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CITES BIENNIAL REPORT 2013 AND 2014

SLOVENIA

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PART 1 - CITES QUESTIONS

Note: Part 1 is composed exclusively of the questions included in the CITES Biennial Report format, approved at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, October 2004.

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A. General information

Party	SLOVENIA
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning
	Dunajska 47, SI-1000 Ljubljana
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Slovenian Environment Agency Vojkova 1b, SI-1000 Ljubljana
	Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation Tobačna 5, SI-1000 Ljubljana
	Financial Administration of the Republic of Slovenia Customs Department Šmartinska 55, SI-1000 Ljubljana
	Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia for the Environment and Spatial Planning Vožarski pot 12, SI-1000 Ljubljana
	General Police Directorate Criminal Police Directorate Štefanova 2, SI-1501 Ljubljana

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES- under the CITES National L			eady been provided		fully) partly)		
	If yes, ignore questions 2, 3	and 4.			No			
					No in	formatior	n/unknown	
2	If your country has planned, details:	drafted or	enacted any	y CITES-relevant le	gislation, p	lease pro	vide the following	
	Title and date:		S	Status:				
	Brief description of contents	3:						
3	Is enacted legislation available	Yes						
	Convention?			No				
						No information		
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted.				e legislation attached provided previously not available, will send later			
5	Which of the following issu your country has adopted fo				neasures th	at Tick	all applicable	
	(in accordance with Article	XIV of the	Convention	n)?				
			The condit	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							

6	What were the results of any review CITES legislation, with regard to the			ess of Tic	ck all applicable	
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information	
	Powers of CITES authorities				\boxtimes	
	Clarity of legal obligations				\square	
	Control over CITES trade				\boxtimes	
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use				\boxtimes	
	Coverage of law for all types of offences				\boxtimes	
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties				\boxtimes	
	Implementing regulations				\square	
	Coherence within legislation				\boxtimes	
	Other (please specify):					
	Please provide details if available:					
7	If no review or assessment has taken pl reporting period?	ace, is one planne	d for the next	Yes No No information		
	Please provide details if available:					
8	Has there been any review of legislation relation to implementation of the Conve		subjects in	Tick al	l applicable	
	Subject		Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natural resou	irces		\square		
	Harvesting			\square		
	Transporting of live specimens			\square		
	Handling and housing of live specimen	\square				
	Please provide details if available:					
9	Please provide details of any additional	measures taken:				

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	No information
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been un	ndertaken?		
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:			
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	\boxtimes		
	Border controls	\boxtimes		
	Other (specify): internet advertising	\boxtimes		
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?			
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If Annex. Detailed information attached in Annex II	f available, p	lease attacl	h details as
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?			

5	5 If information available: Number						
	Significant seizures/confiscations		\boxtimes				
	Total seizures/confiscations	2013: 13 total (0 significant ca					
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on	2013: 13	total (0 sig	nificant ca	.ses)		
	annex.		(2 significar				
		2011.7	(2 significal	n euses)			
	See Annex II						
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 det	ails as Anne	ex.			
	There have been 2 cases that are still in the court procedure. In one case the prosecution decided to drop the case. In all cases it was a criminal offence according to Article 344 of the Criminal Code. (See Annex II)						
	According to Article 344 of the Criminal Code - criminal offence "Unlawful Handling of Protected Animals and Plants" (Article 344 of Criminal Code); Offence includes various of violations such as illegally possession, seizure, damage, killing, export, import or trade of protected wild animal or plant species, protected animals or plants or their parts, or products made therefrom).						
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	attach detai	ls as Anney				
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?			ick if appli	cable		
10	 Return to country of export 			ion ii uppii			
	 Public zoos or botanical gardens 						
	 Designated rescue centres 						
	 Approved, private facilities 						
	– Euthanasia						
	– Other (specify)				\square		
	a) destruction due to human health hazards (mussels)						
	 b) parts and derivatives: by keeping them at MA for educational or research purpose 	20					
	- by giving them to other enforcement authorities for education						
	or public awareness purposes.						
	c) return of the animals in the wild						
	Comments:						
	In most cases dead specimens (parts or derivatives) were seized. Such s by Customs. After the case is concluded, the goods can be used by the authorities for public information (exhibitions etc.) or educational purp	Managem	ent, Custom	s or other	ed		
	officials).						
	Confiscated specimens (mussels, birds) have been destroyed, the ivory prosecutor's office, but since the case has been dismissed they have been Northern goshawk has been returned into the wild.						
11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information		Yes				
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE	or	No		\boxtimes		
	other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?		Not applic	able			
			No inform				
	Comments:						
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities v	with	Yes				
12	other countries	,, 1111	No		\square		
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance joint operation, etc.)?	ce,	No informa	ition			
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:						
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14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist in the	Yes	
	enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	No	\boxtimes
		No information	
15	If Yes, please describe:		
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes	\boxtimes
		No	
		Not applicable	
		No information	
	Comments: Inter-sectoral Committee analyses enforcement activities regularly accordingly (See D7.2)	and agrees on further	actions
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES	Yes	
	Directory?	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	Yes	\boxtimes
	designated?	No	
		No information	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead	MA in the CITES Direc	ctory.
	Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning		
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	Fax: +386 (1) 478 74 25		
	Email: gp.mop@gov.si		
	Lead MA – does not issue CITES documents.		
5	How many staff work in each MA?		
	1 person at the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning		
	1 person at the Slovenian Environment Agency		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related	Yes	\boxtimes
	matters?	No	
		No information	
	If yes, please give estimation		
	1 person at the Ministry of the environment and Spatial Planning: app. 25%		
	1 persons at the Slovenian Environment Agency: app. 75%		
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if a	
	– Administration		\boxtimes
	– Biology		\boxtimes
	– Economics/trade		
	– Law/policy		
	– Other (specify)		\boxtimes
	1. MSc and PhD in Human Ecology		
	2. Biology - Ecology and Systematics (Master Degree)		

