Party	Saint Lucia
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004	Much of the information in this report has been transmitted to the Standing Committee in regional reports during the said reporting period and in other correspondence to the Secretariat.
Details of agency preparing this report	The Department of Fisheries is one of two Scientific Authorities under CITES.
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Department of Forestry, one of two Scientific Authorities.

A. General information

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legi been provided under the CITES Nationa Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.	Yes (fully) Yes (partly) No No information/unknown						
2	If any CITES-relevant legislation has be the following details:	any CITES-relevant legislation has been planned, drafted or enacted, please provide following details:						
	Title and date: International Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora Act of Saint Lucia (Draft) Status:The Attorney General's Chambers has drawn up a new Act which had been developed in consultation with the CITES Secretariat. Some final input had been given on the draft by technical agencies and experts in October 2003. Delays in finalising the text had arisen due to manpower limitations and other priority legislative demands. It is fully expected that the law will be reviewed by Cabinet of Ministers, given consideration by the House of Parliament and then gazetted during the							
	Brief description of contents:Sections i trade, administrative bodies, registratio enforcement and miscellaneous. Legisla	n, exemptions, of	fences and penalties,	al				
3	Is enacted legislation available in one o languages of the Convention?		Yes No No information					
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full key legislative provisions that were gaz	-	legislation attached provided previously not available, will send later					
5	Which of the following issues are addre domestic measures adopted for CITES- with Article XIV of the Convention)?			able				

		TI	The conditions for:		TI	he comple	te prohibition of:	
	Issue	Yes	No		No	Y	es No	No information
				info	ormation			
	Trade						\Box	
	Taking	\boxtimes					$\exists \mid \Box$	
	Possession	\boxtimes						
	Transport			6			\Box	
	Other (specify)							
	Additional comments :		-		-			
	Act No. 10 of 1994 ar		, are liste	ed in t	the draft	CITES	S law whic	ch has been
	submitted to the Secre	tariat.						
			<u> </u>					
6	What were the results	-					20	Tick all applicable
	effectiveness of CITES items?	legislatio	on, with r	egaro	to the ro	nowi	ng	
					Partia	llv		
	Item		Adequ	ate	Inadequ		Inadequat	e No information
	Powers of CITES authors	orities						\square
	Clarity of legal obligati	ons						
	Control over CITES tra	de						\square
	Consistency with exist	ing						\square
	policy on wildlife mana	igement						
	and use							
	Coverage of law for al	types						
	of offences							
	Coverage of law for all	types						
	of penalties							
	Implementing regulation							
	Coherence within legis	lation						
	Other (please specify):							
	Please provide details enacted. Therefore, the							-
		lere nave	been no	revie		essin		e legislation.
7	If no review or assessr	nont has	takan nia	non in		nod	Yes	<u>_</u>
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								information
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	least 1 to 2 years) wo							οι αρριτσατιστι (αι
8	Has there been any rev							Tick all applicable
•	in relation to implement		•			.9 00.	Sjooto	
						V-	K I	No
	Subject					Yes	No	information
	Access to or ownershi	p of natu	ral resour	rces				
	Harvesting					\Box		

	Transporting of live specimens										
	Handling and housing of live specimens										
	Please provide details if available: Legislation is	s still	in draft	form and has							
	undergone substantial review. There are other intiatives that may complement the										
	implementation of CITES, but were not necess	sarily	done speci	fically for that							
	purpose: For example:										
	In the year 2000, Saint Lucia submitted a documer										
	"Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge Re										
	issues raised in this document are to be incorporated			Biodiversity Act,							
	which will contain provisions that guide access to get			aug articlas of the							
	It is recognized that new legislation should be ena CBD, especially Article 8. This will allow for hold										
	identified for equitable sharing of benefits derived from										
	A draft Plant Variety Protection (PVP) Act exists			ũ là chí							
	required. This is to ensure that indigenous communitie										
	resources and traditional knowledge for their use.										
	A revision process is underway for t he Fisheries										
	Regulations No. 9 of 1994. This legislation contains of										
	species including queen conch, sea turtles and coral, import and export of fish.	as we	ii as provisio	ns that deal with							
9	Please provide details of any additional measures take	201									
3		511.									

		Yes	No	No information		
1	1 Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?					
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:					
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	\square				
	Border controls	\square				
	Other (specify)					
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?					
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of attach details.	violations?	lf avail	able, please		
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?					

