



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

A. General information

Party	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Period covered in this report:	1 st January 2008 to 31 st December 2009
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Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	under the CITES National Legislation Project?					Yes (fully) Yes (partly) No		
	<i>J</i> , <i>G</i> 1					mation/u	nknown	
2	If any CITES-relevant legisl	ation has b	een planned	l, drafted or enacted	, please pro	ovide the	following details:	
	Title and date:		S	tatus:				
	Brief description of contents	:						
3	Is enacted legislation available	ole in one o	of the working	ng languages of the	Yes			
	Convention?				No			
					No info	mation		
4	If yes, please attach a copy of		egislative te	xt or key legislative	e legislation attached			
	provisions that were gazettee	1.			provided previously			
					not available, will send later			
5	Which of the following issue adopted for CITES listed spe Convention)?					Tic	k all applicable	
			The conditi	ions for:	The complete prohibition of:			
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information	
	Trade	\boxtimes			\boxtimes			
	Taking	\boxtimes			\boxtimes			
	Possession	\boxtimes			\boxtimes			
	Transport	\boxtimes			\boxtimes			
	Other (specify)							
	Additional comments: Acc transport of wildlife listed in					i, trade, e	xport, import and	

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES Tick all application with record to the following items?					
	legislation, with regard to the following i Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information	
	Powers of CITES authorities					
	Clarity of legal obligations					
	Control over CITES trade		\square			
	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		\square			
	Coherence within legislation		\square			
	Other (please specify):					
	Please provide details if available: No a taken jet.	ny review or asse	ssment of the effect	ctiveness of CI	ΓES legislation has	
7	If no review or assessment has taken pla reporting period?	ace, is one planned	d for the next	Yes No		
	Please provide details if available:			No info	ormation	
8	Has there been any review of legislation implementation of the Convention?	on the following s	subjects in relation	to	Tick all applicable	
	Subject		Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natural resou	irces				
	Harvesting					
	Transporting of live specimens			\square		
	Handling and housing of live specimens	8		\square		
	Please provide details if available:					
9	Please provide details of any additional	measures taken:				

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No		No rmation
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been up	ndertaken?			
	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?				\boxtimes
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If	f available, ple	ase attach	details	5.

4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?			
5	If information available: Significant seizures/confiscations Total seizures/confiscations		Number	
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.			
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES- related violations?			
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please	attach details	as Annex.	
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?			
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please a	ttach details as	Annex.	
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of?		Tick if a	pplicable
	 Return to country of export 		[
	 Public zoos or botanical gardens 		Γ	
	 Designated rescue centres 		[
	 Approved, private facilities 		[
	– Euthanasia		[
	– Other (specify)			
	Comments:			
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on significant c of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	No Not a	applicable	
	Comments:	•		•
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with other cour	ntries Yes		\boxtimes
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance			
	joint operation, etc.)?		nformation	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: Cooperative Action Plan (2005-2) Nam to control illegal Trans-boundary hunting, trading and transporting Lao PDR is a membership of ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network (Wildlife Enforcement cooperation.	g of wild Fau	na and Flora.	
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to assist in the	Yes		
	enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and convict	ion No		
	of offenders?	No ii	nformation	\boxtimes
15	If Yes, please describe:			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement	t? Yes		
		No		\square
			applicable	
		No ii	nformation	
	Comments:			
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: National traini forest Enforcement officer who stationed at the checkpoints to understa Law, National Wildlife Law and other related regulations of Lao PDR. CITES implementation.	and about CIT	ES National F	orestry

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

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1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(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 here.		
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes No No information	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead N	MA in the CITES Direc	ctory.
5	How many staff works in each MA? There is only one MA with 3 staff		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters? If yes, please give estimation: 30%	Yes No No information	
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if a	plicable
8	 Administration Biology Economics/trade Law/policy Other (specify) No information 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	
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of researce WWF Lao Office operated Elephant-human conflict project, WCS Lao Progr Endangered Species Conservation Projects(Asian Tiger, Gibbon, Elk Deer, S National University of Lao P.D.R on Orchid Research Project.	am established Wildlin	fe
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		
D2	Scientific 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 here.		
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	oplicable
	- Government institution		\boxtimes

