

A. General information

Party	
Period covered in this report (e.g. 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004)	1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012
Details of agency preparing this report	Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA)
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA)

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.	Yes (fully) <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Yes (partly) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information/unknown <input type="checkbox"/>				
2	If any CITES-relevant legislation has been planned, drafted or enacted, please provide the following details: Title and date: _____ Status: _____ Brief description of contents: _____					
3	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>				
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted.	legislation attached <input type="checkbox"/> provided previously <input type="checkbox"/> not available, will send later <input type="checkbox"/>				
5	Which of the following issues are addressed by any stricter domestic measures adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention)? Tick all applicable					
Issue	The conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
Trade	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possession	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional comments The Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act [ESA] requires a CITES import permit from AVA for any import of CITES Appendix II species. The ESA empowers AVA to require transshipments of CITES species through Singapore to be accompanied by valid CITES permits. The ESA also empowers AVA to seize any illegal CITES species in transit. The Act has imposed domestic trade bans on rhinoceros and tigers and their parts and derivatives such as TCM products. The revised ESA also allows AVA to take enforcement actions and impose the same penalties for cases involving fake CITES specimens ie. which are purported to be of CITES species but are fakes.						

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items? Tick all applicable				
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information
	Powers of CITES authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Clarity of legal obligations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Control over CITES trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implementing regulations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coherence within legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please provide details if available: The Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act can be downloaded from AVA homepage at http://www.ava.gov.sg/Legislation/ListOfLegislation/ .					
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
				No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
			No information <input type="checkbox"/>		
Please provide details if available:					
8	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Convention? Tick all applicable				
	Subject	Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Harvesting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Transporting of live specimens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handling and housing of live specimens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Please provide details if available: AVA also administers the Animals and Birds Act and the Wild Animals and Birds Act (WABA) on animal health, welfare, transport, capture and keeping.					
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil.				

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	No information
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?			
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Border controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations. If available, please attach details. Please refer to the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act.			
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If information available: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.	Number Total in 2011 = 25 Total in 2012 = 29		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex. Between April and July 2012, AVA investigated 2 residences keeping significant amounts of illegal wildlife. A total of 18 animals were seized from the households, of which 8 of them are CITES-listed animals such as tortoises, pythons and poison frogs. One case was compounded S\$1400 while the other case was prosecuted in Court and fined S\$8000. In 2012, AVA investigated 5 cases involving online sales of illegal wildlife such as tortoises, tarantulas, pythons and python bracelet. 4 of the cases were compounded between S\$200 and S\$1000 while one case was prosecuted in Court and fined S\$4000 for selling 4 tortoises which were illegally imported.			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex. Please refer to Q7 above.			

10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of?	Tick if applicable	
	– Return to country of export		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Public zoos or botanical gardens		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Designated rescue centres		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Approved, private facilities		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Euthanasia		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify): Confiscated dead specimens may also be donated to museums or destroyed by incineration.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Nil.		
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes No Not applicable No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Nil.		
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: Under the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN), Singapore is working closely with the CITES authorities in ASEAN countries to combat the illegal wildlife trade, for eg. joint wildlife enforcement operations.		
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	If Yes, please describe: Nil.		
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes No Not applicable No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: There are more regular inspections conducted by AVA on import and export wildlife consignments, retail shops including souvenir shops, traditional Chinese medical shops and aquarium fish shops to ensure that they do not trade in illegal CITES specimens. During our visits, we also distribute advisories to the shops to educate them about CITES, the laws and prohibited wildlife specimens that cannot be sold eg. tiger products (attached advisory for ref). AVA has also stepped up online patrol of Internet websites and pet forums to ensure that users do not engage in illegal wildlife trade and violate CITES and our national laws.		
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil.		

D. Administrative measures**D1 Management Authority (MA)**

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	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory.		
5	How many staff work in each MA? There are 8 full-time CITES staff in the Wildlife Section within the AVA.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters? If yes, please give estimation: 100%	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if applicable	
	– Administration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Biology		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Economics/trade		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Law/policy		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify):		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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: Nil.		

