



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

CONCERNING:

Saint Lucia's Biennial Report: January 2007 to December 2008

NB. Please note that the biennial report template for 2003/2004 is being utilised. As such, some fields (such as ("A. General Information") from the old template are fixed and do not allow for the input of the years under consideration.

Party	Saint Lucia				
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004	Actual period covered in this report is Janaury 2007 to December 2008				
Details of agency preparing this report	The Department of Forestry is one of two Scientific Authorities under CITES.				
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Department of Fisheries, one of two Scientific Authorities.				

A. General information

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CIT been provided under th Project? If yes, ignore questions	ne CITES	National		Yes (fu Yes (pa No No info	artly)	n/unknown	
2	If any CITES-relevant legislation has been planned, drafted or enacted, the following details:						lease provid	e
	Title and date: Internat Wild Fauna and Flora A Lucia (Draft)		nt ti s ti fi d	tatus:The legis hree Parliament ubmitted to the hrough the Gov he process of p or commencem lue to the need lements to be e	readings Senate. ernor Ger ublicatior ent has n for some	and ha It has g neral an . Howe ot beer admini	s also been jone d through ever, a date i issued	
	trade, administrative b	of contents:Sections included: preliminary, regulation of international tive bodies, registration, exemptions, offences and penalties, miscellaneous. Legislation is not enacted.						al
3	Is enacted legislation a languages of the Conv		n one of t	he working	Yes No No info	ormatio	٦	\square
4		a copy of the full legislative text or sions that were gazetted. not available, will send later						
5	-	ng issues are addressed by any stricter Tick all applicable adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance						able
		The conditions for: The complete prohibition					prohibition	of:
	lssue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No informa	ation
	Trade					\square		
	Taking	\boxtimes			\square			
	Possession				\square			

	Transport				
	Other (specify)				
6	What were the results of any re effectiveness of CITES legislation				ck all applicable
	items?	n, with regard		ng	
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information
	Powers of CITES authorities				\square
	Clarity of legal obligations				\square
	Control over CITES trade				\square
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use				
	Coverage of law for all types of offences				\boxtimes
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties				\boxtimes
	Implementing regulations				\square
	Coherence within legislation				\square
	Other (please specify):				\square
	Please provide details if availab (31 July 2007) and in the Sena not been issued. Therefore, legislation.	ate (24 August	: 2007) but a	date of com	
7	If no review or assessment has	taken place, is	one planned	Yes	
	for the next reporting period?			No	
				No int	formation 🛛 🕅
	Please provide details if available least 1 to 2 years) would be red			-	f application (at
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		\square	
	Harvesting			\square	
	Transporting of live specimens				
	Handling and housing of live sp	ecimens			

Please provide details if available: Legislation has not yet been enacted. There were other intiatives conducted that specifically complement the implementation of CITES, For example:

A public sensitization programme on CITES was conducted in 2008. This project was financed under the European Community Special Framework of Assistance (2003) budget. Total project cost was XCD \$229,110 (EUR 57,117)

To focus attention on the importance of CITES and the potential livelihood benefits to the population;

To undertake public awareness and sensitisation activities in support of the implementation of the CITES Convention;

To build awareness among key enforcement agencies of their responsibilities under the newly enacted CITES regulations;

To increase public appreciation of CITES and of the need for their vigilance with respect to CITES-related items;

To promote attitudinal change such that communities in close proximity to sensitive CITES –related habitats take greater responsibility for endangered species protection and conservation.

9 Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Project outputs included; Public Service Announcements on CITES in english and local creole; 30 minute documentary on CITES aired on television channels and reproduced on DVDs; production and set up of billboards at air and sea ports; CITES posters distributed to schools, public agencies; CITES Management workshops conducted with key agencies and local stakeholders; an illustrated Species Identification Guide to assist wildlife trade management and enforcement officers.

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No inf	No ormation	
1	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	\square			
	Border controls				
	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 attach details.	violations?	lf available	, please	
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?				

5	If information available:	Number	
	Significant seizures/confiscations		
	Total seizures/confiscations		
	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 avaas Annex.	ailable, please attach	details
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES- related violations?		
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were thas Annex.	e results? Please atta	nch details
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of	Tick if	applicable
	 Return to country of export 		
	 Public zoos or botanical gardens 		
	 Designated rescue centres 		
	 Approved, private facilities 		
	– Euthanasia		
	 Other (specify) 		
	Comments:		
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat	on Yes	
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an	No	
	ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convic illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Not applicable	\rightarrow
		No informatio	
	Comments:		
12		with Yes	
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities v other countries		
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support,	No	
	investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	No informatio	n 📋
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:		
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to	Yes	
	assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leadin	^{g to} No	\boxtimes
	the arrest and conviction of offenders?	No informatio	n 🗌
15	If Yes, please describe:		
10			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-relate	ed Yes	
	enforcement?	No	\boxtimes

	Not applicable No information
	Comments: No specific assessment, but it has been recognized by the CITES committee that training and strengthening are required for effective enforcement. This has been addressed in part through the Public Sensitization programme conducted in 2008.
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Two Forest Officers pursued the VIII Master's Degree in Management, Access and Conservation of Species in Trade: The International Framework (April-June 2009) at the International University of Andalusia (Spain).