	– No information					
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	Yes No No information				
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research i					
	Species: Wolf (Canis lupus) Project title: Conservation and surveillance of conservation status of wolf (Canis (SloWolf) (LIFE NAT/SLO/000244) Project duration: 2010-2013 Objectives: The goal of the project is a long-term conservation of the wolf population is status in Slovenia, and improvement of their coexistence with humans. http://www.volkovi.si	•	and			
	Species: Brown bear (<i>Ursus arctos</i>) <u>Project title:</u> Population level management and conservation of brown bears in northern Dinaric Mountains and the Alps (LIFE DINALP BEAR) <u>Project duration:</u> 01/07/2014 – 30/06/2019 <u>Objectives:</u> The main objective of our project is to overcome the current local-scale practices of brown bear management and pave the way for transition to population-level conservation, management and monitoring. The decrease of human-bear conflicts and promotion of coexistence and promote natural expansion of Brown bear from Dinaric Mountains into the Alps are the additional two objectives of the project. <u>http://dinalpbear.eu/en/</u>					
	Species: Wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>) <u>Project title:</u> Wolf in the Alps: Implementation of coordinated wolf conservation beyond (LIFE WOLFALPS) <u>Project duration:</u> 01/09/2013 – 31/05/2018 <u>Objectives:</u> The ultimate goal of the WOLFALPS project is to implement and co actions in key core areas and beyond in the Alps ecosystem, from West to East, natural wolf alpine recolonisation process. http://www.lifewolfalps.eu/partenariato/	oordinate wolf conse	rvation			
	<u>Species</u> : CITES listed animals <u>Project title</u> : Rescue centre for wild animals <u>Project duration</u> : 5-year contract, currently 2013 – 2017 <u>Objectives</u> : Rescue centre for temporary care of seized and confiscated animals captivity, illegal trade, export or import or other reasons specified by law is prov Management Authority.					
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken					

D2	Scientific	Authority	(SA)
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1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES	Yes No	\square	
	Directory?	No information		
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.			
	Phone number: +386 1 230 95 00			
	Fax number: +386 1 230 95 40			
3	Has your country designated a Scientific Authority independent from the	Yes	\boxtimes	
	Management Authority?	No		
		No information		
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country?	Tick if applicable		

	– Govern	ment institution					
	– Acaden	nic or research ins	titution				
	– Perman	ent committee					
	– Pool of	individuals with c	ertain expertise				
	– Other (s	specify)					
5	How many staf	f work in each SA	on CITES issues	? One pers	on		
6	•	te the percentage	of time they spend	d on CITE	S related	Yes	\boxtimes
	matters?					No	
	If you place a	ive estimation one	movimetaly 0.2 ET	,		No informatio	n 🗌
7		ive estimation app tills/expertise of st				Tic	k if applicable
,	– Botany	ans/expertise of s	IK				
	-	 Ecology 					
	– Fisheries						
	– Forestry						
	– Welfare	·					
	– Zoolog	у					\boxtimes
	– Other (s	specify)					
	- No info	ormation					
8		earch activities b	een undertaken	by the SA	(s) in	Yes	
	relation to CI	FES species?				No	\boxtimes
						No informatio	n 🗌
9		give the species na	me and provide de		· •	h involved.	
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
						No informati	on 🗌
10		ject proposals fo t under Resoluti		rch been s	submitted to	Yes	
	the Secretaria	t under Kesoluti	on Conf. 12.2?			No	
11	Diago provida	datails of any odd	itional maguras t	lan		No informati	on
11	riease provide	details of any add	monai measures t	aken:			