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. Pls correct the email address for janice_yap@ava.gov.sg		
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if applicable	
	– Government institution		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Academic or research institution		<input type="checkbox"/>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permanent committee <input type="checkbox"/> - Pool of individuals with certain expertise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> 																																				
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? Relevant staff in AVA (which is the SA) and other agencies are consulted regarding CITES issues eg. introduction of new pet species, determination of whether the recipient of live CITES specimens (all Appendices) are suitably equipped to house and care for the specimens etc.																																				
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																																			
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7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if applicable																																			
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8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																																			
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10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																																			
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil.																																				

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email). Nil.	
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement: AVA	
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: AVA works closely with the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA), Police Coast Guard and Singapore Customs to curb the illegal wildlife trade in Singapore. At the regional level, Singapore is a member of the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN), which comprises wildlife law enforcement agencies in the 10 ASEAN countries. ASEAN-WEN facilitates crossborder collaboration between ASEAN member countries through intelligence and information sharing and capacity-building.	

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
	– Permit issuance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
	– Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>																												
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2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet? Tick if applicable																													
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3	Is there an electronic information system providing information on CITES species?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																												

4	If Yes, does it provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislation (national, regional or international)? - Conservation status (national, regional, international)? - Other (please specify): 	Tick if applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Is it available through the Internet: Please provide URL: www.ava.gov.sg , www.cites.org	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>

6	Do the authorities indicated have access to the following publications?			Tick if applicable
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species</i> (book)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices</i> (CD-ROM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Identification Manual</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<i>CITES Handbook</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access this information? Nil.			
8	Have Enforcement Authorities reported to the Management Authority on:			Tick if applicable
	– Mortality in transport?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Seizures and confiscations?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Discrepancies in number of items in permits and number of items actually traded?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments: Nil.				
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, please give the URL: www.ava.gov.sg				
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Brochures, leaflets			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Presentations			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Displays			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Information at border crossing points			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Telephone hotline			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
– Other (specify): Social media (eg. Facebook)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Please attach copies of any items. Please see attached copies of advisories and brochures.				
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil.			

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit format or the designation and signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the Secretariat?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	If no, please provide details of any:			
	<p>– Changes in permit format: Since March 2012, AVA implemented a watermark system for CITES permits, certificates and attachments such as taglists for Dragonfish, locally captive-bred CITES-listed birds and tagged crocodilian skins. The watermark features serve to distinguish the original CITES permits and certificates from the photocopies. The security features would prevent unauthorised reproduction or fraudulent use of the CITES permits and certificates for import/export/re-export of CITES-listed specimens. A condition page had also been included with the CITES permits and certificates for permittees to comply with the CITES and AVA regulations. Electronic AVA logo stamp was implemented for all CITES permits and certificates.</p>			
	– Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials: Nil.			
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?	Tick if applicable		
		Yes	No	No information
	Permit issuance/acceptance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Registration of traders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Registration of producers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	1773	423	8968	-	
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?	-	-	-	-	Not tracked. Applications are denied because of fraudulent or invalid supporting documents eg. foreign CITES permits
	Year 2					
How many documents were issued?	1894	371	7921	-		
How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?	-	-	-	-	Not tracked. Applications are denied because of fraudulent or invalid supporting documents eg. foreign CITES permits	
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of serious omissions or misinformation?				Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					No	<input type="checkbox"/>
					No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If Yes, please give the reasons for this. Permits replaced as the originals were lost or cancelled as a result of misleading information provided by applicants to obtain permits.					
6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from other countries.					Tick if applicable
	Reason			Yes	No	No information
	Technical violations			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Suspected fraud			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas used as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?				Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
					No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments Not applicable, as Singapore does not allow the export of any native species except skins of captive-bred saltwater crocodiles (<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>) and live Asian arowanas (<i>Scleropages formosus</i>). We do consider exporting country's national export quotas when approving imports of specimens.					
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? Not tracked.					

9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities?	Tick if applicable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issuance of CITES documents: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species <input type="checkbox"/> - Harvesting of CITES-listed species <input type="checkbox"/> - Use of CITES-listed species <input type="checkbox"/> - Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species <input type="checkbox"/> - Importing of CITES-listed species <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> 	
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. CITES permit fee: \$12 per species subject to a minimum of \$60 per import/export/re-export consignment.	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?	Tick if applicable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entirely <input type="checkbox"/> - Partly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> - Not relevant <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:	
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil.	