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

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1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or	Yes	\boxtimes
	contact information for the MA(s) which are not yet	No	
	reflected in the CITES Directory?	No information	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes he	ere. The name of th	ne MA
	is now: Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and Forestry		
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA	Yes	
5	been designated?	No	\square
		No information	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identifi		
4	CITES Directory.		
5	How many staff work in each MA? There are no staff specific only. There are staff members from the Management Authorit committee, including a representative from the Veterinary Unit and Biodiversity Office. Of course, the two SAs, the Department Forestry, are departments under the MA.	y that sit on the Cl t, Crop Protection U	TES Jnit
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 MA(s)?	Tick if appl	licable
	– Administration		\boxtimes
	– Biology		\boxtimes
	– Economics/trade		\boxtimes
	– Law/policy		\boxtimes
	– Other (specify)		

	– No information		
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues	Yes	
	·	No	\bowtie
	(e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	No information	
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the involved.	e kind of research	
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: The I CITES through in-kind assistance of employed staff. However dedicated staff are limited and existing staff have heavy work limited to CITES.	r, funds for hiring (CITES-

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

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1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or	Yes	
	contact information for the SA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	No	\boxtimes
		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		
	 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 CITES only.	specifically dedica	ted to
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		
	– Ecology		\boxtimes
	– Fisheries		\boxtimes
	- Forestry		\boxtimes
	– Welfare		
	- Zoology		
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relation to CITES species?

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- Other (specify)	
 No information 	
Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in Yes	\boxtimes

No

No information

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				based on the conch resource was also conducte d
Democh eyles coriacea	Not known	Generally occurs on east coast of island		Monitorin g of sea turtle nesting, especially Leatherba ck nesting is done on the Grande Anse Beach by the Desbarras Sea Turtle Watch Group, in collaborati on with the Departme nt of Fisheries (length, sex, no. of eggs, etc.) as part of a turtle watching nature tourism initiative
lguana iguana	Not known	Largest occurence on northeast coast of island at Louvette, Cailla des and Grande		Monitorin g underway on northeast coast of island, between

			Anse		and	d d'Or Iphin
	Amazon a versicol or	Estimated 1900 + /- for the island (2009 survey)			е	ndwid census ducte
	[Please co	ontinue on separ	ate sheet, as necessary.]	No info	ormation	
10			Is for scientific research been iat under Resolution Conf. 12.		ormation	
11	funding p	roposal for the	f any additional measures ta Assessment of Queen Conch and other organizations.			

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	\Box
		No information	
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax	k and email).	
3	Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related	Yes	
	enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department,	No	\square
	Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Under consideration	
		No information	
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforceme	nt:	
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: provided with an updated list of enforcement agencies und		een

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information computerized?	Tick if applicable
	 Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade 	
	 Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade 	
	– Permit issuance	
	– Not at all	
	- Other (specify)	

2	Do the following a	authorit	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		de details where propriate
	Management Authority						reports presentations legislation, fu	unding proposals, ork are largely
	Scientific Authority							
	Enforcement Authority							
3	Is there an electro on CITES species		ormation s	system p	rovidiı	ng infor	No No	
4	If Yes, does it pro	vide in	formation	on:				Tick if applicable
·	- Legislation (nat	tional, r	egional o	r internat	ional)	?		
	 Conservation s 	tatus (r	national, r	egional, i	interna	ational)	2	
	 Other (please s 	pecify)	?					
5	ls it available thro	ugh the	e Internet:	:			Ye	
							No	
							No	t applicable
								ormation
	Please provide UR	RL:						
6	Do the authorities publications?	indicat	ted have a	access to	the f	ollowing	g	Tick if applicable
	Pub	licatior)			gement nority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority
	2003 Checklist of (book)	f CITES	Species					
	2003 Checklist of Annotated Appen		-	and				

	Identification Manual				
	CITES Handbook		\square		
7	If not, what problems have been encour in personnel may have resulted in resource Scientific Authorities that address differ one copy each of relevant documents/CI documents to the two Scientitifc authorit	ces not being pas rent species (ter Ds need to be su	ssed on; in a restrial and upplied. Plea	ddition, with marine), at	n two least
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to Authority on:	the Managemen	t	Tick if app	licable
	– Mortality in transport?				
	– Seizures and confiscations?				\boxtimes
	 Discrepancies in number of items in pe actually traded? 	ermits and numbe	er of items		
	Comments:				
9	Is there a government website with inform	mation on CITES	and Yes		
	its requirements?		No		\boxtimes
			No i	nformation	
	If Yes, please give the URL: The webs specific CITES information: www.sluma rectified shortly.				
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in a activities to bring about better accessibilit understanding of the Convention's require public?	ty to and	-	Tick if appli	cable
	 Press releases/conferences 				\boxtimes
	- Newspaper articles, radio/television a	ppearances			\boxtimes
	 Brochures, leaflets 				
	 Presentations 				\boxtimes
	– Displays				\boxtimes
	 Information at border crossing points 				
	 Telephone hotline 				
	 Other (specify) 				
	Please attach copies of any items. Copie ied with this report. Information allows for continued use.				

