

**CONCERNING:** 

### CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



### NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2016/006	Geneva, 5 February 2016

New implementation report format (formerly known as biennial report)

- 1. At its 66th meeting (Geneva, January 2016), the Standing Committee adopted a new implementation report format that is not subject to compliance procedures. The last biennial report for 2013-2014 was due on 31 October 2015. To reflect the three year cycle between meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the implementation report covering the period 2015-2017 is due on 31 October 2018.
- 2. Subject to the availability of external funds, the Secretariat will make a version of the implementation report available using the CITES Online Reporting System by 31 October 2017 (at least a year in advance of the deadline set for submission of reports to the 18th Conference of the Parties).
- 3. The new implementation report format can be found in the Annex to this Notification.
- 4. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2005/035 of 6 July 2005.

Annex

#### Implementation report format

The format below follows the structure of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020* and aims to collect information to enable the Strategic Vision indicators to be implemented.

#### **CITES** vision statement

Conserve biodiversity and contribute to its sustainable use by ensuring that no species of wild fauna or flora becomes or remains subject to unsustainable exploitation through international trade, thereby contributing to the significant reduction of the rate of biodiversity loss and making a significant contribution towards achieving the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Article VIII, paragraph 7 (b), of the Convention requires each Party to submit to the CITES Secretariat a report on legislative, regulatory and administrative measures taken to enforce the provisions of the Convention.

The report format allows Parties to present information in a standard manner, so that it can be easily collated, with three main objectives:

- i) To enable monitoring of the implementation and effectiveness of the Convention;
- ii) To facilitate the identification of major achievements, significant developments, or trends, gaps or problems and possible solutions; and
- iii) Provide a basis for substantive and procedural decision-making by the Conference of the Parties and various subsidiary bodies.

Information on the nature and extent of CITES trade should be incorporated into the annual report [Article VIII paragraph 7 (a)], whereas the report provided under Article VIII paragraph 7 (b) should focus on measures taken to implement the Convention.

The report should cover the period indicated in <u>Resolution Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16)</u> which urges that the report should be submitted to the Secretariat one year before each meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP). The reason for setting the report to be due a year in advance of the following CoP is to allow information to be collated so it can be considered by the Standing Committee in advance of CoP, and enable publication of the Strategic Vision indicators in advance of CoP.

Reports should be prepared in one of the three working languages of the Convention (English, French, Spanish).

Parties are *strongly* encouraged to prepare and submit their reports in electronic form. This will facilitate timely integration of information from Parties into publication of the Strategic Vision Indicators. If reports are only provided in hard copy, resources will be needed at the Secretariat to make an electronic copy, and this is not good use of Secretariat resources.

The completed report should be sent to:

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If a Party requires further guidance on completing their report, please contact the CITES Secretariat at the address above.

Party	Turkey
Period covered in this report	1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Department or agency preparing this report	linistry of Agriculture and Forestry-General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks (Main Management Authora
Contributing departments, agencies and organizations	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry-General Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry-General Directorate of Agricultural Production Ministry of Trade Scientific Authority (TÜBİTAK)

### GOAL 1 ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH AND IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONVENTION

Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures.

All Aichi Targets relevant to CITES, particularly Aichi Target 2, Target 6, Target 9, Target 12, Target 17 and Target 18.

Indicator 1.1.1: The number of Parties that are in category 1 under the national legislation project.

1.1.1a	Have any CITES relevant policies or legislation been developed during the period covered in this report? Yes ☐ No ☒
	If 'Yes', have you shared information with the Secretariat? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐
	If 'No', please provide details to the Secretariat with this report:
1.1.1b	Does your legislation or legislative process allow easy amendment of your national law(s) to reflect changes in the CITES Appendices (e.g. to meet the 90 day implementation guidelines)?  Yes  No  If 'No', please provide details of the constraints faced:

Objective 1.2 Parties have in place administrative procedures that are transparent, practical, coherent and user-friendly, and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens.

Aichi Target 3.

Indicator 1.2.1: The number of Parties that have adopted standard transparent procedures for the timely issuance of permits in accordance with Article VI of the Convention.

		Yes	No	No information
1.2.1a	Do you have standard operating procedures for application for and issuance of permits?	$\boxtimes$		
	Are the procedures publicly available?	$\bowtie$		
1.2.1b	Do you have:			
	Electronic data management and a paper-based permit issuance system?	$\boxtimes$		
	Electronic permit information exchange between Management Authorities of some countries If 'Yes', please list countries		×	
	Electronic permit information exchange to Management Authorities of all countries?		×	
	Electronic permit data exchange between Management Authorities and customs?		×	
	Electronic permit used to cross border with electronic validation		$\boxtimes$	

	by cus	tor	ns?																		
	If 'Yes'	' to	any	of th	e abo	ve, p	lease	e prov	vide i	nforr	natio	n or	n cha	lleng	es fa	ced	or issu	ies c	verd	come	
	If 'No',	, do	yoı	hav	e any	plan	s to n	nove	towa	ırds e	e-per	rmitti	ing <sup>1</sup> ?				$\boxtimes$				
	If you	are	; pla	ıning	to m	ove t	owar	ds e- <sub>l</sub>	perm	itting	j, ple	ase	expla	ain w	hat n	night	helpy	ou t	to do	) SO:	
Indicator	1.2.2:				er of			•	g use	e of	the	simp	lified	proc	edur	es p	rovide	ed fo	or in	Resc	lutior

1.2.2a	Has your country developed simplified procedures for any of the f	following?		
		T	Tick all app	olicable
		Yes	No	No information
	Where biological samples of the type and size specified in Annex 4 of Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16) are urgently required.	×		
	For the issuance of pre-Convention certificates or equivalent documents in accordance with <a href="Article VII">Article VII</a> , paragraph 2.	×		
	For the issuance of certificates of captive breeding or artificial propagation in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 5.	×		
	For the issuance of export permits or re-export certificates in accordance with Article IV for specimens referred to in Article VII, paragraph 4.	X		
	Are there other cases judged by a Management Authority to merit the use of simplified procedures?  If 'Yes', please provide details:	X		

Objective 1.3 Implementation of the Convention at the national level is consistent with decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

All Aichi targets relevant to CITES, particularly Target 9, Target 14 and Target 18.

Indicator 1.3.1: The number of Parties that have implemented relevant reporting under Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties and/or Standing Committee recommendations.