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	To date, has your country advised the Secretariat of any enforcement	Yes	\boxtimes			
	authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	No				
	enforcement information related to CITES?	No information				
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).					
3	Has your country established a specialized unit responsible for CITES-	Yes	\boxtimes			
	related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	No				
	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:	Under consideration				
		No information				
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:					
	Regarding CITES, the Management Authority is lead co-ordinating agend "Inter-sectoral Committee for the Prevention of Illegal Wildlife Trade" (s					
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:					
	Trade of the brown bear (<i>Ursus arctos</i>) products: In 2012, the system allowing trade in bear products was established in Slovenia. In 2014, a random control checks were conducted on trade of brown bear products (providers, producers, consumers) to improve the implementation of legal requirements. As a result of the increased control in the trade of bear products, the number of EU certificates increased from 40 issued in 2013 to 700 issued in 2014.					
	A British citizen trade with nationally protected plant species: In late 2014, an investigation was conducted against a British citizen. He was reported to collect protected plant species in Slovenia, propagate and sell them worldwide by internet. Due to lacking evidence of his activities in the country he was given a written warning and the Slovenian criminal police was informed about the case.					
	Surveillance of the internet trade: Over a period of six months (April – September 2012) the Inspection and national internet sites to identify advertisements on sale, possession and b species, particularly tortoises and lizards. However, also other CITES species were considered in order to get an overview on what kind of CITES species surveillance 39 persons were investigated. In most cases (17) threatened sale, followed by geckos in 4 cases. Other cases included trade in poison (<i>Python molurus</i>), <i>Iguana iguana</i> and other lizards. There was also a case shark jaw.	preeding of threatened reptile ecimens advertised on the interr imens are advertised. During th tortoise species were offered for frogs (<i>Dendrobatidea</i>), snakes	net e or			

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized?	Tick if applicable
	 Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade 	\boxtimes
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade	\boxtimes
	– Permit issuance	\boxtimes
	– Not at all	
	– Other (specify)	\boxtimes
	The information system IS SIRENA (Slovenian Registers of Nature) was developed for appropriate and efficient management of official records relating to the implementation of regulations on protection of wild fauna and flora. The system also ensures appropriate dissemination of information to the public at large. All databases within the IS SIRENA are web based applications, except the CITES database. Registration of marking of wild animals kept in captivity is fully computerised. Register on animal trade enables traders of protected wild animals keeping records of the date of purchase and sale, the origin of an animal and marks.	

2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet? Tick if applic							icable	
	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		vide details when opropriate	re
	Management Authority								
	Scientific Authority	\square							
	Enforcement Authority								
3	Do you have an electr species?	onic info	brmation sys	stem provid	ling info	ormation of	No		
4	If Yes, does it provid	de infor	mation on:				·	Tick if appl	icable
	– Legislation (na	ational, r	egional or i	nternationa	ul)?				\boxtimes
	– Conservation s	status (na	ational, regi	onal, interr	national	?			\boxtimes
	– Other (please s	specify)?	,						\boxtimes
	Application forms for specimens etc.	CITES o	locuments,	fees, regist	ration o	f CITES			
5	Is it available through	the Inter	met:				Ye	es	\boxtimes
							Ne)	
								ot applicable	
							Ne	o information	
	Please provide URL:					1 7 0			
	http://www.pisrs.si (P https://sirena.arso.gov species)		-	-	-		-		
	http://www.arso.gov.s	<u>i/</u>							
	http://www.mop.gov.s	si/en/							
6	Do the following auth	orities ha	ave access t	o the follow	wing pu	blications	?	Tick if applic	
	Pul	olication				gement nority	Scientific Authority	Enforcem Authorit	
	2003 Checklist of CIT	ES Speci	ies (book)		[\triangleleft			
	2003 Checklist of CIT Appendices (CD-RON		ies and Ann	otated	[
	Identification Manual				[\triangleleft			
	CITES Handbook				[\triangleleft	\square	\boxtimes	

7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned info	rmation?	
8	 Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on: Mortality in transport? Seizures and confiscations? Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually the Comments: 	Tick if a	pplicable
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements? If Yes, please give the URL: <u>http://www.arso.gov.si/narava/konvencija%20CITES/</u> <u>http://www.arso.gov.si/narava/poro%c4%8dila%20in%20publikacije/</u> <u>http://www.arso.gov.si/narava/vpra%c5%a1anja%20in%20odgovori/</u> <u>http://www.arso.gov.si/narava/vpra%c5%a1anja%20in%20odgovori/</u> <u>http://www.arso.gov.si/en/nature/reports%20and%20publications/</u> <u>http://www.mop.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/narava/</u>	Yes No No information	
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? Press releases/conferences Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances Brochures, leaflets Presentations Displays Information at border crossing points Telephone hotline Other (specify) Please attach copies of any items as Annex. 	Tick if a	
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit format or the designation and sigempowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported Secretariat? If no, please provide details of any: Changes in permit format: Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials		Yes No Not applicable No information		
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedur following?	es for any of	the	Tick if applicable	
		Yes	No	No informati	on
	Permit issuance/acceptance	\square			
	Registration of traders				
	Registration of producers	\square			