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in pern signatures of officials emp permits/certificates been	Yes No Not applicable No information					
	If no, please provide detail						
	Changes in permit fo with the CITES Secretaria		as done	in collab	oration		
	Changes in designation New adminsitrative chan communicated to the CIT	ges are expec	ted shor	tly. This			
2	To date, has your country for any of the following?	/ developed wr	itten peri	mit proced	lures	Tick if applicable	e
				Yes	No	No information	on
	Permit issuance/acceptan	се					
	Registration of traders						
	Registration of producers						
3	Please indicate how many period? (Note that actual question refers to issued	trade is report				•	
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re- export	Other	Comments	
	How many documents were issued?		1	1		2007	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?						
	Year 2		Ì		1		
	How many documents were issued?		1	1		2008	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?						
4	Were any CITES documer replaced because of serio	ed and	Yes No No information				
5	If Yes, please give the rea	asons for this.					

6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES docum other countries.	nents fro	m	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 t procedure for issuance of permits?	tool in tl	ne	Yes No No information
	Comments There is inadequate information on stocks to set quotas; a proposal requesting assistance assessment has been submitted to the Secretariat other organizations.	with a	stock	
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been recalled upon by Management Authority. Occasionally	-	-	-
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registr related CITES activities?	ration or		Tick if applicable
	 Issuance of CITES documents: 			\boxtimes
	 Licensing or registration of operations that product species: 	ce CITES	5	
	 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. charged for processing. Upon passing of the Regula structure will be applied for various CITES products.			
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implement CITES or wildlife conservation?	ntation (of	Tick if applicable
	– Entirely:			
	– Partly:			
	– Not at all:			
	 Not relevant: 			
	Comments: Funds are directed to the Gove consolidated fund.	ernment		
12	Please provide details of any additional measures	taken:		
	Funds are expected to increase once the Regulati	ons for		
	the newly approved CITES Act are developed.			

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities effectiveness of CITES implementat					ance	Tick if applicable
	Increased budget for activities		Impro netwo	vement	t of r	natior	nal
	Hiring of more staff		1	ase of oring/e			equipment for
	Development of implementation tools		i	outeriza		_	
	 Other (specify) While there are r CITES only, implementation of the continues to benefit from any capa the two Scientific Authorities, espect that address CITES issues. 	he Co acity bu	nventio uilding 1	on by that tal	Saint kes p	t Luo blace	cia at
2	Have the CITES authorities received building activities provided by exter			from a	any o	of the	following capacity
	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?
	Target group						
	Staff of Management Authority						
	Staff of Scientific Authority						TheCITESSecretariatinrelationtoandtechnicalassistance.EuropeanCommunitySpecialFrameworkofAssistance(2003)project finance
	Staff of enforcement authorities						
	Traders						
	NGOs						
	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							
	Other (specify)							
4	Please provide details of any additic	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 and review 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 ind Management A MAs, SAs, Cus	uthority	to ensure	e co-ordina	-			
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)
	Meetings							
	Consultations							
4	At the national collaborate with		ive there l	been any e	efforts to	Tick if	f applicable	Details if available
	Agencies for de	velopm	ent and ti	ade			\square	
	Provincial, state	e or terr	itorial aut	norities				Ministry of Trade is on CITES Committe e
	Local authorities	s or cor	nmunities					
	Indigenous peop	oles						
	Trade or other p	orivate	sector ass	ociations				
	NGOs							
	Other (specify)							
5	To date, have a arrangements fo agreed betweer agencies?	or instit	utional co	operation	related to C	ITES be		if applicable
	Scientific Autho	ority						
	Customs							
	Police							
	Other border au	Ithoritie	s (specify)				
	Other governme	ent age	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)							

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7	Has there been any effort to encourage any non-Party to	Yes	
	accede to the Convention?	No	\square
		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	\square
		No information	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was pr	ovided?	
11	Has any data been provided for inclusion in the CITES	Yes	
	Identification Manual?	No	\square
		No information	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
13	Have measures been taken to achieve co-ordination and	Yes	\square
	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 r Committee and Biodiversity Committee.	epresentatives on (CITES
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					
	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				
		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 improved 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 X				
5	 No information 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. Need for sustained raising of awareness, 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 					
	•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 identified within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes No No information				
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	\boxtimes
		Not available	
		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	\boxtimes
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 update)		
	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. Unfortunately, this deadline was not met due to staffing constraint issues being experienced at the Office of the Attorney General, coupled with political changes and preparations for elections. The new CITES Act was finally published in the Saint Lucia Gazette issue of September 17, 2007. However, there was a movement of officers in both SA's who were responsible for coordinating on CITES matters which led to a delay on the finalising of the CITES Regulations and thus, a delay on the

commencement date for enactment. It is envisioned that this

will be addressed by January 2010.

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