1.3.1a	Has your country responded to all relevant special reporting requirements that are active during the period covered in this report, including those in the Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties, Standing Committee recommendations, and Notifications issued by the Secretariat (see [link to location on the CITES website where the reporting requirements are listed])?
	Responses provided to ALL relevant reporting requirements Responses provided to SOME of the relevant reporting requirements Responses provided to NONE of the relevant reporting requirements No special reporting requirements applicable

All Resolutions, Decisions and Notifications are transfered to CITES Authorities regularly by Ministry of Forestry and Rural Affairs

e-permitting refers to the electronic (paperless) management of the permit business process, including permit application, Management Authority – Scientific Authority consultations, permit issuance, notification to customs and reporting.

1.3.1b	Were any difficulties encountered during the period cover implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted of the Parties?  If 'Yes', please provide details of which Resolution(s) or I were / are being encountered?	by the Co	nference	e Yes □	No ⊠ fficulties
	word / and boing and dankered .				
Objectiv	re 1.4 The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation Aichi Target 1, Target12, Target 14 and Target 19.	needs of s	pecies.		
1.4.1:	The number and proportion of species that have be Resolution Conf. 9.24 or its successors. This includes proposals.				
1.4.1a	Have you undertaken any reviews of whether species we on the CITES Appendices?	ould benefi	t from lis	sting Yes ⊠	No 🗌
	If 'Yes', please provide a summary here, or a link to the r (or a copy of that report to the Secretariat if the work is n			:	
Objectiv	Aichi Target 2, Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target	et 7, Target	9, Targ	et 12 and Targe	
Indicator	<ul> <li>1.5.1: The number of surveys, studies or other analys on the sources of information cited in Resolute related to:</li> <li>a) the population status of Appendix-II species</li> <li>b) the trends and impact of trade upon Appendix</li> <li>c) the status of and trend in naturally-occurring recovery plans.</li> </ul>	ution Conf s; dix-II specie	es; and	on Non-detrime	ent findings
1.5.1a	Have any surveys, studies or other analyses been undertaken in your country in relation to:	Yes	No	Not Applicable	If Yes, How many?
	- the population status of Appendix II species?	$\boxtimes$			
	- the trends and impact of trade on Appendix II species?	$\boxtimes$			
	<ul> <li>the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species?</li> </ul>	$\boxtimes$			
	- the impact of any recovery plans on Appendix I species?	$\boxtimes$			
	Have the surveys, studies or analyses integrated relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities?		$\boxtimes$		

	If there are such studies that you are willing	to share, please provide:		
		A brief summary of the results or other analysis (e.g. populati stable / increase, off-take level	on status, de s etc), or pro	ecline /
	Species name (scientific)	links to published reference m	aterial.	
	Please find enclosed the File of "CITES implementations about Na Please find enclosed the File of "Wild Life n Turkey and Land Hu According to Land Hunting Law numbered 4915; we have some cor For example; Otis tarda Action Plan. There is a breeding station for	nting Law numbered 4915" onservation measures or recovery plans for some Cl	TES species	
1.5.1b	How are the results of such surveys, studies	or other analyses used in maki	na non-detrir	ment
1.5.10	findings (NDFs)?		ase tick all th	
		Revised harve		•
		Otelatan	-	export 🛛
		Stricter Changed manage	domestic me	
		Discussion with Manage		·
		Discussion with	•	
	Ot	ther (please provide a short sum		_
1.5.1c	Do you have specific conservation measure plans for naturally occurring Appendix-I liste			$\boxtimes$
	plans for naturally occurring Appendix-1 liste			
		Not Applicable No information		
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, incl impact: Accoding to Land Hunting Law numbered 4915; we have specific For example; Oils tarda and Geronticus eremita.		of their urring Appendix-I listed	species.
1.5.1d	According to Regulation on Natural Flower Bulbo; export of Ochid Have you published any non-detriment findi	ngs that can be shared? Yes	No 🛛	
	If 'Yes', please provide links or examples to	the Secretariat within this report	:	
1.5.1e	Which of the following (A to F of paragraph a do you use in making non-detriment findings		Yes	No
	A. relevant scientific literature concerning sp distribution and population trends.	pecies biology, life history,	$\boxtimes$	
	B. details of any ecological risk assessment	s conducted.	$\boxtimes$	
	C. scientific surveys conducted at harvest lo from harvest and other impacts.	cations and at sites protected	$\boxtimes$	
	D. relevant knowledge and expertise of loca	I and indigenous communities.	$\boxtimes$	
	E. consultations with relevant local, regional	and international experts.	$\boxtimes$	
	F. national and international trade information the CITES trade database maintained by UI Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), publicat on trade and investigations of sales at mark example.	NEP World Conservation ions on trade, local knowledge		

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Indicator 1.5.2: The number of Parties that have adopted standard procedures for making non-detriment findings.

X

1.5.2a	It is forbidden to collect the wild flora and fauna species from the wild, without taking a Permit When the broodstocks wild animals will be taken from nature, the approval of the Scientific Authority is requiered according to Regulation on Possession, Breeding and Trade of Hunting and Wild Animals and the Products. When the natural flower bulbs will be taken from the wild, the approval of the Technical Committee which contains Scientific Authority is required according to Regulation on Natural Flower Bulbs.  Do you have standard procedures for making non-detriment findings in line with Resolution Conf. 16.7?  If 'Yes', please briefly describe your procedures for making non-cor attach as an annex to this report, or provide a link to where the on the internet:  Notification 4/1 Regulating Commercial Fishing (Notification Number: 2016/35)		•	No information  found
1.5.2b	When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of the follow guidance been used?  Virtual Co IUCN Che Resolution Conf. 2008 NDF work Species specific guidance, please specify details:	Plea ollege ocklist . 16.7 cshop		all that apply
1.5.2c	How often do you review and/or change your non-detriment findings?  E	Ū	ly bove	anged:

Indicator 1.5.3: The number and proportion of annual export quotas based on population surveys.

1.5.3a	Do you set annual export q	uotas?	Yes No	
Please f	by other means? Please sp quotas are set: Species Name (scientific) as of Natural Flower Bulbs, Medicinal Leess and Anguilla anguilla are	pased on population survey, or pecify, for each species, how Galanthus elwesii Galanthus woronowii Cyclamen cilicium Cyclamen coum Cyclamen coum Hirudo verbana Anguilla anguilla determined and approved by the Scientific Authority according to population survey of Report on the Medicinal Leeches, CITES Implementations about N		Other, please specify
1.5.3b	ensure sustainable product	been set at levels which will ion and consumption? w this fits into your non-detriment fi	Yes No inding process:	

Aichi Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 10, Target 12 and Target 19.

The number of bilateral and multilateral agreements that specifically provide for co-

Parties cooperate in managing shared wildlife resources.

management of shared CITES listed species by range States.