3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued or denied in the two year period?							
	(Note that actual trade is normally reported in the Annual Report by Parties. This question refers to issued							
	documents).		·				7	
	Year 2013	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-exp	ort	Other	Comments	
	How many documents were issued?	140						
	How many applications were denied because of severe ommissions or mis- information?	-	-	-		-		
	Year 2014 How many documents were issued?	148	28	12		1		
	How many applications were denied because of severe ommissions or mis- information?	-	_	-		-		
4	Were any CITES documents that		cancelled	and repla	aced b	because	Yes	
	of severe ommissions or mis-in	formation?					No	\bowtie
							No information	
5	If Yes, please give the reasons f	or this.						
6	Please give the reasons for recountries.	jection of CITES	document	ts from o	other		Tick if applicable	
	Re	ason			Yes	No	No informati	on
	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 quota issuance of permits?	s as a management	tool in the	procedu	ire foi	r	Yes No No information	
	Comments						No information	
	Hunting quotas for certain speci in the procedure for issuance of		os, Canis l	upus) ar	e cons	sidered		
	For Anguilla anguilla there is an		ed on the I	EU level				
8	How many times has the Scient	ific Authority been	requested	to provid	de oni	inions?		
Ű	Management Authority asks for	•	-	-	-		nnexes A and B sp	ecies
	or export of Annexes A, B and					r		
	In case of the imports of skins ((<i>Alligator mississippiensis, Cain</i> general opinion has been provid 338/97.	<i>man crocodilus fus</i> led in accordance v	<i>cus</i> , <i>Varan</i> vith Article	<i>us nilotii</i> e 4 par. 2	cus, V (a) o	<i>f</i> the Cou	r) from Switzerland ncil Regulation (EC	l, a C) No
	Every year, the Scientific Authority also provides a general opinion on the export of live tortoises (<i>Testudo hermanni, Testudo graeca, Testudo marginata, Geochelone elegans, Geochelone sulcata</i>) born and bred in captivity in Slovenia by the registered breeding operations which are regularly checked by the Scientific Authority and competent inspectors. The opinion is based on the breeding success and it defines the maximum number of animals allowed to be used for commercial purposes for the current year. Based on individual applications and additional information, the opinion can be changed. The Management Authority							
	individual applications and additional information, the opinion can be changed. The Management Authority fully respects the opinion when issuing the CITES documents.In case of seizures Scientific Authority could give opinion on species determination, up to 5 opinions per year.							

9	Has the Management Authority charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities?	Tick if applicable
	– Issuance of CITES documents:	\boxtimes
	 Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species: 	\boxtimes
	 Harvesting of CITES-listed species : 	
	 Use of CITES-listed species: 	\boxtimes
	 Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species: 	
	 Importing of CITES-listed species: 	\boxtimes
	– Other (specify):	
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.	
	Fees for permits, registration or related CITES activities amount to 22 EURO per application.	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?	Tick if applicable
	– Entirely:	
	– Partly:	\boxtimes
	– Not at all:	
	– Not relevant:	
	Comments: The revenues from fees are transmitted to core State budget. Wildlife conservation is mainly financed through core State budget.	
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		Improv netwoi	vement o rks	of natio	onal	\boxtimes
	Hiring of more staff		:	use of tec pring/enf			oment for
	Development of implementation tools		Compu	uterisatio	on		
	– Other (specify)						
2	Have the CITES authorities in your country activities provided by external sources?	been the	e recipie	nt of any	y of th	e follo	wing capacity building
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	Staff of Management Authority						
	Staff of Scientific Authority	\boxtimes					
	Staff of enforcement authorities	\boxtimes	\square		\square		
	Traders						
	NGOs						
	Public						
	Other (specify)						

3	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority						Training course organised for the criminal police officers in April 2013 for all (8) Police Directorates of Slovenia and in April 2014 there was an additional training for the Police Directorate of Murska Sobota.
	Staff of Scientific Authority Staff of enforcement authorities						Training course organised for the criminal police officers in April 2013 for all (8) Police Directorates of Slovenia and in April 2014 there was an additional training for the Police Directorate of Murska Sobota.
	Traders NGOs Public						Management Authority regularly gives presentations to legal or natural persons operating with facilities for animals, such as hotels for pets, pet shops, organizers of exhibitions, as well as wildlife traders by training program in accordance with the Rules on protection of pet animals (Official gazette of the RS No 51/2009). At the end of the course the participants must also pass the relevant test of knowledge laid down in this regulation.
	Public						including permanent exhibitions of seized and confiscated specimens, internet.
	Other parties/International meetings						
	Other (specify)						
4	Please provide details of any additional mea	asures tal	ken				