	– Acad	lemic or research ir	nstitution				
	– Permanent committee						
	– Pool of individuals with certain expertise						
	– Othe	r (specify)					
5	How many s	taff work in each S	A on CITES issue	s? There is on	ly one SA with	3 staff	
6	Can you esti	mate the percentag	e of time they spen	d on CITES-	related	Yes	\boxtimes
	matters					No	
	If yes, please	e give estimation: 2	0-30%			No informatio	n 🗌
7	What are the	skills/expertise of	staff within the SA	(s)?		Tic	k if applicable
	– Bota	ny					
	– Ecole	ogy					
	– Fishe	eries					
	– Fores	stry					
	– Welf	are					
	– Zool	ogy					
	– Othe	r (specify)					
	– No inform	nation					\bowtie
8		earch activities bee	n undertaken by the	e SA(s) in rela	tion to	Yes	
	CITES speci	es?				No	\boxtimes
						No informatio	n 🗌
9	If Yes, pleas	e give the species r	name and provide of	letails of the l	kind of research	involved.	
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
	[Please conti	nue on separate she	et, as necessary.]			No informatio	n 🗌
10	Have any pro	oject proposals for s nder Resolution Co	cientific research b	een submitted	l to the	Yes No No informatio	n
11	Please provi	de details of any ad	ditional measures	taken:			

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes No No information	
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email). Department of Forest Inspection Tel\Fax: (856-21) 216508 E-mail: <u>phbounthanh@yahoo.com</u>		
3	Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes No Under consideration No information	
4	 If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement: Department of Forest Inspection Department of Forestry 		
5	 Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Department of Economic Police Department of Customs 		

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CIT	Tick if applicable					
	 Monitoring an 						
	– Monitoring an	d reporti	ng of data o	on illegal tra	ade		
	 Permit issuance 	e					\boxtimes
	– Not at all						
	– Other (specify)					
2	Do the following auth	orities h	ave access t	o the Intern	et?		Tick if applicable
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted access	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						
	Scientific Authority	\square					
	Enforcement Authority						
3	Is there an electronic is species?	informati	ion system	providing ir	nformat	ion on C	ITES Yes No No information

5	If Yes, does it provide information on: – Legislation (national, regional or internation – Conservation status (national, regional, internation) – Other (please specify)? Is it available through the Internet: Please provide URL:			Tick if applicable
6	Do the authorities indicated have access to the follo	owing publications?	r	Tick if applicable
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)			
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)			
	Identification Manual		\square	
	CITES Handbook			\boxtimes
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to acc	cess this information	?	
8	 Have enforcement authorities reported to the Mana, Mortality in transport? Seizures and confiscations? Discrepancies in number of items in permits and traded? Comments: Currently no report from enforcement network need to be improved. 	d number of items ac	ctually	Tick if applicable
9	Is there a government website with information on requirements? If Yes, please give the URL:	CITES and its	Yes No No in	formation
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the bring about better accessibility to and understanding requirements to the wider public?	-		Tick if applicable
	 Press releases/conferences 			
	– Newspaper articles, radio/television appeara	ances		\boxtimes
	– Brochures, leaflets			
	– Presentations			\boxtimes
	– Displays			
	– Information at border crossing points			
	– Telephone hotline			
	- Other (specify)			
	Please attach copies of any items.			

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit for empowered to sign CITES perm Secretariat?	Yes No Not applicable No information				
	If no, please provide details of	any:				
	Changes in permit format: I					
	Changes in designation Khamphanh Nanthavong, Depu been a designated signature sind	aty Director Gener				
2	To date, has your country devel following?	oped written perm	it procedur	es for any of	the	Tick if applicable
				Yes	No	No information
	Permit issuance/acceptance					
	Registration of traders					
	Registration of producers				\square	
3	Please indicate how many CITI					
	actual trade is reported in the A		me Parties	. This questi	on refers	to issued documents).
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	0	3	0	0	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					No record has been kept of CITES Applications denied or rejected.
	Year 2 How many documents were issued?	0	3	0	0	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					No record has been kept of CITES Applications denied or rejected.
4	Were any CITES documents th because of serious omissions or	Yes No No information				
5	If Yes, please give the reasons	for this.				