**Objective 1.6** 

Indicator 1.6.1:

1.6.1a	Is your country a signatory to any bila agreements for co-management of sl			ltilateral			Yes ☐ No 🏻		
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details, ir countries are involved:	ncluding	the nan	nes of th	ne agr	eeme			
	countries are involved.								
ndicator 1	.6.2: The number of cooperative ma populations of CITES-listed spe		ent plans	s, includ	ing re	cover	ry plans, in place for shared		
1.6.2a	Do you have any cooperative manage in place for shared populations of CITI				ecove	ry pla	ns, Yes ⊠ No □		
	If 'Yes', please list the species for which to a published plan for each species.	h these	plans a	re in pla	ce an	d pro	vide a link or reference		
	Species Name (scientific) Link or	referen	ce to a p	oublishe	d plar	1			
	We have action plans for some CITES species. For example; Otis tarda and Geronticus eremita. Please find enclosed the File of "National Level Project"								
1.6.3a	.6.3: The number of workshops and together to address the consespecies.  Have the CITES authorities <i>receive</i> activities provided by external source.  Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	rvation ed or be	and ma	from a	ny of	eeds	of shared, CITES listed,		
	Target group	Oral o advice	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other	What were the external sources <sup>2</sup> ?		
	Staff of Management Authority		$\boxtimes$		$\boxtimes$		EU Projects.		
	Staff of Scientific Authority								
	Staff of enforcement authorities				X				
	Traders	: 1 1	: 1 1	: 1 1	: [ ]	: I I			

 $\boxtimes$ 

Other (please specify):

NGOs Public

Please provide the names of Parties, and any non-Parties, involved.

1.6.3b	Have the CITES authorities been the to other range States?	provide	ers of a	ny of the	e follo	wing (	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						
	Staff of Scientific Authority						
	Staff of enforcement authorities						
	Traders						
	NGOs						
	Public						
	Other Parties/International meetings						
	Other (please specify)						
1.6.3c	In what ways do you collaborate with	other C	ITES P	arties?			
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very Often	Always	Further detail / examples
	Information exchange					Σ	]
	Monitoring / survey			$\boxtimes$			
	Habitat management			$\boxtimes$			
	Species management			$\boxtimes$			
	Law enforcement						
	Capacity building			$\boxtimes$			]
	Other (please provide details)						

Aichi Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 9, Target 10, Target 12 and Target 19.

#### The number of Parties that have, are covered by, or engaged with: Indicator 1.7.1:

- an international enforcement strategy and/or action plan;
- formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network;
- a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan; and
- formal national interagency cooperation, such as a national interagency enforcement committee.

1.7.1a	Do you have, are you engaged in, or covered by:	Yes	No	No Information
	an international enforcement strategy and/or action plan?	$\boxtimes$		
	formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network?	$\boxtimes$		
	a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan?	X		

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		national interagency cooperation, such as a national ency enforcement committee?		$\boxtimes$		
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please specify the level of engagement and provide additional					
	details: Turkey participates the Interpol Operations and in this framework; National Operation Plan is prepared and the Final Report of the is sent to Interpol.					

Indicator 1.7.2: The number of Parties with a process or mechanism for reviewing their enforcement strategies, and the activities taken to implement their strategies.

1.7.2a	Do you have a process or mechanism for reviewing your enforcement strategy(ies) and the activities taken to implement your strategy(ies)?	Yes No, but review is under consideration No				
		No information				
	If 'Yes', what do you do?					
	If 'Yes' or 'No, but review is under consideration', which tools do yo	ou find of value?				
1.7.2b	Have you used the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, or equivalent tools?	Yes No, but toolkit use is unde consideration No No information	r       			
If 'Yes', please provide feedback on the parts of the toolkit used and how useful the equivalent tools have been. Please specify improvements that could be made:						
	If 'No', please provide feedback on why not or what is needed to make the toolkit or equivalent tools useful to you:					

Indicator 1.7.3: The number of Parties that have criminal (penal) law and procedures, capacity to use forensic technology, and capacity to use specialized investigation techniques, for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences..

1.7.3a	Do you have law and procedures in place for investigating,	Yes	$\boxtimes$			
	prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences as a crime?	No				
		No information				
	If 'Yes', please provide the title of the legislation and a summary of the penalties available  Please find enclosed the File of "Turkish Laws and Pen	alties"				
1.7.3b	Are criminal offences such as poaching and wildlife trafficking	Yes				
	recognized as serious crime <sup>3</sup> in your country?	No	$\boxtimes$			
		No information				
	If 'Yes', please explain what criteria must be met for poaching or wildlife trafficking offences to be treated as serious crimes:					

The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines serious crime as conduct constituting an offence punishable by imprisonment for at least four years or a more serious penalty.

1.7.3c	Do you have capacity to use forensic technology <sup>4</sup> to sinvestigation of CITES offences?	t the	Yes No No information	M □			
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary of any samples from CITES-listed species that were collected and submitted to an appropriate forensic analysis facility (located in your country and/or another country) during the period covered in this report:  The collected samples from CITES-listed species are submitted to an forensic analysis lab to description of the species. Turkey has some forensic analysis labs under the TUBITAK or some universitie						
	If 'Yes', and your country has an appropriate forensic please indicate which species it applies to:	analys	is facil	ity for CITES-lis	sted species,		
1.7.3d	Did your authorities participate in or initiate any multi- law enforcement operation(s) targeting CITES-listed during the period covered in this report?	nary <sup>5</sup>	Yes				
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including any other Parties:	y lesso	ns lear	ned which mig	ht be helpful for		
1.7.3e	Do you have a standard operating procedure among agencies for submitting information related to CITES INTERPOL and/or the World Customs Organization?	offence		Yes No No information			
1.7.3f	Do you have legislative provisions for any of the following that can be applied to the investigation, prosecution and/or sentencing of CITES offences as appropriate?	Yes	No	No information	If yes, how many times was this used during the period covered by this report?		
	General crime <sup>6</sup>						
	Predicate offences <sup>7</sup>	X					
	Asset forfeiture <sup>8</sup>	$\boxtimes$					
	Corruption <sup>9</sup>						
	International cooperation in criminal matters <sup>10</sup>						
	Organized crime <sup>11</sup>						
	Specialized investigation techniques <sup>12</sup>						

Please find enclosed the CITES Annual Illegal Trade Reports of Turkey for 2017-2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Capacity to use forensic technology means the ability to collect, handle and submit samples from crime scenes involving CITES-listed species to an appropriate forensic analysis facility, located either in your country or in another country(ies).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A multi-disciplinary law enforcement operation is one that involves officers from all relevant enforcement disciplines as appropriate, for example officers from Police, Customs and the wildlife regulatory authority. It could be either sub-national, national or international in scope.