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-a	igency or	inter-secto	oral commi	ttee on CITH	ES?		Yes	\boxtimes
		No							
								No information	
2	If Yes, which ag	gencies a	re represer	ited and ho	w often does	s it meet?	· · · · ·		
	Since 2002, a special inter-sectoral Committee for the Prevention of Illega Wildlife Trade has been operating in Slovenia. For better cooperation between relevant authorities regular meetings of the inter-sectoral Committee take place at least once every six months. The Committee consists of permanent members from Criminal Police Directorate, Customs office of the Financial Administration of the Republic of Slovenia and Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia for the Republic of Slovenia and the Ministr responsible for the environment. As a result of these meetings cooperation actions takes place. The main objective of the committee is a concerted action in the prevention and control of illegal trade in endangered animal and plant species. The main responsibilities of the Committee include collection of data and exchange of information on illegal activities related to trade in endangered species, preparation of administrative and other measures, organisation of joint actions aiming at the detection of illegal activities and providing technical assistance in investigations. The chair of the Committee is responsible for coordinating its work. For the realization of certain tasks officials from other relevant ministries may be appointed. The Committee may also ask relevant divisions of involved ministries for assistance in a particular task.								
3	If No, please indi among CITES au							A to ensure co-ordi	ination
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (speci	fy)
	Meetings								
	Consultations								
4	At the national le collaborate with:	vel have	there been	any effort	s to	Tick i	f applicable	Details if ava	ilable
	Agencies for dev	elopment	and trade						
	Provincial, state of	or territor	rial authori	ties					
	Local authorities	or comm	unities						
	Indigenous peopl	es							
	Trade or other pr	ivate sect	or associat	tions					
	NGOs								
	Other (specify)								

5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the MA and the following agencies?		Tick if app	plicable
	SA			
	Customs			
	Police			
	Other border authorities (specify)			
	Other government agencies			
	Private sector bodies			
	NGOs			
	Other (specify)			
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?		Tick if app	plicable
	Workshops			\boxtimes
	Meetings			\boxtimes
	Other (specify)			
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to	Yes		
	the Convention?	No		\boxtimes
		No information		
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?			
9	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance country in relation to CITES?	to another	Yes	
	country in relation to CITES :		No	
			No information	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was			
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CIT Manual?	TES Identification	Yes	
			No	
10			No information	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.	1 1	X7	
13	Has your country taken measures to achieve co-ordination a duplication of activities between the national authorities for		Yes	
	multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity		No information	
	Conventions)?		No information	
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
	Regular meetings are held between MA, SA and enforceme points responsible for multilateral environmental agreemer and Spatial Planning are cooperating and information on on at the internal meetings.	nts working at the M	Ministry of the Enviro	onment
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 implevel and what is the respective level of priority?	lementat	ion at the na	tional
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities			\square
	Hiring of more staff			\square
	Development of implementation tools			\square
	Improvement of national networks			\square
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement			\square
	Computerisation			\square
	Other (specify)			
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific	Yes		
	Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	No		\boxtimes
		No info	rmation	
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country	Yes		
	requiring attention or assistance?	No		\boxtimes
		No inf	ormation	
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is	required	•	
6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the	Yes		
	Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	No		\boxtimes
		No inf	ormation	
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	
	ANNEX I - Stricter domestic legislative measures	Not available	
		Not relevant	\boxtimes
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	\boxtimes
	ANNEX II (Tables: 1,2,3)	Not available	
		Not relevant	
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	\boxtimes
	ANNEX II (Tables: 1,2,3)	Not available	
		Not relevant	
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	
	ANNEX II (Tables: 1,2,3)	Not available	
		Not relevant	\boxtimes
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	
	ANNEX II (Tables: 1,2,3)	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	
		Not relevant	
	Comments		
	http://www.arso.gov.si/en/nature/reports%20and%20publications/		
	http://www.mop.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/narava/		
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ANNEX I - STRICTER DOMESTIC LEGISLATIVE MEASURES - SLOVENIA

1. INSURANCE OF ADEQUATE LIVING CONDITIONS

The specimens of wild animal species could only be kept in captivity if adequate living conditions are ensured in accordance with Article 19 of the Nature Conservation Act (Nature Conservation Act (Official Gazette of RS, No. 56/99) These conditions should meet at least minimal standards prescribed in Annex I of the *Order on the living conditions for and care of wild animals kept in captivity* (Official Gazette of RS, No. 90/01).

The Slovenian Environment Agency keeps the record of notifications and animal markings in accordance with Article 20 of the *Rules on the marking of animals of wild species kept in captivity* (Official Gazette of RS, No. 58/04).