6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from othe	er countrie	es.	Tick if applicable
	Reason	Yes	No	No information
	Technical violations			
	Suspected fraud			
	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 pro- issuance of permits?	cedure for		Yes No No information
	Comments : The processing of CITES export permit for the specie CITES Appendix are checked where applicable.			
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to put the CITES export permit.	rovide opi	inions?	Any time before issuing
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registration or relat activities?	ed CITES	5	Tick if applicable
	 Issuance of CITES documents: 			
	- Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES sp	pecies:		
	 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. No fees are char, MA.	ged by the	e Lao	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CIT conservation?	ΓES or wi	ldlife	Tick if applicable
	– Entirely:			
	– Partly:			
	– Not at all:			
	– Not relevant:			
	Comments:			
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities been un CITES implementation at the national level	Tick if applicable		
	Increased budget for activities		Improvement of national networks	\boxtimes
	Hiring of more staff		Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement	
	Development of implementation tools	\boxtimes	Computerization	\boxtimes
	– 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.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	Staff of Management Authority						IUCN, WWF, TRAFFIC- Indochina, IFAW
	Staff of Scientific Authority				\square		
	Staff of enforcement authorities				\boxtimes		
	Traders						
	NGOs						
	Public						
	Other (specify)						
3	Have the CITES authorities been the provid	ers of an	y of the	followin	g capa	acity b	puilding 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						Introduction on CITES, Species Identification, Verification.
	Staff of Scientific Authority		\square				
	Staff of enforcement authorities						
	Traders						National Laws dissemination, Conservation Education and Awareness raising.
	NGOs						
	Public					\boxtimes	
	Other parties/International meetings						
	Other (specify)						
4	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:						

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes No No information	
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet? Police, Custom and Institute of Scientific Research		

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				\square				
	Consultations			\square					
4	At the national leve with:	l have th	ere been any	efforts to co	ollaborate	Tick i	f applicable	Details if available	
	Agencies for develo	opment a	nd trade				\boxtimes		
	Provincial, state or	, state or territorial authorities			\boxtimes				
	Local authorities or	commu	nities				\boxtimes		
	Indigenous peoples						\boxtimes		
	Trade or other priva	ate sector	association	S			\boxtimes		
	NGOs						\boxtimes		
	Other (specify)								
5	To date, have any M institutional cooper Authority and the fo	ation rela	ated to CITE					k if applicabl	le
	Scientific Authority	/]
	Customs							\boxtimes]
	Police							\boxtimes]
	Other border author	rities (spe	ecify)]
	Other government a	agencies						\boxtimes]
	Private sector bodie	es]
	NGOs]
	Other (specify)]
6	Have Government s related to CITES?	staff part	icipated in a	ny regional a	ctivities		Tic	k if applicab	le
	Workshops							\boxtimes]
	Meetings							\boxtimes]
	Other (specify) : Tr	aining						\square]
7	Has there been any	effort to	encourage a	ny non-Party	to accede to t	he	Yes]
	Convention?						No No informat	ion 🗌	
0	If Vac which one) and in .	what way?				No informat		1
8 9	If Yes, which one(s			n provided 4	another	terrin	Yes		1
9	Has technical or fin relation to CITES?	iancial as	sistance bee	n provided to	o another coun	try in	Y es No] 1
							No informat]
10	If Yes, which count	try(ies) a	nd what kind	l of assistanc	e was provide	d?			
11	Has any data been J	provided	for inclusion	n in the CITE	ES Identification	on Manual	? Yes]
							No	\boxtimes]

		No information	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description. CITES Guide line for Custom Officer at	checkpoint use	
13	Have measures been taken to achieve co-ordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	Yes No No information	
14	If Yes, please give a brief description. Information exchange.		

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		\square			
	Development of implementation tools	\square				
	Improvement of national networks	\square				
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement					
	Computerization	\square				
	Other (specify)					
2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or	Yes				
	Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	No		\square		
		No inform	nation			
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?					
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your	Yes		\boxtimes		
	country requiring attention or assistance?	No				
		No inform	nation			
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance th staff in both the MA and SA.	at is requir	ed. Shortage	No. of		
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been identified within the	Yes				
	Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	No				
		No inform	nation			
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	\boxtimes
		Not relevant	
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	\boxtimes
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	\boxtimes
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	\boxtimes
D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for	Enclosed	
	educational or public awareness purposes	Not available	\boxtimes
		Not relevant	
	Comments		