General crime laws relate to offences such as fraud, conspiracy, possession of weapons, and other matters as set out in the national criminal code.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Article 2, paragraph (h) of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines a predicate offence is an offence whose proceeds may become the subject of any of the money-laundering offences established under the Convention.

Asset forfeiture is the seizure and confiscation of assets obtained from criminal activities to ensure that criminals do not benefit from the proceeds of their crimes.

Provisions against corruption include national laws to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption covering offences such as bribery of officials, embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds, trading in influence and abuse of functions by public officials.

International cooperation in criminal matters includes legislation through which a formal request for mutual legal assistance and/or extradition of a person for criminal prosecution can be forwarded to another country.

Article 2, paragraph (a) of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines an organized criminal group as a structured group of three or more persons, existing for a period of time and acting in concert with the aim of committing one or more serious crimes or offences established in accordance with the Convention, in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit.

	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain how each is used for CITES offences? Please provide a brief summary, including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties:				
1.7.3g	Do you have institutional capacity to implement the legislative provisions listed in question 1.7.3f against CITES offences?	Yes No No information			
	If 'No', please provide a brief summary of your major capacity-building needs:				

Indicator 1.7.4: The number of Parties using risk assessment and intelligence to combat illegal trade in CITES-listed species.

1.7.4a	Do you use risk assessment to target CITES enforcement effort?	Always	
		Very often	
		Sometimes	X
		Rarely	
		Never	
		No information	
1.7.4b	Do you have capacity to analyse information gathered on illegal	Yes	$\bowtie$
	trade in CITES-listed species?	No	
		No information	
1.7.4c	Do you use criminal intelligence 13 to inform investigations into	Always	
	illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Very often	
		Sometimes	$\bowtie$
		Rarely	
		Never	
		No information	
1.74d	Have you implemented any supply-side activities to address illegal	Yes	$\bowtie$
	trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	No, but activities are under development	
		No	
		No information	
1.7.4e	Have you implemented any demand-side activities to address	Yes	X
	illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	No, but activities are under development	
		No	
		No information	

Specialized investigation techniques are techniques that are deployed against serious and/or organized crime when conventional law enforcement techniques fail to adequately address the activities of crime groups. Examples include controlled deliveries and covert operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Criminal intelligence is information that is compiled, analyzed and disseminated in an effort to anticipate, prevent and/or monitor criminal activity. Examples include information on potential suspects held in a secure database and inferences about the methods, capabilities and intentions of specific criminal networks or individuals that are used to support effective law enforcement action.

Indicator 1.7.5: The number of administrative measures, criminal prosecutions and other court actions for CITES-related offences.

During the	e period covered in this report:	Yes	No	No Information			
1.7.5a	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related offences?	×					
	If 'Yes', please indicate how many and for what types of offences. If available, please attach details: Please find enclosed the File of "Turkish Laws and Penalties"						
1.7.5b	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of CITES-related offences? Please find enclosed the CITES Annual Illegal Trade Reports of Turkey for 2017-2018						
	If 'Yes', how many and for what types of offences? If available,	please at	tach details	:			
1.7.5c	Have there been any other court actions against CITES-related offences?						
	If 'Yes', what were the offences involved and what were the result	s? Please	attach detai	ls:			
1.7.5d	How were any confiscated specimens disposed of?	,	Tick	all that apply			
	<ul> <li>Return to country of export</li> </ul>			×			
	<ul> <li>Public zoos or botanical gardens</li> </ul>			$\bowtie$			
	Designated rescue centres			$\bowtie$			
	Approved private facilities			$\bowtie$			
	– Euthanasia						
	<ul><li>Other (please specify):</li></ul>						
	Have you encountered any challenges in disposing of confisca	ited specir	mens?				
	Do you have good practice that you would like to share with ot	her Partie	s?				

**Objective 1.8** Parties and the Secretariat have adequate capacity-building programmes in place. Aichi Target 1, Target 12 and Target 19.

Indicator 1.8.1: The number of Parties with national and regional training programmes and information resources in place to implement CITES including the making of non-detriment findings, issuance of permits and enforcement.

1.8.1a	Do you have information resources or training in place to support: The making of non-detriment findings?		Yes	No
	Permit officers?			$\Box$
	Enforcement officers?		$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	
1.8.1b	Is the CITES Virtual College used as part of your capacity building work?	Yes No	[	
		No information	າ [	
	What improvements could be made in using the Virtual College for capacity building?			
1.8.1c	Is the ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Toolkit used in the	Yes	[	
	development of capacity-building programmes, or does it form part of the curriculum of such programmes?	No No information		X
	What improvements could be made in using the ICCWC Toolkit for capacity building?	140 Illioittiauoi	· [	

### GOAL 2 SECURE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MEANS FOR THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

**Objective 2.1** Financial resources are sufficient to ensure operation of the Convention.

Information to be provided through records held by the Secretariat on financial management of the Convention.

Objective 2.2 Sufficient resources are secured at the national and international levels to ensure compliance with and implementation and enforcement of the Convention.

Aichi Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, Target 12, Target 19 and Target 20.

Indicator 2.2.1: The number of Parties with dedicated staff and funding for Management Authorities, Scientific Authorities and wildlife trade enforcement agencies.

2.2.1a	Do you have an approved service standard(s) <sup>14</sup> for your Management Authority(ies)?		Yes No	
	If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.			
	If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?			
	If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards <sup>15</sup> ?		Yes	
	If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?		No	
	Do you publish your performance against service standard targets?		Yes No	
	If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:			
	If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of:	⁄es		No
	availability of funding?			
	– number of staff?			
	a shortage of skills?			
	If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of?			
2.2.1b	Do you have an approved service standard(s) <sup>47</sup> for your Scientific Authority(ies)?		Yes No	
	If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.			
	If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?			
	If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards <sup>48</sup> ?		Yes	
	If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?		No	
	If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:			
	If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of:	⁄es		No
	availability of funding?			

For example, a time frame in which you are required to provide a response on a decision to issue or not issue a permit, certificate, or re-export certificate.

For example, 85% of all decisions will take place within the service standard.