2. PERMIT FOR CAPTIVE-BREEDING

Whoever intends to breed animals of indigenous or non-indigenous species must obtain a permit issued by the Ministry responsible for nature protection (Nature Conservation Act, Article 21). Conditions for obtaining a permit for captive-breeding for commercial purposes of specimens of species listed in CITES Appendices or nationally protected species are laid down in Article 29 of the *Decree on the course of conduct and protection measures in the trade in animal and plant species* (Official Gazette of RS, No. 39/08).

Scientific Authority, in cooperation with the inspection body, regularly monitors those breeding operations. Every year by 15 February, a breeder has to submit to the Management and Scientific Authorities an annual report on the breeding for the preceding year. When he acts contrary to the provisions under which the permit has been issued, the permit is withdrawn.

3. Assessment of risk to nature

Prior to the import of plants or animals of non-indigenous species for the purpose of introduction or re-introduction into the wild or captive breeding or artificial propagation, a proposer must enclose with the application the findings of the (Nature Conservation Act, Arts. 17, 18 and 21). Assessment of risk to nature is carried out to avoid possible harmful effects to native fauna and flora in the case of deliberate release or incidental escape of specimens of non-indigenous species into the natural environment. The assessment of risk to nature is carried out by a competent legal or natural person designated by the minister in accordance with the *Rules on the assessment of risk to nature and on the authorisation*. The expense related to the carrying-out of the assessment of risk to nature is covered by the applicant.

4. PERMIT FOR KEEPING IN CAPTIVITY WITH THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

A natural or legal person who intends to keep animals of indigenous or non-indigenous species in captivity with the purpose of public exhibition in zoos, aquariums, terrariums or similar facilities must obtain a permit of the Ministry responsible for nature protection (Nature Conservation Act, Art. 20). The permit for zoos and similar facilities is issued by the Ministry responsible for nature protection in accordance with the provisions of the *Decree on zoos and similar facilities* (Official Gazette of RS, No. 37/03).

5. PROHIBITION OF KEEPING IN CAPTIVITY CERTAIN ANIMAL SPECIES

Article 13 of the *Decree on protected wild animal species* (Official Gazette of RS, No. 46/04) prohibits keeping in captivity wild specimens of species listed in its Annex I. The derogations apply to a rescue centre and Zoos in accordance with the acts regulating their operation. Keeping of such

specimens by other natural or legal persons is possible in exceptional cases on the basis of the permit issued by the Ministry responsible for nature protection if the prescribed conditions are met.

6. PROHIBITION OF KEEPING IN CAPTIVITY CETACEANS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

The Decree on the course of conduct and protection measures in the trade in animal and plant species in its Article 16 prohibits the use of specimens of the cetacean species (Cetacea) for commercial purposes, including for commercial dolphinaria and for therapeutic programs.

7. PROHIBITION OF TRANSPORT, MOVE, SALE, EXCHANGE OR OFFER FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

The *Decree on protected wild animal species* in its Article 14 prohibits transport, moving, selling, exchanging or offering for sale or exchanging live or dead animals of the species listed in Annex 1 to this Decree if they have been taken from the wild. The derogations apply to keeping in captivity, transport and moving of live or dead animals if they were taken from the wild in accordance with the Article 6 of the *Decree on protected wild animal species*, or if specimens were legally taken from the wild, imported, seized and confiscated in accordance with the EU wildlife trade regulations.

8. ACQUISITION OF CONFISCATED LIVE SPECIMENS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

When Management Authority decides that the confiscated live specimens are to be handed over to a legal or natural person for commercial purposes (Article 34, para 5. of the *Decree on the course of conduct and protection measures in the trade in animal and plant species*, such person should obtain a permit for captive breeding in accordance with Article 28 of the *Decree*.

9. OBLIGATION OF MARKING OF WILD ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY

The *Rules on the marking of animals of wild species kept in captivity* lay down species that have to be marked. Animals of wild species to be marked under these Rules are mammals, birds and reptiles that are:

- listed in Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein (OJ L 61, 3.3.1997, p. 1),
- listed in Annex B to Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 and are part of a breeding stock,
- protected by a regulation governing the protection of wild animal species,
- birds of genuses Ara and Amazona, and of species Alisterus amboinensis, Aratinga euops, Cacatua alba, Cacatua ducorps, Cacatua galerita, Cacatua galerita triton, Cacatua leadbeateri, Cacatua sanguinea, Cacatua sulphurea citrinocristata, Callocephalon fimbriatum, Calyptorhynchus baudinii, Calyptorhynchus funereus, Calyptorhynchus banksii, Chalcopsitta cardinalis, Cyclopsitta diophthalma diophthalma, Deroptyus accipitrinus fuscifrons, Eclectus roratus, Eos cyanogenia, Nestor notabilis, Northiella haematogaster naretha, Psittacula columboides, Psittacula longicauda, Psittacus erithacus, Pyrrhura rhodogaster.

