### A. General information

Party	Japan
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2006	1 January 2007– 31 December 2008
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	CITES Management Authorities of Japan CITES Scientific Authorities of Japan CITES Enforcement Authorities of Japan

## B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already					Yes (fully)			
	been provided under t	he CITES	National	Legislation	Yes (p	artly)			
	Project?	- 0 0	-1 4		No				
	If yes, ignore question	ns 2, 3 and 4.			No info	ormatio	n/unknown		
2	If any CITES-relevant the following details:	legislation	egislation has been planned, draft			acted, p	lease provic	le	
	Title and date:		(	Status:					
	Brief description of co	ntents:							
3	Is enacted legislation	available ii	n one of	the working	Yes				
	languages of the Conv	ention?			No				
					No info	ormatio	n		
4	If yes, please attach a	a copy of the full legislative text or			r legislation attached				
	key legislative provision	ns that w	ere gaze	tted.	provided previously				
					not available, will send				
					later				
5	Which of the following domestic measures at with Article XIV of the	opted for	CITES-lis				ick all applic	able	
		TI	ne condit	ions for:	The co	omplete	prohibition	of:	
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No informa	ation	
	Trade	$\boxtimes$							
	Taking								
	Possession		##						
	Transport								
	Other (specify)								
	Additional comments								
	The CITES MA of Jap	an review	ed the do	omestic regulatio	ons and p	orocedu	res for the		
	international trade bas	ed on rele	evant res	olutions.					

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?					
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information	
	Powers of CITES authorities				$\boxtimes$	
	Clarity of legal obligations				$\boxtimes$	
	Control over CITES trade				$\boxtimes$	
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use					
	Coverage of law for all types of offences					
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties					
	Implementing regulations				$\boxtimes$	
	Coherence within legislation				$\boxtimes$	
	Other (please specify):				$\boxtimes$	
	Please provide details if available	e:				
7	If no review or assessment has for the next reporting period?	taken place, is	s one planned	Yes No	formation	
	Please provide details if available	e:		140 1111		
8	Has there been any review of le in relation to implementation of	-	_	bjects Ti	ck all applicable	
	Subject		Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natu	ral resources				
	Harvesting					
	Transporting of live specimens			$\boxtimes$		
	Handling and housing of live sp	$\boxtimes$				
	Please provide details if availabl	e:				
9	Please provide details of any ad	ditional measu	res taken:			

# C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	info	No rmation		
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?						
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:	$\boxtimes$					
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	$\boxtimes$		]			
	Border controls	$\boxtimes$					
	Other (specify)	$\boxtimes$					
	Check on internet auction						
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 violations? If available, please attach details.						
	Illegal display of CITES Appendix 1species for commer for the Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fau				of Act		
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?						
5	If information available:	1	Numl	oer			
	Significant seizures/confiscations		2007:	951			
	⊠Total seizures/confiscations		2008:	661			
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.	111 11111111111111111111111111111111111					
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?						
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If a as Annex.	vailable, ple	ease att	ach d	etails		
	(Information from Customs office)						
	Violation of Customs Law: 10 cases						
	(Information from Police Agency)						
	-Violation of the Law for the Conservation of Endangere Flora (regulating internal trade): 2007: 41 cases, 2008:	-	of Wild	Fauna	a and		
	-Violation of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade C Control Order and Import Trade Control Order: 3 cases arrested) in 2008.		-				
	(Violations related to not only international trade of CITE domestic regulation of CITES-listed species and national the Law for the Conservation of Endangered Species of included in the above-mentioned number.)	l endangere	ed spec	ies ba	sed on		