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

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	Not applicable
	No information
	Comments: No specific assesssment, but it has been recognized by the CITES committee that training and strengthening is required for effective enforcement.
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or	Yes	
	contact information for the MA(s) which are not yet	No	
	reflected in the CITES Directory?	No information	
2	If Vac. places use the encertupity to provide these changes he		
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes he	ere.	
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA	Yes	<u> </u>
3	been designated?	No	
		-	
		No information	<u> </u>
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified CITES Directory.	ed as the lead MA	in the
5	How many staff work in each MA? No staff specifically dedica		
	There are staff members from the Management Authority that		
	committee, including a representative from the Veterinary Unit	t, Crop Protection L	Jnit
	and Biodiversity Office.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters?	Yes	
		No	
	If yes, please give estimation	No information	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if appl	
	 Administration 		\boxtimes
	– Biology		\boxtimes
	– Economics/trade		\boxtimes
	– Law/policy		\boxtimes
	 Other (specify) 		
	– No information		
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research	Yes	
	activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues	No	$\overline{\boxtimes}$
	(e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in	No information	Π
	D2(8) and D2(9)?		

9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: The MA supports the work of CITES through in-kind assistance of employed staff. However, funds for hiring CITES-dedicated staff are limited and existing staff have heavy work loads, including, but not limited to CITES.

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1		-	
1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or	Yes	
	contact information for the SA(s) which are not yet reflected	No	\boxtimes
	in the CITES Directory?	No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes he	ere.	
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the	Yes	
	Management Authority?	No	\boxtimes
		No information	
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if app	licable
	- Government institution		\square
	 Academic or research institution 		
	 Permanent committee 		
	 Pool of individuals with certain expertise 		
	 Other (specify) 		
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? No staff	specifically dedica	ted to
	CITES only.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on	Yes	
	CITES-related matters	No	\boxtimes
	If yes, please give estimation	No information	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if app	licable
	– Botany		\boxtimes
	– Ecology		\boxtimes
	– Fisheries		\square
	- Forestry		
	– Welfare		
	– Zoology		\square
	 Other (specify) 		
	– No information		
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in	Yes	\square
	relation to CITES species?	No	
		No information	
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Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	lllegal trade	Oth (spec
Strombu s gigas	Not known	Generally North and south of island				Some biolog data collect betwe 1996 1999, includ lip thickn length sex. e
Democh eyles coriacea	Not known	Generally occurs on east coast of island				Monita g of turtle nestin especi- Leathe ck nestin done the Grand Anse Beach the Desba Sea T Watch Group collab on the Depar nt Fisher (lengtl sex, of e etc.) part o turtle

							initiative	
	lguana iguana	Not known	Largest occurence on northeast coast of island at Louvette, Cailla des and Grande Anse				Monitorin g underway on northeast coast of island, between Fond d'Or and Dauphin	
	Amazon a versicol or	800 + /- for the island (2000 survey)					Another survey is to take place shortly	
	[Please co	ntinue on separ	ate sheet, as ne	ecessary.]		No informa	tion	
10	-	project proposa to the Secretar				Yes No No informa	tion	
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Saint Lucia developed a national report on the Status and Assessment of the Conch Fishery in Saint Lucia. This report was presented at the 2nd Conch and Lobster Working Group meeting held in Jamaica. A survey was also conducted with conch fishers. In addition, Saint Lucia reviewed and responded to the Significant Trade Review on Queen Conch in the Caribbean. Saint Lucia further developed a funding proposal for a Queen Conch abundance survey in national waters, which was submitted to Secretariat and other organizations.							

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of	Yes No	\square				
	confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	No information					
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).						
3	Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related	Yes					
	enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	No	\boxtimes				
	Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Under consideration					
		No information					
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement	ent:					
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: The Secretariat has been provided with an updated list of enforcement agencies under CITES.						