	<ul><li>number of</li><li>a shortage</li></ul>		do you pood more of?			
	11 165 10 4 511	ortage of skills, writer skills	do you need more or?			
2.2.1c	enforcement a If 'No', please	an approved service standa authority(ies)? go to Question 2.2.1d. ich services are there stand			Yes No	
	_	u have performance targets are your performance target			Yes No	
		ease provide your performa ing the period covered in th				
	If you did not a result of:	meet your performance targ	gets then was this shortfall	Yes		No
	<ul><li>availability</li></ul>	of funding?				
	<ul><li>number of</li></ul>	staff?				
	<ul><li>a shortage</li></ul>	of skills?				
	If 'Yes' to a sh	ortage of skills, which skills	do you need more of?			
2.2.1d			r answered 'No' to the first pa e of approved service standar			:
	Do you have s	sufficient of the following for	your authorities to function e	ffectively?		
	Management Scientific Authority(ies) Authority(ies)				ment y(ies)	
	Funding?	Yes ⊠ No 🗌	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes 🛛 N	10 🗌	
	Staff?	Yes 😡 No 🗌	Yes 🔀 No 🗌	Yes 🛛 N	10 🗌	
	Skills?	Yes 😡 No 🗌	Yes ⊠ No 🗌	Yes 🛛 N	10 🗌	

### Indicator 2.2.2: The number of Parties that have undertaken one or more of the following activities:

- changed the budget for activities;
- hired more staff;developed implementation tools;
- purchased technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement.

2.2.2a	Have any of the following activities been undertaken during the period covered in this report to enhance the effectiveness of CITES	
	implementation at the national level?	Tick if applicable
	Hiring of more staff	
	Development of implementation tools	$\boxtimes$
	Purchase of technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement	$\boxtimes$
	Other (please specify):	

2.2.2b	During the period covered in this repor budget for your:	t, was the	Increased	Stable	Decreased
	Management Authority(ies)			$\boxtimes$	
	Scientific Authority(ies)			$\boxtimes$	
	Enforcement authorities			$\boxtimes$	
2.2.2c	Have you been able to use international development funding assistance to inclevel of implementation of your		Yes	No	Not applicable
	Management Authority(ies)?			$\boxtimes$	
	Scientific Authority(ies)?			$\boxtimes$	
	Enforcement authorities?			$\boxtimes$	
2.2.2d	What is the respective level of priority f the national level through the following		ng the effectiv	veness of CITES	implementation at
	Activity	High	Medium	Low	Not a Priority
	Hiring of more staff	$\boxtimes$			
	Development of implementation tools	$\boxtimes$			
	Purchase of new technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement	$\boxtimes$			
	e-permitting	$\boxtimes$			
	Other (please specify):				
2.2.2e	Do you have a operational system (e.g electronic database) for managing		Yes	Under development	No
	Species information		$\boxtimes$		
	Trade information		$\boxtimes$		
	Non-detriment findings				

Indicator 2.2.3: The number of Parties raising funds for CITES implementation through user fees or other mechanisms.

2.2.3a	Does the Management Authority charge fees for:  Tick all that	at are applicable
	Administrative procedures	X
	<ul> <li>Issuance of CITES documents (e.g. for import, exports, re-export, or introduction the sea)</li> </ul>	on from 🛚 🖂
	<ul> <li>Shipment clearance (e.g. for the import, export, re-export, or introduction from of CITES-listed species)</li> </ul>	the sea
	Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species	X
	Harvesting of CITES-listed species	$\square$
	Use of CITES-listed species	
	Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species	
	Other (please specify):	
2.2.3b	Is a fee schedule publicly available?	Yes ⊠ No 🗌
	If 'Yes', please provide an internet link, or a copy of the schedule to the Secretariat: https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/DHDB/Duyuru/117/Doner-Sermaye-Isletmeleri-2019-Yili-Birin-Fiyat-Listeleri http://www.milliparklar.gov.tr/duyurular/2019/01/09/2019-y%C4%B1/%C4%B1-cites-ve-uygunluk-belge-%C3%BCcretleri	:

2.2.3c	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildli	fe conservation	?
		Entirely	
		Partly	$\boxtimes$
		Not at all	
		Not relevant	
2.2.3d		Yes	No
	Do you raise funds for CITES management through charging user fees?	$\boxtimes$	
	Do your fees recover the full economic cost of issuing permits?	$\bowtie$	
	Do you have case studies on charging or using fees?		$\boxtimes$
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide brief details:		
	Do you use innovative financial mechanisms to raise funds for CITES implementation?		
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		

Indicator 2.2.4: The number of Parties using incentive measures as part of their implementation of the Convention.

2.2.4a	Do you use incentive measures <sup>16</sup> such as those described in CoP14 Doc 14.32 to	implement th	ne
	Convention?	Yes	No
	Due diligence		$\boxtimes$
	Compensatory mechanisms		$\boxtimes$
	Certification		$\bowtie$
	Communal property rights		$\boxtimes$
	Auctioning of quotas		$\boxtimes$
	Cost recovery or environmental charges		$\boxtimes$
	Enforcement incentives		$\boxtimes$
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, or if you use other measures, please provide a summa further information:	ry or link to	
2.2.4b	Have incentives harmful to biodiversity been eliminated?	Not at all	
		Very little	
		Somewhat	
		Completely	

Defined as 'Social and economic incentives that promote and regulate sustainable management of and responsible trade in, wild flora and flora and promote effective enforcement of the Convention'. The intent of such measures is not to promote wildlife trade as such, but rather to ensure that any wildlife trade undertaken is conducted in a sustainable manner.

**Objective 2.3** Sufficient resources are secured at the national and international levels to implement capacity-building programmes.

Aichi Target 12, Target 19 and Target 20.

Indicator 2.3.1: The number of capacity building activities mandated by Resolutions and Decisions that are fully funded.

2.3.1a	How many training and capacity building you run during the period covered in this				Withou from th Secreta	е	stance Conducted or assisted by the Secretariat
			N	lone			
				1			
				2-5			
				6-10			
		_		1-20			
			More tha	an 20		X	
	Please list the Resolutions or Decisions	involve	d:				
2.3.1b	What sorts of capacity building activities	have ta	aken pla	ce?			
2.3.1c	What capacity building needs do you ha	ave?					
	Please tick all boxes which apply 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				X		
	Staff of Scientific Authority						
	Staff of enforcement authorities				$\boxtimes$		
	Traders / other user groups				$\boxtimes$		
	NGOs						
	Public						
	Other (please specify)						

An activity might be a single day training e.g. for a group of staff from the Management Authority, or a longer course / project undertaken by an individual.

# GOAL 3 CONTRIBUTE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING THE RATE OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS AND TO ACHIEVING RELEVANT GLOBALLY-AGREED GOALS AND TARGETS BY ENSURING THAT CITES AND OTHER MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCESSES ARE COHERENT AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE

- Objective 3.1 Cooperation between CITES and international financial mechanisms and other related institutions is enhanced in order to support CITES-related conservation and sustainable development projects, without diminishing funding for currently prioritized activities.