8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?			
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the as Annex.	e results? F	Please attach	n details
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of	?	Tick if ap	plicable
	<ul> <li>Return to country of export</li> </ul>			
	Public zoos or botanical gardens			$\leq$
	Designated rescue centres			
	<ul> <li>Approved, private facilities</li> </ul>			
	– Euthanasia			
	- Other (specify)			$\leq$
	Comments:			
	The CITES MA of Japan takes care of all confiscated lives zoos and botanical gardens.	re animals	and plants	at the
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat	on Yes		$\boxtimes$
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an	No No	No	
	ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convict illegal traders and persistent offenders?	ea Not	Not applicable	
	illegal traders and persistent offenders:		No information	
	Comments:	-		
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities w	ith Yes		$\boxtimes$
	other countries	No		
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	No i	information	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:			
	The CITES MA of Japan exchanged intelligence of the sign with related MAs and the Secretariat to take appropriate ac		se of illegal t	trade
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to	Yes		
	assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading	<sup>to</sup> No		$\boxtimes$
	the arrest and conviction of offenders?	No i	information	
15	If Yes, please describe:			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related	d Yes		$\boxtimes$
	enforcement?	No		
		Not	applicable	
		No i	information	
	Comments:			

17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

## D. Administrative measures

# D1 Management Authority (MA)

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1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or	Yes	
	contact information for the MA(s) which are not yet	No	$\boxtimes$
	reflected in the CITES Directory?	No information	
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	$\boxtimes$
	been designated?	No	
		No information	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identific CITES Directory.	ed as the lead MA	in the
	a. For Derivatives and Products		
	Trade Licensing Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and	Industry	
	b. For Live Animals, Plants and Raw parts		
	Agricultural and Marine Products Office, Ministry of Econo	my, Trade and Indu	ıstry
	c. For Introduction from the sea		
	Resources and Environment Research Division, Fisheries A	gency	
	Far Seas Fisheries Division, Fisheries Agency		
5	How many staffs work in each MA?		
	a. Trade Licensing Division, METI (5 officials for CITES permi	itting)	
	b. Agricultural and Marine Products Office, METI (2 officials i	for CITES permitting	<i>g)</i>
	c. Resources and Environment Research Division, Fisheries A	gency	
	Far Seas Fisheries Division, Fisheries Agency (2 or 3 official	s for CITES permitt	ing).
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	CITES-related matters?	No	
	If yes, please give estimation:	No information	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if appl	icable
	- Administration	1	$\boxtimes$
	- Biology		
	- Economics/trade		
	- Law/policy		
	- Other (specify)		

	- No information		
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	Yes No No information	
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the involved.	kind of research	
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		
D2 Sc	ientific Authority (SA)		
1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes No No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes he	ere.	
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	Yes No No information	
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if ap	plicable
	- Government institution		
	Academic or research institution		
	- Permanent committee		
	<ul> <li>Pool of individuals with certain expertise</li> </ul>		
	- Other (specify)		
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues?		
	4 officials in the Ministry of Environment (MOE)		
	2officials (Forestry Agency), 3officilals (Fisheries Ag (Agricultural Production Bureau)	ency), and 1	official
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	CITES-related matters	No	
	If yes, please give estimation	No information	
	(MOE)2 officials: 100%(60% for domestic trade control), and 2 officials: 20% for an official		
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if ap	plicable
	- Botany		
	- Ecology		$\boxtimes$
	- Fisheries		
	- Forestry		$\boxtimes$

- Welfare

	- Zoolog	У							
	- Other (	specify)							
	- No information								
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in Yes								
	relation to	CITES species?	?			No			
						No informa	tion 📙		
9	If Yes, ple involved.	ase give the spo	ecies name and	provide de	etails of the	kind of rese	arch		
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)		
	Baleen Wales	0	0	0					
	Toothed Wales	0	0	0					
	Dolphin s	0	0	0					
	Porpoise s	0	0	0					
					<u></u>	No informa	tion 🔲		
10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?					Yes No No informa	tion		
11	Please pro	vide details of a	any additional m	easures ta	aken:				