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information computerized? Tick if app									
	 Monitoring and 	report	ing of dat	a on lega	l trade	е				
	 Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade 									
	– Permit issuance	e								
	 Not at all 									
	- Other (specify)						\boxtimes			
2	Do the following a	authori	ies have	access to	the I	nternet	? Tick if applicable			
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted	Yes, but only through a dial-up connection	Yes, but only through a different office	Some offices only	Not at all	Please provide details where appropriate			
	Management Authority						In relation to question 1 above: Annual reports, reports of meetings, presentations, draft legislation, funding proposals, research work are largely available electronically.			
	Scientific Authority									

	Enforcement						
3	Is there an electronic information system	providing inform	nation Ye	S			
	on CITES species?		No		\square		
			No				
			inf	ormation			
4	If Yes, does it provide information on:			Tick if applica	able		
	 Legislation (national, regional or intern 						
	 Conservation status (national, regiona 	I, international)?					
	– Other (please specify)?						
5	Is it available through the Internet:		Ye	S			
			No				
			No	t applicable			
			No				
			Inte	ormation			
6	Please provide URL:	to the following		Tick if applicat	blo		
0	Do the authorities indicated have access publications?	_		Tick if applica			
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforceme Authority			
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)						
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)						
	Identification Manual						
	CITES Handbook		\square				
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access this information? Transitions in personnel may have resulted in resources not being passed on; in addition, with two Scientific Authorities that address different species (terrestrial and marine), at least one copy each of relevant documents/CDs need to be supplied.						
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to Authority on:	the Manageme	nt	Tick if applic	able		
	– Mortality in transport?						
	– Seizures and confiscations?						
	 Discrepancies in number of items in period actually traded? 	ermits and numb	er of items				
	Comments:						
9	Is there a government website with infor	mation on CITES	and Yes				
	its requirements?		No		\boxtimes		

		No information
	If Yes, please give the URL: The website does not contain specific CITES information: www.slumaffe.org	
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public?	Tick if applicable
	 Press releases/conferences 	
	 Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances 	\boxtimes
	 Brochures, leaflets 	
	- Presentations	\boxtimes
	– Displays	\boxtimes
	 Information at border crossing points 	
	 Telephone hotline 	
	- Other (specify)	
	Please attach copies of any items. See electronic copies of press releases; also powerpoint presentation used in 2004 exhibition; other efforts as in the list above, are not available for attachment.	
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit format or the design signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the If no, please provide details of any:		riat?	Yes No Not applicable No information	$\Box\Box\Box\boxtimes$
	Changes in permit format:				
	Changes in designation or signatures of re	elevant of	ficials:		
2	To date, has your country developed written perr for any of the following?	nit proced	ures	Tick if applicable	9
		Yes	No	No information	on
	Permit issuance/acceptance		\square		
	Registration of traders		\square		
	Registration of producers		\square		

		documents).	1			
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re- export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?		4			In 2003, 5 we prepared, but only were collected. S annual repo submitted for detai
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					
	Year 2					
	How many documents were issued?					There were 3 cas of import of Que conch into Sa Lucia in 2004, reported in t annual report.
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					
4	Were any CITES documer replaced because of serio					Yes [No [2] No information [2]
5	If Yes, please give the rea	asons for this.				
6	Please give the reasons for other countries.	or rejection of (CITES do	cuments	from	Tick if applical
	Rea	ason		Ye	es No	No information
	Technical violations					
	Suspected fraud					
	Insufficient basis for findi					
	Insufficient basis for findi	ng of legal acq	uisition			
	. ,					<u> </u>
7	Are harvest and/or export procedure for issuance of	-	ianageme	ent tool i	n the	Yes L No Diformation
7	Other (specify) Are harvest and/or export procedure for issuance of Comments There is inade to set quotas; a propo assessment has been su other organizations.	permits? quate informat sal requesting	ion on st	ocks wit	h which h stock	

8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to prov called upon by Management Authority. Occasionally called upon by	
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities?	Tick if applicable
	 Issuance of CITES documents: 	\square
	 Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species: 	
	 Harvesting of CITES-listed species : 	
	 Use of CITES-listed species: 	
	 Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species: 	
	 Importing of CITES-listed species: 	
	- Other (specify):	
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. Nominal fee (e.g. \$EC 10) was charged for conch shells exported as personal effects, prior to CITES exemption.	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?	Tick if applicable
	– Entirely:	
	- Partly:	
	– Not at all:	
	- Not relevant:	
	Comments: Funds go to Government consolidated fund.	
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: As level of trade is low, funds generated are negligible.	