  Aichi Target 2 and Target 20.
- Indicator 3.1.1: The number of Parties funded by international financial mechanisms and other related institutions to develop activities that include CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements.

3.1.1a	Has funding from international financial mechanisms and other related institutions been used to develop activities that include CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements?	Yes No Not applicable No information	
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		
3.1.1b	During the period covered in this report, has funding for your country from international funding mechanisms and other related institutions:	Increased Remained stable Decreased	

Indicator 3.1.2: The number of countries and institutions that have provided additional funding from CITES Authorities to another country or activity for conservation and sustainable development projects in order to further the objectives of the Convention.

3.1.2a	Have you provided technical or finance or countries in relation to CITES?	cial assis	stance to	anoth	ner cou	ıntry	Yes No No	information
	If 'Yes', please tick boxes to indicate type of assistance provided  Country(ies)	Species Management <sup>18</sup>	Habitat Management <sup>19</sup>	Sustainable use	Law Enforcement	Livelihoods	Other (specify)	Details (provide more information in an Appendix if necessary)

Use species conservation column for work directly related to species – e.g. population surveys, education programmes, conflict resolution, etc.

Use habitat conservation column for work that will indirectly support species conservation – e.g. habitat management, development of policy frameworks for how land is managed, etc.

Objective 3.2 Awareness of the role and purpose of CITES is increased globally. Aichi Target 1, Target 4, Target 12 and Target 18.

Indicator 3.2.1: The number of Parties that have been involved in CITES awareness raising activities to bring about better awareness by the wider public and relevant user groups of the Convention requirements.

3.2.1a	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better awareness of the Convention's	Mida a autolia	Relevant User
	requirements by the wider public and relevant user groups?	Wider public	Groups
	<ul> <li>Press conferences</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Press releases</li> </ul>	$\bowtie$	
	<ul> <li>Newspaper articles, brochures, leaflets</li> </ul>	$\bowtie$	
	<ul> <li>Television appearances</li> </ul>	$\bowtie$	
	<ul> <li>Radio appearances</li> </ul>	$\bowtie$	
	<ul> <li>Presentations</li> </ul>	$\bowtie$	
	<ul> <li>Public consultations / meetings</li> </ul>		$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>Market surveys</li> </ul>		
	- Displays		
	<ul> <li>Information at border crossing points</li> </ul>	$\bowtie$	$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>Telephone hotline</li> </ul>		
	<ul><li>Website(s) – if so please provide link(s)</li></ul>	$\bowtie$	
	- Other (specify):		
	Please attach copies of any items or describe examples:		

Indicator 3.2.2: The number of visits to the CITES website.

3.2.2a	How regularly do your Authorities consult the Cl	TES wel	osite?			
	Please tick boxes to indicate the most frequent usage (decide on an average amongst staff if necessary).  Target group	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less frequently	Not known
	Staff of Management Authority	$\boxtimes$				
	Staff of Scientific Authority				$\boxtimes$	
	Staff of enforcement authorities				X	
3.2.2b	What has been your experience with using the	CITES v	vebsite?	Exc	ellent	
				Goo	d	$\boxtimes$
				Ave	rage	
				Poo	r	
				Very	Poor	
				No i	nformation	
	Any further comments on the CITES Website? which authorities find which functions/tools mos					untered,

Indicator 3.2.3: The number of Parties with web pages on CITES and its requirements.

A question relating to this indicator is within question 3.2.1a.

**Objective 3.3** Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced.

Indicator 3.3.1 The number of Parties which report that they have achieved synergies in their implementation of CITES, other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental, trade and development agreements.

3.3.1a	Have measures been taken to achieve coordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national CITES authorities and national focal points for other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the other biodiversity-related conventions: CBD, CMS, ITPGR, Ramsar, WHC) <sup>20</sup> to which your country is party?	Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please give a brief description: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry-General Directorate of Nature Conservation Because of this reason; (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate of Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate of Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes a meeting to achieve coordinate or Nature Conservation (GDNCNP) organizes and the Conservation (GDNCNP	on and National Parks (GDNCNP) is focal point of tion and reduce duplication	f CITES, CBD, Ramsur

Indicator 3.3.2: The number of biodiversity conservation or sustainable use projects, trade and development goals, or scientific and technical programmes that integrate CITES requirements.

3.3.2a	How many international projects which integrate CITES issues has you contributed towards?  -Strengthening National Nature Protection -Conservation and Sustainable Management	•	Natura 2000 Requirements tems
3.3.2b	In addition to 3.2.2a, how many national level projects has your count implemented which integrate CITES issues?	Species Action Plans for Natural Flower Bulb Pla National Biyological Div Please find enclosed th	r 30 species nnts Protection Project ersity Inventory and Monitori e File of "National Level Proje
3.3.2c	Have there been any efforts at a national scale for your CITES Management or Scientific Authorities to collaborate with:	Yes	No
	Agencies for development?		$\boxtimes$
	Agencies for trade?		$\boxtimes$
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities?	$\boxtimes$	
	Local authorities or communities?		×
	Indigenous or local peoples?		$\boxtimes$
	Trade or other private sector associations?		$\boxtimes$
	NGOs?	×	
	Other (please specify) Some universities.	$\boxtimes$	
3.3.2d	Are CITES requirements integrated into?	Yes	No
	National and local development strategies?		$\boxtimes$
	National and local poverty reduction strategies?		×
	Planning processes?		×
	National accounting?		$\boxtimes$

CBD = Convention on Biological Diversity; CMS = Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, ITPGR = International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Ramsar = The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, WHC = World Heritage Convention.

Indicator 3.3.3:	The number of Parties cooperating / collaborating with intergovernmental and non-
	governmental organizations to participate in and/or fund CITES workshops and other training
	and capacity-building activities.

3.3.3a	Has funding been provided or received to facilitate CITES workshops, training or other capacity building activities to / from:	Tick if applicable	Which organizations?
	Inter-governmental organizations?		
	Non-governmental organizations?		

Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals, the sustainable development goals set at WSSD, the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020* and the relevant *Aichi Biodiversity Targets*, and the relevant outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.

This objective may also be assessed by a variety of means beyond the reporting format, including action taken to implement many of the CITES resolutions and decisions.

Aichi Target 1, Target 2, Target 3, Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 12, Target 14, Target 17, Target 18 and Target 19.

Indicator 3.4.1: The conservation status of species listed on the CITES Appendices has stabilized or improved.