#### D3 Enforcement Authorities

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1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of				Yes			
	confidential enfor		_			=	No	
							No information	
2	If No, please desi	gnate t	hem here	(with add	dress,	, phone	, fax and email).	
3	Is there a speciali	zed uni	t respons	ible for C	ITES-	related	Yes	
	enforcement (e.g.			=			No	
	Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?			Under consideration				
					No information			
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:							
5	Please provide de	tails of	any addi	tional mea	asure	s taken	:	
		_						
D4 Co	mmunication, infor	mation	managen	nent and o	excha	nge		
1	To what extent is	CITES	informat	ion comp	uteriz	ed?	Tick if applica	ble
	<ul> <li>Monitoring and</li> </ul>	report	ing of dat	ta on lega	l trad	е		
	<ul> <li>Monitoring and</li> </ul>	report	ing of dat	ta on illeg	al tra	de		
	- Permit issuance	е						
	<ul><li>Not at all</li></ul>							$\boxtimes$
	- Other (specify)							
2	Do the following	authorit	ties have	access to	the I	nternet	? Tick if applica	ble
	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 whe	ere
	Management Authority							
	Scientific Authority							
	Enforcement Authority							
3	Is there an electro	nic info	ormation	system p	rovidi	ng info	rmation Yes	
	on CITES species	?					No	
							No	

information

4	If Yes, does it provide information on:		Tick if applicable	Э	
	- Legislation (national, regional or intern		$\boxtimes$		
	- Conservation status (national, regiona	I, international)?		$\boxtimes$	
	– Other (please specify)?				
5	Is it available through the Internet:		Ye	s	]
			No		
			No	t applicable	
			No		
			inf	ormation	
	Please provide URL:				
	(METI)				
	http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/external_ed kanri/	conomy/trade_co	ntrol/boeki		
6	Do the authorities indicated have access publications?	to the following		Tick if applicable	;
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority	
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)		$\boxtimes$		
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)				
	Identification Manual		$\square$		
	CITES Handbook		$\boxtimes$		
7	If not, what problems have been encoun	tered to access t	his informati	on?	
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to Authority on:	the Manageme	nt	Tick if applicab	le
	- Mortality in transport?				
	- Seizures and confiscations?			$\boxtimes$	]
	<ul> <li>Discrepancies in number of items in particular actually traded?</li> </ul>	ermits and numb	er of items		]
	Comments:.				
9	Is there a government website with infor its requirements?	mation on CITES	No	∑ □ nformation	
	If Yes, please give the URL:				
	(MOFA)				
	http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/kanky	o/jyoyaku/wasn:	tn.html		
	(METI)				
	http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/external_eco	onomy/trade con	trol/bo		

İ	ekikanri/cites/index.html		
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and	Tick if applic	cable
	understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public?		
	- Press releases/conferences		
	<ul> <li>Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances</li> </ul>		
	– Brochures, leaflets		
	- Presentations		
	– Displays		$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>Information at border crossing points</li> </ul>		$\boxtimes$
	- Telephone hotline		
	- Other (specify)		
	Please attach copies of any items.		
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	_	
D5 Pei	rmitting and registration procedures		
1	Have any changes in permit format or the designation and	Yes	$\boxtimes$
	signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES	No	
	permits/certificates been reported previously to the Secretariat?	Not applicable	
		Nia information	

1	Have any changes in permit format or the design signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the sign care of the sign care	Yes No Not applicable No information					
	If no, please provide details of any:						
	Changes in permit format:						
	Changes in designation or signatures of releva	s:	•				
2	To date, has your country developed written perifor any of the following?	mit proced	lures	Tick if applicable			
		Yes	No	No information			
	Permit issuance/acceptance						
	Registration of traders						
	Registration of producers						

3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued and denied in the two year period? (Note that actual trade is reported in the Annual Report by some Parties. This question refers to issued documents).							
	Year 1 Import or introduction from the sea			Other	Comments			
	How many documents were issued?	Import: 10	791	2523	0	)		
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?	were denied because of serious omissions or					There were se denied cases, actual number is available.	but
	Year 2 How many documents were issued?	Import: 22	913	2673		0		
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?						There were se denied cases, actual number is available.	but
4	Were any CITES documer replaced because of serio	and	Yes No No information					
5	If Yes, please give the rea	asons for this.						
6	Please give the reasons for other countries.	or rejection of (	CITES do	cumen	ts fro	m	Tick if applic	cable
	Rea	ason		\	Yes	No	No informatio	n
	Technical violations				$\boxtimes$			
	Suspected fraud				$\boxtimes$			
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment							
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition							,
	Other (specify)							
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?  No No in							
	Comments							
8	How many times has the	Scientific Auth	ority bee	n requ	estec	to pr	ovide opinions?	
	2007: import 12, export 29 / 2008: import 9, export 30 (MOE)							
	2007 :26 times/2008 :25 times (Fisheries Agency)							

