foreseen both compensations for damage caused by these species (if prevention measures have been in place) and possibility to apply for co-financing for damage prevention measures (infrastructure, tools etc.). Furthermore, for conservation of some native CITES listed species protected territories and micro-reserves can be established – if commercial or other use of private land within these territories is banned owner can apply for compensation.</i></p>
2.2.4b	<p>Have incentives harmful to biodiversity been eliminated? Not at all <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Very little <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Completely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

¹ Defined as 'Social and economic incentives that promote and regulate sustainable management of and responsible trade in, wild flora and fauna 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	How many training and capacity building activities ¹ have you run during the period covered in this report?	Without assistance from the Secretariat	Conducted or assisted by the Secretariat				
	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	2-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	6-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	11-20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	More than 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Please list the Resolutions or Decisions involved: All of the capacity building activities have been devoted for training of enforcement officers.							
2.3.1b	What sorts of capacity building activities have taken place? Training of enforcement officers.						
2.3.1c	What capacity building needs do you have? – All of the ticked boxes are priorities for capacity building actions we are currently implementing or implementing on case-by-case basis by allocating Management Authorities resources or through projects.						
Please tick all boxes which apply to indicate which target group and which activity.							
	Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Traders / other user groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NGOs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

¹ 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?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
If 'Yes', please provide brief details: <i>There have not been international projects specially devoted for CITES, however CITES aims and conservation of CITES species have been incorporated in actions of such projects.</i>			
3.1.1b	During the period covered in this report, has funding for your country from international funding mechanisms and other related institutions:	Increased	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Remained stable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Decreased	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
								No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
							No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If 'Yes', please tick boxes to indicate type of assistance provided									
	Country(ies)	Species Management ¹	Habitat Management ²	Sustainable use	Law Enforcement	Livelihoods	Other (specify)	Details (provide more information in an Appendix if necessary)	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

¹ Use species conservation column for work directly related to species – e.g. population surveys, education programmes, conflict resolution, etc.

² 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Press releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Newspaper articles, brochures, leaflets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Television appearances	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Radio appearances	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Presentations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Public consultations / meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Market surveys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Displays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Information at border crossing points	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Telephone hotline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Website(s) – if so please provide link(s) https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/cites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
– Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please attach copies of any items or describe examples: there are lot of media activities, see links just to some of them https://lvportals.lv/dienaskartiba/293672-ano-pasaules-savvalas-sugu-diena-stastu-pecpusdiena-par-apdraudetajam-sugam-2018 , https://www.daba.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/slteres-puse-notiks-pasaules-savvalas-sugu-dienai-veltits-pargajiens-vilkam-kajas-nosalusas , https://www.lsm.lv/raksts/zinas/latvija/riga-dzivokli-turets-melnais-leopards-policija-sak-kriminalprocesu.a347608/			

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							
3.2.2b	What has been your experience with using the CITES website?	Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Average	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>	No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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):													

Indicator 3.2.3: The number of Parties with web pages on CITES and its requirements.

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	<p>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)¹ to which your country is party?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please give a brief description: <i>CITES Management Authority is competent authority for implementation of all nature conservation related legislation including international agreements and is focal point for CITES and Ramsar. CITES Management Authority is subordinated by Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development which is focal point for other nature conservation related international agreements and thus close collaboration between the two authorities ensure synergy in implementation of all these conventions on national level.</i></p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
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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 your country contributed towards?	1	
3.3.2b	In addition to 3.2.2a, how many national level projects has your country implemented which integrate CITES issues?	2	
3.3.2c	Have there been any efforts at a national scale for your CITES Management or Scientific Authorities to collaborate with:	Yes	No
	Agencies for development?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Agencies for trade?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Local authorities or communities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Indigenous or local peoples?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Trade or other private sector associations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGOs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.3.2d	Are CITES requirements integrated into?	Yes	No
	National and local development strategies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	National and local poverty reduction strategies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Planning processes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	National accounting?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ 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.

Indicator 3.3.3: The number of Parties cooperating / collaborating with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in and/or fund CITES workshops and other training and capacity-building 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Non-governmental organizations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Latvia financially supports the EU-twix platform

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.

3.4.1a	Do you have data which shows that the conservation status of naturally occurring species in your country listed on the CITES Appendices has stabilized or improved?	Yes	No	Not Applicable
	Appendix I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Appendix II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Appendix III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please provide: For some of the CITES listed species populations are stable (<i>Lynx lynx</i>, <i>Canis lupus</i>, orchids) or improved (<i>Ursus arctos</i>, <i>Lutra lutra</i>), but for some declining (some species of birds of prey) (decline in all cases is related to habitat loss or fragmentation and not trade or poaching related issues). For studies see point 1.5.1.a).				
Species name (scientific)		Link to the data, or a brief summary		
3.4.1b	Do you have examples of specific examples of success stories or emerging problems with any CITES listed species?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If 'Yes', please provide details:				

Indicator 3.4.2: The number of Parties incorporating CITES into their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP).

3.4.2a	Has CITES been incorporated into your country's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 implementation?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

Objective 3.5 Parties and the Secretariat cooperate with other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources, as appropriate, in order to achieve a coherent and collaborative approach to species which can be endangered by unsustainable trade, including those which are commercially exploited.
[Aichi Target 2](#), [Target 4](#), [Target 5](#), [Target 6](#), [Target 7](#), [Target 10](#), [Target 12](#), [Target 14](#) and [Target 19](#).

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: Latvia as member of EU actively works together with all other EU countries to prevent unsustainable use of wildlife and environment both within EU and worldwide. But we have not signed any bilateral or multilateral agreements with third countries (non EU countries).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
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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 by CITES Authorities	Once	2-5 times	6-20 times	More than 20 times	No consultation	Optional comment about which organizations and issues consulted on
	Management Authority(ies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Scientific Authority(ies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No information
	Enforcement Authority(ies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No information

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web link(s)	Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Previously provided	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please list any materials annexed to the report, e.g. fee schedules, awareness raising materials, etc:		
Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
If 'Yes', please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.		
Are there examples of good practice you would like to share with other Parties?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.