The Rules lay down methods of marking and types and quality of marks. Young turtles with the flat bottom part of the shell (plastron) shorter than 100 mm that have been bred by breeders having a breeding permit are not to be marked. Animals marked with marks approved by the competent authorities of other countries which are equal to marks specified in the Rules need not to be marked. The Rules also lay down that the animals that are lighter than 200 g or have not yet grown to that weight and birds that are marked by a closed ring should not be marked.

Birds hatched in captivity must be marked with closed rings. A bird must be marked with a ring with the inner diameter as stipulated in Annex 2 to the Rules. The leg bearing the ring must be undamaged. If the last two conditions are not fulfilled, a bird is considered as not marked. Where

the inner diameter of the ring is not laid down, the bird is marked with an open ring appropriate to the size of the leg or with a microchip or by a description.

The marks should be supplied and marking carried out only by persons authorised by the Slovenian Environment Agency. The breeder must mark the animal within ten working days from its acquisition or within the five working days after the quarantine has been concluded if this is longer than ten working days. The marker issues a marking certificate after every marking and enters it in the electronic evidence which is kept by the Slovenian Environment Agency.

In case of parrots and lories (order Psittaciformes) listed in Annex A of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97, birds of prey (order Falconiformes) and owls (order Strigiformes) a deposit of samples for molecular and genetic analyses is mandatory. Samples are taken when the bird has grown sufficiently to make it impossible to take off its ring.

10. ENDANGERED AND INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED ANIMAL SPECIES

The *Decree on protected wild animal species* transposes the provisions of certain Articles of *Council Directive 79/409/EEC* (Bird Directive) and *Council Directive 92/43/EEC* (Habitat Directive) into national legal order and prescribes the protection measures for internationally protected animal species.

The provisions of the Decree apply to live and dead wild animals in all stages of development (eggs, including eggshells, larvae, pupae, young and adult animals), parts or derivatives of dead animals which appear from accompanying documents, the packaging or a mark or from any other circumstances, to be parts or derivatives of animals. Provisions also apply to animal structures such as nests, haunts, resting or breeding grounds etc. It is prohibited to consciously harm, poison, kill, take from the wild, hunt, capture or disturb animals of the species listed in Annex 1 to the Decree. The Annexes to the Decree also contain native species that are listed in CITES Appendices (e.g. sea mammals, brown bear, wolf, wild cat, lynx, otter, birds of prey and owls, sea turtles etc.). Taking of live animals from the wild and keeping them in captivity or possessing their parts or derivatives or their structures protected by the Decree could be permitted by the Ministry responsible for nature protection in exceptional cases.

11. ENDANGERED AND INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PLANT SPECIES

The *Decree on protected wild plant species* (Official Gazette of RS, No. 46/04) transposes the provisions of certain Articles of *Council Directive 92/43/EEC* (Habitat Directive) into national legal order and prescribes the protection measures for internationally protected plant species. It is prohibited to consciously destroy, in particular to pick, cut, uproot and take from the wild, damage or collect plants of the species listed in Annex to the Decree and to threaten the existence of these species in their natural distribution range. The provisions of the Decree apply to wild plants, all plant parts (above-ground parts, especially flowers, fruit with seed, stalks, leaves; underground parts, especially corms, bulbs and tubers), their stages of development and derivatives. It is prohibited to transport, move, sell, exchange or offer for sale or exchange plants of the species listed in Annex to the Decree that have been taken from the wild. It is permitted to take from the wild, exploit or possess specimens of protected plant species, when they have been: taken from the wild in accordance with the Decree, taken from the wild in accordance with the regulations.

12. Commercial activities involving specimens of protected native species

In accordance with Article 16 of the *Decree on the course of conduct and protection measures in the trade in animal and plant species* it is prohibited to use for commercial purposes specimens of

the species which are listed in Annex 1 to the *Decree on the protection of wild animal species* or in Annex 1 to the *Decree on the protection of wild plant species*, but not in Annex A to Regulation 338/97. The Management Authority exceptionally allows the use of such specimens for commercial purposes, provided that such specimens have been legally obtained, captive-bred or artificially propagated or are essential to the advancement of science. The Management Authority issues a certificate for that purpose. The derogation applies to seedling cultures or tissue cultures. The commercial use of parts of plants of species not listed in Annex A of Regulation 338/97/EC, including cut flowers, must be in accordance with the regulation governing the conservation of wild plant species.

13. RECORD-KEEPING OF TRADE IN ANIMALS OF WILD SPECIES

A natural or legal person who is engaged in trade in live animals must keep records on trade in animals. In accordance to the *Rules on record-keeping of trade in animals of wild species* (Official Gazette of RS, No. 5/10) records of trade must be kept for animals that are listed in Annex A or B to the Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 or Annex 1 to the *Decree on protected wild animal species*.

