

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

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Fiftieth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 15-19 March 2004

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

NATIONAL LEGISLATION PROJECT

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Legislative status chart

2. In response to a suggestion made during the 49th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, April 2003), the Secretariat has prepared a chart showing the legislative status of Parties and dependent territories (see Annex).
3. Parties are invited to advise the Secretariat if they believe that there are any inaccuracies or omissions.

Parties with a deadline of 31 March 2003

4. The Secretariat is pleased to report to the Standing Committee that the legislation of Romania and the Russian Federation qualifies for category 1 status in the National Legislation Project.
5. Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Mozambique, Panama and South Africa have not yet enacted adequate legislation for implementation of the Convention but Cameroon and South Africa have provided information on their continuing progress.

Parties with a deadline of 31 December 2003

6. Pursuant to the instructions of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat issued formal cautions to a number of Parties, warning that they were in non-compliance with Decision 12.83. The communications included a sample CITES Legislation Plan and were sent directly to Management Authorities, with copies to permanent missions and regional representatives to the Standing Committee, on 9 July 2003. They advised affected Parties that if they failed to adopt adequate legislation by 31 December 2003, 'the Standing Committee shall recommend restrictions on commercial trade at its first meeting after that date unless a Party can show good cause for its lack of adequate progress'.
7. As shown in the Annex, many Parties have made adequate legislative progress (e.g. submitted a CITES Legislation Plan, developed draft legislation, submitted draft legislation to the relevant government legal office, submitted proposed legislation to Parliament, enacted legislation). A number of Parties, however, have advised that they require more time to complete the legislative process and have asked for an extension of the deadline by which adequate legislation should be enacted.

8. The following Parties have been in communication with the Secretariat but do not yet have adequate legislation and have not yet submitted a CITES Legislation Plan: Belize, Bolivia, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Grenada, Kazakhstan, Mauritius, Morocco, Philippines, Rwanda, Seychelles and Sierra Leone.
9. The following Parties have not yet provided to the Secretariat any information showing adequate legislative progress or good cause for the lack of adequate progress pursuant to Decision 12.83: Afghanistan, Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Malawi and Pakistan.

#### Parties and dependent territories with a deadline of 30 June 2004

10. Pursuant to the instructions of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat issued formal cautions to a number of Parties warning that they were in non-compliance with Decision 12.80. The communications included a sample CITES Legislation Plan and were sent directly to Management Authorities, with copies to permanent missions and regional representatives to the Standing Committee, on 9 July 2003. They advised affected Parties that if they failed to comply with their obligations under Decision 12.80 that 'the Standing Committee will take at its 50th meeting further action that may include restrictions on the commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species'.
11. As shown in the Annex, several Parties and dependent territories have made legislative progress.
12. Dominica has been in communication with the Secretariat but it does not yet have adequate legislation and has not yet submitted a CITES Legislation Plan. Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Uzbekistan have not provided any information.

#### Parties and dependent territories with no deadline

13. In previous reports, the legislation of Nigeria was erroneously listed in Category 1 when in fact it had been placed in Category 2. This has now been corrected in the legislative status chart. Nigeria has developed a CITES Legislation Plan which provides for the revision of draft legislation developed in 2002 and its adoption by 2005.
14. The legislation of Paraguay was placed in Category 1 as a result of the original legislative analysis. During the verification mission undertaken to Paraguay earlier this year, however, the Secretariat learned that significant portions of the country's legislation related to CITES have been abrogated and the legislation is no longer adequate for implementation of the Convention. The legislation, therefore, has been placed in Category 2. The enactment of adequate legislation is one of the main points contained in the action plan agreed between Paraguay and the Secretariat in October 2003.
15. New Parties to the Convention and a number of dependent territories, whose legislation is still being gathered and analysed, have not yet been given any deadline by which they should enact adequate legislation. In view of the large number of Parties that have been unable to meet their deadlines and that require assistance from and monitoring by the Secretariat, it does not seem practical at this time to establish a new set of legislative deadlines.

## Recommendations

### 16. Parties with a deadline of 31 March 2003

The Secretariat proposes that the Standing Committee:

- a) Review the further legislative progress of Cameroon and South Africa at its 51st meeting; and
- b) Recommend a suspension of commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Dominican Republic, Mozambique and Panama.

### 17. Parties with a deadline of 31 December 2003

The Secretariat proposes that the Standing Committee:

- a) Review at its 51st meeting the further legislative progress of: Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Monaco, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia.
- b) Recommend restrictions on commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with: Afghanistan, Algeria, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Seychelles and Sierra Leone.
- c) Write to China, Madagascar, Malaysia and Peru, who have high volumes of international trade in specimens of CITES-listed species; urging them to give priority attention to the development of adequate legislation.