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities effectiveness of CITES implementa	1-1-	licable	
	Increased budget for activities		Improvement of national networks	
	Hiring of more staff		Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement	
	Development of implementation tools		Computerization	
	 Other (specify) 		-	

2	Have the CITES authorities received or benefited from any of the following capacity building activities provided by external sources?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity. Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	Staff of Management Authority		\square		\square		

	Staff of Scientific Authority			The CITES Secretariat, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the United States and TRAFFIC contributed towards a regional workshop. The objective of the workshop was to achieve regional harmonization to implement and enforce the Convention, taking into account fundamental issues relating to trade in and conservation of CITES-listed species, CITES permitting and reporting requirements, the development of national legislation bearing in mind the Parties' expertise and the similarities in legal systems and cultures, non- detriment findings, enforcement issues, intra-regional communication and other administrative matters on CITES implementation.
	Staff of enforcement authorities			
	Traders			
	NGOs			
ĺ	Public			
	Other (specify)			

3	Have the CITES authorities been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity. Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority	\square	\square				
	Staff of Scientific Authority						Assistance in regular implementation of CITES.
	Staff of enforcement authorities	\square	\square				
	Traders						
	NGOs						
	Public						
	Other parties/International meetings		\square				
	Other (specify)						Saint Lucia served as CITES regional representative from 2000-2005, where it played a represention, advisory and advocacy role.
4	Please provide details of any addition	onal me	easures	taken:			

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes	\boxtimes
		No	
		No information	
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet? Meets when and as needed, especially for development of legislation. Includes: Department of Fisheries, Department of Forestry, Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Unit, Biodiversity Office, Crop Protection Unit, Customs and Excise, Ministry of Trade and Office of Attorney General.		

3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the Management Authority to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SAs, Customs, police, others):									
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)		
	Meetings									
	Consultations									
4	At the national collaborate with		ive there I	been any e	efforts to	Tick if applicable		able Details if available		
	Agencies for de	evelopm	ent and tr	ade						
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities Indigenous peoples Indigenous peoples Inde or other private sector associations Indigenous Indigenous				Ministry of Trade is on CITES Committe e					
	Other (specify)									
5	5 To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal Tick if arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the Management Authority and the following agencies?					if applicable				
	Scientific Autho	ority								
	Customs									
	Police									
	Other border au	uthoritie	s (specify)						
	Other governme	ent agei	ncies							
	Private sector b	odies								
	NGOs									
	Other (specify)									
6	Have Governme activities related			ted in any	regional		Tick	if applicable		
	Workshops							\boxtimes		
	Meetings							\boxtimes		
	Other (specify)									

7	Has there been any effort to encourage any non-Party to	Yes		
	accede to the Convention?	No	\boxtimes	
		No information		
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?			
9	Has technical or financial assistance been provided to	Yes		
	another country in relation to CITES?	No	\boxtimes	
		No information		
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided?			
11	Has any data been provided for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?	Yes		
		No	\boxtimes	
		No information		
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
13	Have measures been taken to achieve co-ordination and	Yes	\boxtimes	
	reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental	No		
	agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	No information		
14	If Yes, please give a brief description. Inclusion of similar representatives on CITES Committee and Biodiversity Committee.			
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

D8 Areas for future work

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority?					
	Activity	High	Medium	Low		
	Increased budget for activities	\square				
	Hiring of more staff	\square				
	Development of implementation tools	\square				
	Improvement of national networks					
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement					
	Computerization		\square			
	Other (specify)					
2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific	Yes		\boxtimes		
	Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the					
	Parties?	No info	rmation			