ANNEX II - Report on seizures and confiscations in Slovenia Table 1: Seizures and confiscations in 2013

DATE OF SEIZURE	CUSTOMS BORDER PORT	COUNTRY OF IMPORT / (RE)EXPORT	MODE OF TRANSPORT	OFFENDER'S NATIONALITY	TAXONOMIC GROUP / SPECIES	QUANTITY	TYPE OF SPECIMEN	REASON FOR SEIZURE	CITES APP. / 338/97 ANN.	SANCTION
16.1.2013	Ljubljana post	SI / NZ	Post parcel	SI	FLORA Hoodia gordonii	1 plastic bottle	MED	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
2.4.2013	Ljubljana post	SI /US	Post parcel	SI	REPTILIA Alligator mississippiensis	6 specimens	TEE	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
12.4.2013	Airport Brnik	SI / SC	By air	SI	SCLERACTINIA spp.	8 specimens	COR	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
23.4.2013	Port Koper	SI / PH	Sea	HR	ANTIPATHARIA spp.	100 specimens	COR	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
24. 4. 2013	Criminal Police	Not known	Personal vehicle	SI	BIVALVIA Lithophaga lithophaga	29 kg	BOD	Smuggling	II / B	Criminal prosecution on-going
18.4.2013	Ljubljana post	SI / US	Post parcel	SI	MAMMALIA CETACEA spp.	1 specimen	DER	No CITES documents	I/A	Giving over of goods to the State
29.5.2013	Ljubljana post	SI / ZW	Post parcel	SI	REPTILIA Crocodylus niloticus	7 specimens	LPS	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
29.5.2013	Ljubljana post	SI / ZW	Post parcel	SI	MAMMALIA Elephantidae spp.	2 specimens	DER	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
29.5.2013	Ljubljana post	SI / ZW	Post parcel	SI	MAMMALIA Elephantidae spp.	2 specimens	LPS	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
21.6.2013	Ljubljana post	SI / ZW	Post parcel	SI	REPTILIA Alligatoridae spp.	4 specimens	LPS	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
4.7.2013	Ljubljana post	SI / US	Post parcel	SI	REPTILIA Alligator mississippiensis	1 specimen	TRO	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
18.10.2013	Murska Sobota - inland	IT / UA	Personal vehicle	UA	PISCES Huso huso	849 g	CAV	Not labelled packing	II / B	Confiscated, fine 300 EUR

DATE OF SEIZURE	CUSTOMS BORDER PORT	COUNTRY OF IMPORT / (RE)EXPORT	MODE OF TRANSPORT	OFFENDER'S NATIONALITY	TAXONOMIC GROUP / SPECIES	QUANTITY	TYPE OF SPECIMEN	REASON FOR SEIZURE	CITES APP. / 338/97 ANN.	SANCTION
24.12.2013	Ljubljana post	SI/ UA	Post parcel	SI	PISCES Huso huso	678 g	CAV	Not labelled packing	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State

Table 2: Seizures and confiscations in 2014

DATE OF SEIZURE	CUSTOMS BORDER PORT	COUNTRY OF IMPORT / (RE)EXPORT	MODE OF TRANSPORT	OFFENDER'S NATIONALITY	TAXONOMIC GROUP / SPECIES	QUANTITY	TYPE OF SPECIMEN	REASON FOR SEIZURE	CITES APP. / 338/97 ANN.	SANCTION
27.2.2014	Ljubljana post	SI / JP	Post parcel	SI	SCLERACTINIA spp.	7 specimens	COR	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
16.4.2014	Murska Sobota - inland	IT / UA	Personal vehicle	UA	PISCES Huso huso	426 g	CAV	Not labelled packing	II / B	Criminal prosecution on-going
8.8.2014	Ljubljana post	SI /VN	Post parcel	SI	SERPENTES Ophiophagus hannah	100 g	MED	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
19.8.2014	Airport Brnik	SI / TZ	Air	TZ	SCLERACTINIA spp.	1 specimen	COR	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
19.12.2014	Ljubljana post	SI / ID	Post parcel	SI	PYTHONIDAE spp.	1 specimen	LPS	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State

Table 3: <u>Significant</u> seizures and confiscations in 2014

DATE OF SEIZURE	CUSTOMS BORDER PORT	COUNTRY OF IMPORT / (RE)EXPORT	MODE OF TRANSPORT	OFFENDER'S NATIONALITY	TAXONOMIC GROUP / SPECIES	QUANTITY	TYPE OF SPECIMEN	REASON FOR SEIZURE	CITES APP. / 338/97 ANN.	SANCTION
7.11.2014	Port Koper	CZ / CN	Sea	CZ	SCLERACTINIA spp.	18 specimen	COR	No CITES documents	II / B	Giving over of goods to the State
9.12.2014	Criminal Police	-	Private house	SI	Accipiter gentilis	1	LIV	No CITES documents	II / A	Returned into the wild – a decision of the District Court of Ljubljana