3.4.1a	Do you have data which shows that the conservation so of naturally occurring species in your country listed on the state of the state o				
	CITES Appendices has stabilized or improved?		Yes	No	Not Applicable
	Appen	dix I	$\boxtimes$		
	Append	ll xib	$\boxtimes$		
	Append	ix III		$\bowtie$	
	If there are such studies that you are willing to share, pl	ease prov	ide:		
	Species name (scientific) Link to the data, or a brie	f summar	y		
	According to Terrestrial Hunting Law (code 4915); we have conservation status of some CITE For example; Otis tarda (Appendix I) Geronticus eritema (Appendix I) Ursus arctos (Appendix II) Canis lupus (Appendix II)	S species which	are naturally o	ccurring in our	country:
3.4.1b	Do you have examples of specific examples of success	s stories o	Yes		
	emerging problems with any CITES listed species?		No		
			No ir	nformatic	on 🖂
	If 'Yes', please provide details:				

Indicator 3.4.2: The number of Parties incorporating CITES into their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP).

3.4.2a	Has CITES been incorporated into your country's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)?	Yes No No information	
3.4.2b	Have you been able to obtain funds from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) or other sources to support CITES aspects of NBSAP implementation?	Yes No No information	

Objective 3.5	Parties and the Secretariat coagreements dealing with natura and collaborative approach to including those which are commachin Target 2, Target 4, Target 19.	al resou species nercially	rces, as which exploite	s appro can be ed.	opriate, e enda	, in oi angere	rder to achieve a ed by unsustaina	coherent ble trade,
Indicator 3.5.1:	The number of cooperative agreements to prevent specie trade.							
mult bein	illateral agreements other than CITES to prevent species from No						Yes No No information	
Indicator 3.5.2:	The number of times other rele natural resources are consulted							
that i agre- by C Mana Scien	age number of times per year international organizations or ements have been consulted ITES Authorities agement Authority(ies) tific Authority(ies) cement Authority(ies)	Once	XX 2-5 times	☐ ☐ 6-20 times	☐ ☐ More than 20 times	□ □ No consultation	Optional common which organizat issues consu	ions and
Please provide a	<b>Ger</b> ny additional comments you wou	neral fee		includi	ng com	nment	s on this format.	
	Item							
Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation if changed  Web link(s)  Enclosed  Not available  Previously provided								
Please list any materials annexed to the report, e.g. fee schedules, awareness raising materials, etc:  -CITES Imperentations about Natural Flower Bulbs in Turkey -Medicinal Leeches in Turkey -Additional Report on the Medicinal Leeches  -2017 and 2018 Export Quotas for Turkey -3.3.2.b National Level Project  -3.3.2.b National Level Project  -3.3.2.b National Level Project								
Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in yes your country requiring attention or assistance? No No Information								
	If 'Yes', please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.  Are there examples of good practice you would like to share with other Yes No No Information							□ ⊠

Thank you for completing the report. Please remember to include relevant attachments referred to in the report when it is submitted to the Secretariat.

How could this report format be improved?

### Wild Life in Turkey

Turkey has a very rich biodiversity because of its geographical location on the world and also because of its geological and morphological structure. This diversity is also valid for game and wildlife.

Breeding stocks of domesticated plants and animals are essentially provided from the wild species. Because of this reason, the natural resouces are the common heritage of not only the country also of the entire world.

The game and wildlife in Turkey is being managed by General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Sustainability is our essential principle for the management of game and wildlife. Sustainable management, therefore, is only possible with the establishment of protection and exploitation balance.

Turkey, as a country at the intersection of 5 gene centers, has a geographical location that is rich in biodiversity.

Both the climate and topography have played an important role in maintaining astonishing biodiversity in Turkey. Turkey has a very rich flora and fauna with more than 11 000 species of plants, 150 species of mammals, 481 species of birds, 716 species of fish and 130 species of reptiles. In addition, two of the three major flyways for millions of migratory birds, which move between the Western Palearctic and Africa each year, pass through Turkey.

The Turkish Constitution, laws, regulations, and international conventions such as Paris, Ramsar, Bern, Washington (CITES), Barcelona, Combatting Desertification, and Biological Diversity provide the legal framework for nature conservation, sustainable resource use and management. Forest Law coded 6831 enacted in 1956, National Parks Law coded 2873 enacted in 1983, and Land Hunting Law coded 4915 enacted in 2003 authorizes Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for conservation, improvement, and sustainable management of forests, wildlife resources, and biodiversity.

Our culture attaches great importance to conserve nature. Nature conservation practices of Turkey have been institutionalized since 1839.

Sustainable management of wildlife resources depends on successful conservation. For the successful implementation of conservation measures an efficient inspection and control mechanisms have to be developed. Within the frame of this policy, wildlife rangers working in 15 regional and 81 provincial offices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have been trained in inspection procedures and a handbook is prepared, published, and distributed to all provincial and regional offices in order to provide standardization. In addition, to develop an efficient control mechanism, necessary equipment such as guns, radios, binoculars, cameras, sleeping bags, tents, and field vehicles have been provided to all the rangers in the provincial and regional offices.

Wildlife managers have been working to maintain or restore rare and declining wildlife populations for more than 50 years in Turkey. Especially since the adoption of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) more resources and public attention have been focused on species that are legally recognized as endangered or threatened. There are 20 wildlife breeding stations in Turkey for raising species of birds such as Bald Ibis, (Geronticus eremita), pheasants, partriges, and species of big mammals such as Anatolian Mouflon, red deer, roe deer, fallow deer, and gazella. Wild animals raised in captivity are released into wild at selected sites according to IUCN guidelines for re-introduction and restocking purposes. Personnel at the Center of GDNCNP as well as at the regional directorates have been trained on IUCN guidelines on captive breeding and re-locations of wild animal species and on wild animal breeding in order to improve game stocks. Turkey is rewarded with the prestigious Edmond Blanc Prize of the CIC (The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation) for the conservation of Anatolian Mouflon in Konya Province. The Prize is rewarded for outstanding efforts of Turkey in wildlife conservation and game management based on the principles of sustainable use of wildlife resources. Besides, according to the Turkish laws, regulations, and international conventions such as CITES, we have been establishing Wild Animal Rescue Centers for injured and confiscated wild animals. 9 Wild Animal Rescue Centers have been established in different regions so far. In addition, the construction works of 4 rescue centers have been continuing. 2 Wild Animal Rescue Centers will be established in the other different regions in the future.

Turkiye has been a party of the CITES Convention since 1996. By-law on the Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora was published in the Official Gazette dated December 27,2001 with no. 24623 and was revised in 2004. Because of By-law on CITES; Turkey takes place in Category A (I). According to By-law on the Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; Management Authority is; Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Scientific Authority is the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) and Enforcement Authorities are Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Trade.