### 18. Parties with a deadline of 30 June 2004

The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee agree to:

- a) Review at its 51st meeting the further legislative progress of: Antigua and Barbuda, Belarus, Cambodia, Georgia, Latvia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pitcairn Islands, Saint Helena and Dependencies, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands\* and Swaziland.
- b) Consider appropriate measures, which may include restrictions on the commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species, for: Dominica, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Uzbekistan.

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\* A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

19. Parties and dependent territories with no deadline

The Secretariat recommends that the Standing Committee:

- a) Establish a deadline by which Nigeria should enact adequate legislation.
- b) Establish a deadline by which Paraguay should submit a CITES Legislation Plan and a deadline by which it should enact adequate legislation.
- c) Instruct the Secretariat to address the issue of new Parties and dependent territories without any deadlines in its report to the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the National Legislation Project.

**Status of legislation for implementing CITES**  
(updated on 15 January 2004)

ISO	Country	Category	Plan	Draft	Enacted	Deadline	Dep.
AF	Afghanistan	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
AL	Albania	p					
DZ	Algeria	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
AS	American Samoa	1					US
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	3	Yes	No	No	30/06/2004	
AR	Argentina	1					
AW	Aruba	p					NL
AU	Australia	1					
AT	Austria	1					
AZ	Azerbaijan	r					
BS	Bahamas	3	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
GX	Bailiwick of Guernsey	p					GB
JE	Bailiwick of Jersey	p					GB
BD	Bangladesh	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
BB	Barbados	3	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
BY	Belarus	3	Yes	No	No	30/06/2004	
BE	Belgium	1					
BZ	Belize	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
BJ	Benin	2	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
BM	Bermuda	2					GB
BT	Bhutan	r					
BO	Bolivia	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
BW	Botswana	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
BR	Brazil	2r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
IO	British Indian Ocean Territory	p					GB
VG	British Virgin Islands	2					GB
BN	Brunei Darussalam	3	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
BG	Bulgaria	2r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
BF	Burkina Faso	2	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
BI	Burundi	3	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
KH	Cambodia	3	Yes	Yes	No	30/06/2004	
CM	Cameroon	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/03/2003	
CA	Canada	1					
KY	Cayman Islands	2					GB
CF	Central African Republic	3	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	

ISO	Country	Category	Plan	Draft	Enacted	Deadline	Dep.
TD	Chad	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
CL	Chile	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
CN	China	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
CO	Colombia	1					
KM	Comoros	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
CG	Congo	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
CR	Costa Rica	1					
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	3	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
HR	Croatia	2					
CU	Cuba	1					
CY	Cyprus	3	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
CZ	Czech Republic	1					
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	1					
DK	Denmark	1					
DJ	Djibouti	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
DM	Dominica	3	No	No	No	30/06/2004	
DO	Dominican Republic	3	Yes	Yes	No	31/03/2003	
EC	Ecuador	2r	Yes	Yes	Yes	31/12/2003	
EG	Egypt	1					
SV	El Salvador	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
GQ	Equatorial Guinea	2	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
ER	Eritrea	2	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
EE	Estonia	2r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
ET	Ethiopia	1					
FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	3					*
FO	Faroe Islands	p					DK
FJ	Fiji	1					
FI	Finland	1					
FR	France	1					
GF	French Guiana	1					FR
PF	French Polynesia	p					FR
GA	Gabon	3r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
GM	Gambia	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
GE	Georgia	3	Yes	No	No	30/06/2004	
DE	Germany	1					
GH	Ghana	3	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
GI	Gibraltar	1					GB
GR	Greece	1					

ISO	Country	Category	Plan	Draft	Enacted	Deadline	Dep.
GL	Greenland	p					DK
GD	Grenada	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
GP	Guadeloupe	1					FR
GU	Guam	1					US
GT	Guatemala	1					
GN	Guinea	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
GW	Guinea-Bissau	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
GY	Guyana	2r					
HN	Honduras	2r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
HK	Hong Kong	1					CN
HU	Hungary	2r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
IS	Iceland	p					
IN	India	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
ID	Indonesia	2r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1					
IE	Ireland	r					
IM	Isle of Man	2					GB
IL	Israel	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
IT	Italy	1					
JM	Jamaica	2r	No	No	Yes	30/06/2004	
JP	Japan	1					
JO	Jordan	3r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
KZ	Kazakhstan	2	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
KE	Kenya	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
KW	Kuwait	r					
LV	Latvia	3r	No	No	Yes	30/06/2004	
LS	Lesotho	p					
LR	Liberia	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
LY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	p					
LI	Liechtenstein	1					
LT	Lithuania	p					
LU	Luxembourg	1					
MO	Macao	p					CN
MG	Madagascar	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
MW	Malawi	2	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
MY	Malaysia	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
ML	Mali	3r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
MT	Malta	1					
MQ	Martinique	1					FR