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level?		Tick if applicable				
	Increased budget for activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improvement of national networks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Development of implementation tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computerization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Other (specify): Nil.				<input type="checkbox"/>			
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/guidanc	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	Staff of Management Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TRAFFIC Southeast Asia, Wildlife Reserves Singapore, CITES Secretariat, CITES Management Authorities of China, Kuwait, Indonesia
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Traders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3	Have the CITES authorities been the providers of any of the following capacity-building activities?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidanc	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Training in CITES requirements and legislations
Staff of Scientific Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Staff of enforcement authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Traders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dialogues, meetings with AVA staff and advisories distributed to public and traders.
NGOs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other parties/International meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meetings with AVA staff.
4	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil.					

D7 Collaboration/cooperative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>				
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet? No formal inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES, but there are SOPs with other agencies on detection and handling of illegal trade in CITES specimens.							
3	If No, please indicate the frequency of meetings or consultations used by the Management Authority to ensure coordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SAs, Customs, police, others):							
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)
	Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regularly, as and when necessary
	Consultations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regularly, as and when necessary
4	At the national level have there been any efforts to collaborate with:	Tick if applicable			Details if available			
	Agencies for development and trade	<input type="checkbox"/>			Nil			
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>			Nil			
	Local authorities or communities	<input type="checkbox"/>			Nil			
	Indigenous peoples	<input type="checkbox"/>			Nil			
	Trade or other private sector associations	<input type="checkbox"/>			Nil			
	NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>			Nil			
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>			Nil			

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?	Tick if applicable
	Scientific Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Customs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Police	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other border authorities (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other government agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Private sector bodies	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Have government staff participated in any regional activities related to CITES?	Tick if applicable
	Workshops	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify): CITES Conference	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Has there been any effort to encourage any non-Party to accede to the Convention?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way? Nil.	
9	Has technical or financial assistance been provided to another country in relation to CITES?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
12	If Yes, please give a brief description. Nil.	
13	Have measures been taken to achieve coordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related conventions)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
14	If Yes, please give a brief description. CITES is implemented and enforced by AVA while the Convention on Biodiversity Convention (CBD) is administered by another agency, the National Parks Board.	
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil.	

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Improvement of national networks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Computerization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty? Difficulties encountered when not all Parties implement Resolutions eg. personal/household exemptions and challenges in species identification eg. timber.			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required. Monitoring and tracking of movements and conversions of CITES specimens have been tedious and complex eg. keeping track of the number of different manufactured products (eg. handbags, wallets, watch straps, etc) produced from a certain number of skins and maintaining the stock balance of the skins. There should be an improved system of monitoring the movements of CITES specimens to ensure legality of the specimens entering international trade. The e-permitting working group should consider a system that can track and manage stocks balance. There is also a lack of simple, cheap and fast species identification kits/tools that can be readily used for identification of specimens.			
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been identified within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil.			

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments Enclosed copies of advisories for reference.		

AN ADVISORY NOTE



Bear gall bladder



Bear bile powder



Elephant ivory figurine



Tiger furskin



Tiger nail pendant



Rhinoceros horn cup

The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) would like to remind all retail shop owners not to import, export, buy, display or sell parts and products made from wildlife of unknown or illegal origin.

Some animals such as tigers, rhinoceros, elephants and Asiatic bears are critically endangered and are listed in Appendix I to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). This listing prohibits international commercial trade, including its parts and derivatives. Under the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 2006, it is an offence for anyone to sell, offer, or display to the public the readily recognizable parts and derivatives of tigers, rhinoceros, elephants and bears such as its teeth, horns, claws, bones, skins and gall bladders that have been illegally imported. Anyone who infringes the Act include a fine of up to \$50,000 per scheduled specimen (but not exceeding an aggregate of \$500,000) and/or a jail term of up to 2 years.

In addition, the domestic trade in tiger and rhinoceros parts and products are also banned. Under Section 2 of the Endangered Species (Import and Export)(Prohibition of Sale) Notification 2006, no person shall sell, offer or display to the public, any tiger or rhinoceros parts and products, whether genuine or fake. Penalties for infringing the domestic trade ban could include a fine not exceeding \$10,000 (but not exceeding an aggregate of \$100,000) and/or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

If you know of any person engaging in this illegal activity, please contact AVA at Tel: 6227 0670. All information provided to AVA would be kept strictly confidential. You may also contact AVA if you have any further queries on trade of wildlife parts and products in Singapore.



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