9	Has the MA charged fees for permit related CITES activities?	t issuar	nce, registration or	Tick if appli	cable
	- Issuance of CITES documents:				
	Licensing or registration of operation species:	ations t	that produce CITES		
	Harvesting of CITES-listed speci				
	- Use of CITES-listed species:				
	- Assignment of quotas for CITES	species:			
	- Importing of CITES-listed species	s:			
	- Other (specify):				
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts	of such	n fees.		
11	Have revenues from fees been used CITES or wildlife conservation?	I for the	e implementation of	Tick if applic	cable
	- Entirely:				
	- Partly:				
	– Not at all:				
	- Not relevant:				
	Comments:				
12	Please provide details of any addition	nal me	easures taken:		
D6 Ca	pacity building				
1	Have any of the following activities effectiveness of CITES implementate			Tick if applic	able
	Increased budget for activities		Improvement of national networks		
	Hiring of more staff		Purchase of technical equipmonitoring/enforcement	oment for	
	Development of implementation tools		Computerization		
	- Other (specify)		<u>I</u>		

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							
	Staff of Scientific Authority							
	Staff of enforcement authorities	$\boxtimes$						
	Traders							
	NGOs	$\boxtimes$						
	Public							
	Other (specify)	$\boxtimes$					Specialists	
3	Have the CITES authorities been th activities?	e <i>provi</i>	ders of	any of	the	follo	wing capacity building	
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details	
	Target group	Org ad	Te	Fin	L L	Off		
	Staff of Management Authority							
	Staff of Scientific Authority	$\boxtimes$					Oral discussions	
	Staff of enforcement authorities						Training programs	
	Traders							
	NGOs						Oral discussions	
	Public						Online publication	
	Other parties/International meetings							
	Other (specify)							
4	Please provide details of any addition	onal me	asures	taken:		_		

# D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inte	r-agenc	y or inter-	sectoral co	ommittee or	n CITES?	Yes		$\boxtimes$
							No		
							No inform	ation	
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?								
	Inter- Ministerial Coordinating Committee to CITES is composed of Cabinet Office, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, labour and Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and National Police Agency.								
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):							:r	
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Oth (spec	
	Meetings								
	Consultations								
4	At the national collaborate with		ave there	been any e	efforts to	Tick if	applicable	Detai availa	-
	Agencies for de	evelopm	ent and t	rade					
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities								
	Local authorities or communities								
	Indigenous peoples								
	Trade or other	private	sector ass	sociations					
	NGOs								
	Other (specify)								

5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the Management Authority and the following agencies?		cable
	Scientific Authority		
	Customs		
	Police		
	Other border authorities (specify)		
	Other government agencies		
	Private sector bodies		
	NGOs		
	Other (specify)		
6	Have Government staffs participated in any regional activities related to CITES?	Tick if appli	cable
	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	
		No information	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was prov	rided?	
	-Financial assistance to the MIKE Projects .		
11	Has any data been provided for inclusion in the CITES	Yes	
	Identification Manual?	No	
		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.
	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as a diplomatic authority, administers the matters concerned en bloc. Also, consultation and coordination is undertaken among the relevant Focal Points of other MEAs by providing information as necessary.
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								
	Hiring of more staff								
	Development of implementation tools								
	Improvement of national networks								
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement								
	Computerization			$\boxtimes$					
	Other (specify)								
2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?								
			No information						
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?								
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?								
			No						
		No info	rmation						
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention required.	or assis	tance that	is					
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been	Yes							
	identified within the Convention that would benefit from	No							
	review and/or simplification?	No info	rmation						
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	
		Not relevant	
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	
D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES	Enclosed	
	produced for educational or public awareness purposes	Not available	
		Not relevant	
	Comments		