3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty? Res Conf. 12.8 (Rev CoP 13): Saint Lucia, like many Parties of the region recognize that, in order to address the stipulated requirements, substantial capacity building and other forms of assistance are required. The Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism is developing a project proposal to address many of these needs in member states, but funding support will be required and an adequate time frame allowed for Parties to work on various aspects, such as improve levels of stock assessment, trade controls and user education.
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance? Yes Image: Convention in the conventing in the convention in the conve
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required. • Low awareness of CITES requirements among Customs Officers at Border controls; need for focused and sustained training for Customs officials, as they are a key agency in the administration and effective enforcement of CITES. A high profile regional workshop with externally drawn experts held annually would be useful, in addition to and apart from the toolkit which was circulated by the Secretariat as a national reference/training guide; this initiative could form part of a 2-3 year project to help with initial implementation of the Convention following enactment of the legislation. •Low awareness of CITES among the general public; funding assistance required for broad, sustained public awareness programme. A proposal has been submitted to the CITES Secretariat to assist with implementation of the Convention, especially following
	 Financial constraints limit the level of public education work, particularly in the field of production of leaflets and videos to boost awareness and compliance. Funding assistance is requested for facilitating work in this regard. A proposal has been circulated to the CITEs Secretariat to assist with implementation of the Convention, especially following enactment of Saint Lucia's Legislation.
	 Lack of an officer specifically dedicated to CITES, to allow for regular checks of the website, provision of information to the Ministry's website, timely responses to notifications and implementation of resolutions, circulation of relevant information, preparation of reports, conduct and preparation of public awareness (activities and material), setting up of administrative and monitoring procedures, measures and mechanisms, etc. Ideally, there should be a CITES Office within the Ministry, with a dedicated coordinator and one administrative assistant, in much the same way as exists for the CBD. Funding assistance would be required to set up such an office (including electronic equipment, furniture, other materials); the possibility of external funding for the payment of at least the coordinator should be explored with either partial or full funding being sourced from the Government for the payment of the administrative assistant, with a commitment for continuation by the Government following the project period; this initiative could form part of a 2-3 year project to help with initial implementation of the Convention following enactment of the legislation. Inadequate technical knowledge on CITES listed species, identification, trade requirements, etc. Technical training required from CITES Secretariat and affiliated bodies.
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been Yes identified within the Convention that would benefit from No

	review and/or simplification?	No information	\boxtimes
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

E. General feedback

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

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

Question	Item		
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed	
		Not available	\square
		Not relevant	
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	\square
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	\boxtimes
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	\square
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	\square
D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES	Enclosed	\boxtimes
	produced for educational or public awareness purposes	Not available	
		Not relevant	
	Comments (general to date):		
	Saint Lucia benefited from the increased publicity which the hosting of the Regional CITES Training Workshop brought. Significant press coverage was undertaken prior to and following the event.		
	Saint Lucia is up to date on the submission of its annual reports, with its 2005 report due before October 31, 2006. The report for 2005 will be compiled by the Department of Forestry, as part of a new alternate reporting procedure between the two Scientific Authorities.		
	Biennial reports on legislative, regulatory and administrative measures are also required. A review undertaken by the Secretariat and considered at COP12 showed that, for the 1990 – 2001 period, Saint Lucia was one of the few		

Caribbean Islands that had occasionally included information on such measures within their annual reports, but generally Parties of the sub-region have not been submitting individual biennial reports. Information on legislative, regulatory and administrative measures, however, has been included within recent sub-regional reports to the Standing Committee for Saint Lucia and other countries.

In late 2001, Saint Lucia initated a process for the preparation of national enabling legislation for CITES. This process has involved multiple agencies and individuals in Saint Lucia, including the office of the Attorney General. Saint Lucia has also received substantial technical support from the CITES Secretariat.

In spite of a few set-backs often beyond the control of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Management Authority), which have been communicated to the Secretariat, there was optimism that the legislation would be finalised by the stipulated deadline of December 31, 2005. In this regard, the final set of comments from the Secretariat and the Management Authority were submitted to Saint Lucia's Legislative Drafting Unit on August 25, 2005. The Management Authority was subsequently informed by the aforementioned Unit that a new and improved drafting style is mandated for all new legislation in Saint Lucia, which includes the draft CITES legislation. The first draft was subsequently completed and Saint Lucia now had a newly formatted draft CITES Act and Regulations, which needed to be reviewed. This version was circulated to all parties, including the Secretariat on October 6, 2005, following receipt by the Legislative Drafting Unit. It was substantially different from the format of the previous version and in addition, while the intention of the Drafting Unit was for formatting changes only, content changes had inadvertently been made.

Therefore, Saint Lucia's legislation could not be finalised by the December 31, 2005 deadline. Few comments had been forthcoming from reviewing parties, and the situation was compounded by the fact that both of the officers from the Department of Fisheries who had been coordinating the legislative process were not available, with one of these officers returning to office in March, 2006.

With regards to the foregoing, the Secretariat was written, requesting an eight-month extension following December 31, 2005, that is, up to August 2006. Saint Lucia is committed to the process and is now in the final stages of its new Act, which will be forwarded to the Secretariat for input shortly. Work has already begun on the Regulations, but in the

interim, it is hoped that the Act will be enacted shortly.