

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

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CITES – GLOBAL ANALYSIS

1. This document has been prepared by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre and is provided by the CITES Secretariat for the information of the Parties.
2. The 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES noted that Party reports are the only available means of monitoring the implementation of the Convention and the level of international trade in specimens of species protected by CITES (Conf. 11.17).
3. Much effort and time is invested by the Parties to CITES in the production of their national reports. However, surprisingly few take advantage of the wealth of information contained within these resources.
4. Moreover, to date there is no means through which the Parties to the Convention and other members of society with an interest in wildlife trade can gain an overview of the regional trends of this trade, and the state of implementation of CITES worldwide.
5. The Standing Committee's Working Group on Reporting Requirements recommends the Standing Committee (SC50 Doc. 26.2) to instruct the Secretariat, in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC to continue work on the development of a 'Yearbook on International Wildlife Trade', provided the necessary funds can be found.
6. The attached document is a concept note outlining the proposed objective, scope, format and outputs for such publication, under the proposed name of "CITES – Global Analysis", following from a number of discussions between the Secretariat and UNEP-WCMC on this topic.