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MR	Mauritania	3	No	No	No	30/06/2004	
MU	Mauritius	2	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
YT	Mayotte	p					FR
MX	Mexico	1					
MC	Monaco	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
MN	Mongolia	3r	Yes	Yes	Yes	30/06/2004	
MS	Montserrat	2					GB
MA	Morocco	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
MZ	Mozambique	3	No	No	No	31/03/2003	
MM	Myanmar	3r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
NA	Namibia	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
NP	Nepal	3	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
NL	Netherlands	1					
AN	Netherlands Antilles	p					NL
NC	New Caledonia	p					FR
NZ	New Zealand	1					
NI	Nicaragua	1					
NE	Niger	3	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
NG	Nigeria	2					
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	1					US
NO	Norway	1					
PK	Pakistan	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
PA	Panama	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/03/2003	
PG	Papua New Guinea	2	No	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
PY	Paraguay	2					
PE	Peru	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
PH	Philippines	2	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
PN	Pitcairn Islands	3r	No	No	Yes	30/06/2004	GB
PL	Poland	1					
PT	Portugal	1					
PR	Puerto Rico	1					US
QA	Qatar	r					
KR	Republic of Korea	1					
MD	Republic of Moldova	p					
RE	Reunion	1					FR
RO	Romania	1					
RU	Russian Federation	1					
RW	Rwanda	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
SH	Saint Helena and Dependencies	3r	No	No	Yes	30/06/2004	GB



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KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
LC	Saint Lucia	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
ST	Sao Tome and Principe	p					
SA	Saudi Arabia	3	No	No	No	30/06/2004	
SN	Senegal	3r					
CS	Serbia and Montenegro	p					
SC	Seychelles	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
SL	Sierra Leone	3	No	No	No	31/12/2003	
SG	Singapore	1					
SK	Slovakia	1					
SI	Slovenia	2					
SO	Somalia	3	No	No	No	30/06/2004	
ZA	South Africa	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/03/2003	
GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	3	Yes	No	No	30/06/2004	*
ES	Spain	1					
LK	Sri Lanka	3	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
PM	St Pierre and Miquelon	p					FR
SD	Sudan	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
SR	Suriname	2r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
SZ	Swaziland	3	Yes	No	No	30/06/2004	
SE	Sweden	1					
CH	Switzerland	1					
SY	Syrian Arab Republic	r					
TH	Thailand	1					
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2					
TG	Togo	2r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
TT	Trinidad and Tobago	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
TN	Tunisia	2	No	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
TR	Turkey	1					
UG	Uganda	3	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
UA	Ukraine	2					
AE	United Arab Emirates	3r	Yes	Yes	Yes	31/12/2003	
GB	United Kingdom	1					
TZ	United Republic of Tanzania	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
US	United States of America	1					
UY	Uruguay	2	Yes	Yes	No	31/12/2003	
UZ	Uzbekistan	3	No	No	No	30/06/2004	

ISO	Country	Category	Plan	Draft	Enacted	Deadline	Dep.
VU	Vanuatu	1					
VE	Venezuela	2r	No	No	Yes	31/12/2003	
VN	Viet Nam	1					
VI	Virgin Islands of the United States	1					US
WF	Wallis and Futuna Islands	p					FR
YE	Yemen	3r					
ZM	Zambia	2	Yes	No	No	31/12/2003	
ZW	Zimbabwe	1					

### Notes

**ISO** Two-letter ISO code of the country

**Category** p = pending submission of legislation to the Secretariat  
r = review ongoing of enacted legislation to determine or revise category

**Plan** CITES Legislation Plan submitted to the Secretariat

**Draft** Draft legislation submitted to the Secretariat for comments

**Enacted** Enacted legislation submitted to the Secretariat for review

**Deadline** Deadline by which adequate legislation should be enacted, as decided by the Conference of the Parties and the Standing Committee

**Dep.** Two-letter ISO code of the State on which the territory is dependent  
\* A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)