The trade monitoring and database system was established to issue the CITES permits and certificates electronically. CITES Database program has been working to issue CITES Permits since January 1, 2016.

### 1.7.3 a TURKISH LAWS AND PENALTIES

Without any permit, birds, reptile and mammals except marine mammals imported from the other countries, also some of them taken from wild;

The violation of the provision of the article number 4, 18 and 28 of **The Terrestrial Hunting Law (code 4915)**. The penalty is between 1046 TL (Turkish Liras) and 5254 TL(Turkish Liras) for each subject.

The violation of the provision of the article number 9 and 20 of **The Environment Law (code 2872).** The penalty is 20.000 TL(Turkish Liras) (48.000 TL including value-added tax) for each subject.

The violation of Anti-smuggling Law (code 5607): According to this legislation, export and import of the CITES related matters is prohibited by Law. Because of this regulation, it is stated in our anti smuggling law that, if a person exports the CITES related matters shall be punished from one year up to three years imprisonment and five thousand days of judicial fine.

Moroever, if a person imports the CITES related matters shall be punished from two years up to six years imprisonment and twenty thousand days of judicial fine. A person who buys, exposes for sale, sells, carries or stores the property on purpose, shall be punished with the same penalty.

### **SPECIES ACTION PLANS:**

City	Species	Year
Erzurum	Campanula troegerae	2017
Antalya	Anchusa limbata	2017
Denizli	Silene denizliensis,	2017
	Amphoricarpus praedictus	
Ankara	Campanula damboldtiana	2017
Ankara	Astragalus bozakmani	2017
Niğde	Verbascum adenocaulon	2017
Sivas	Montivipera albizona	2017
Aydın	Centaurea mykalea	2017
Konya	Psephellus hadimensis	2017
Malatya	Psephellus brevifimriata	2017
Hatay	Gazella gazella	2017
Hatay	Lucanus cervus akbesianus	2017
Muğla	Lyciasalamandra	2017
	flavimembris	2017
Rize	Mertensiella caucasica	2017
Erzurum	Darevskia unisexualis	
Erzurum	Campanula troegerae	2017
Antalya	Anchusa limbata	2017
Denizli	Silene denizliensis, Amphoricarpus praedictus	2017
Ankara	Campanula damboldtiana	2017
Ankara	Astragalus bozakmani	2017
Niğde	Verbascum adenocaulon	2017
Sivas	Montivipera albizona	2017
Aydın	Centaurea mykalea	2017
İzmir	Sideritis tmolea	2018
Kırklareli	Verbascum bugulifolium	2018
Edirne	Bellevalia edirnensis	2018
Karaman	Aethionema karamanicum	2018
Konya	Glycyrrhiza iconica	2018
Nevşehir	Acantholimon avanosicum	2018
Trabzon	Senecio trapezuntinus	2018
Aydın	Campanula tomentosa	2018
Denizli	Ekimia ozcan secmenii	2018
Giresun	Adonis cyllenea	2018
Yozgat	Centaurea aksoyi	2018
Yozgat	Psephellus turcicus	2018
Çanakkale	Galanthus trojanus	2018
Diyarbakır	Rosularia biepharophylla	2018
Gümüşhane	Tchihatchewia isatidea	2018

**Natural Flower Bulbs Plant Protection Project** is carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Crop Production, Department of Seed Department for 2016-2018. Natural Flower Bulb Plant Protection Project is supported by the Ministry of Development. **The aim of this project**;

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### NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY INVENTORY AND MONITORING PROJECT:

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- -The Project will be completed for 81 provinces between 2013-2018 years

**Project Period**: 2013-2018 (6 Years)

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- 1-Determining current situation of flora and fauna taxa of Turkey with literature based studies.
- 2-Collecting new data (Flora, Fauna, habitat types.....) with field inventory surveys and update the current flora and fauna data in cooperation with universities, NGO, etc.
- 3- Grouping the data according to endemism, IUCN, BERN, CITES and other significant criteria.

- 4- Monitoring indicator species, their habitats and ecosystems.
- 5-Determining threats on taxa and habitats and recommendations on removal of threats.
- 6-Obtaining GIS data and prepare maps which will be helpfull in conservation studies.
- 7-Uploading the data to Noah's Ark database.

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### Please find below the Meetings on Eel attended by the General Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture:

- 24 November- 02 Dec of 2015 Antalya / Turkey EIFAAC/ ICES/ GFCM Working Group on Eel (WGEEL)
- 15-22 September 2016 Cordoba / Spain EIFAAC/ ICES/ GFCM Working Group on Eel (WGEEL)
- 03 -10 September 2017 Kavala ICES /EIFAAC / GFCM Working group on Eel (WGEEL)
- 16 -20 April 2018 Tunisia Workshop on the management of European eel (WKMEASURES-EEL); Working group on Fishing Technology (WGFiT); Subregional Committee for Central Mediterranean (SRC-CM), including non-indigenous species

### **Additional Report on the Medicinal Leeches**

Turkey is located to far south of the natural geographic range of *H. medicinalis* (as given in Utevsky et al., 2010; Trontelj & Utevsky, 2012) and that since 2011 Turkey has only published CITES quotas and reported leech exports as *H. verbana*.

Turkey is geographically located at the intersection of Europe, Asia, Middle East and Africa. This geographical location enriches Turkey's biodiversity. At present, there are two species of medicinal leech, namely *H. verbana* and *H. sulukii* in Turkey. However, as molecular investigations progress and more intense studies indicate that *H. medicinalis* and new medicinal leech species can be seen in Turkey.

There are one molecular study on medicinal leeches in Turkey identified Hirudo species (Saglam et alü 2016). In this study, *H. verbana* and a new medicinal leech species, *Hirudo sulukii* of Hirudo genus are defined. Saglam (2011, in Turkish) lists both *H. verbana* and *H. medicinalis* as occurring in Turkish wetlands based on the morphological identification in Table 1 (provided in the previous report).

There is legal protection of leeches in the wild in Turkey. According to the Communiqué No 4/1 (Communiqué No: 2016/35) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the collection of medical leeches from wild wetlands between March 1 and June 30 (in reproductive period) is prohibited in Turkey. Additionally, all leech collectors must have licenses for collecting leeches and they have to issue origin certificate for their products and submit to provisional directorate of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Origin certificates are registered into Fisheries Information System. Therefore, it is considered that the export quota of 2000 kg can be maintained. Although there is not continuing monitoring program for *H.verbana*, there are some observations at the sites where collection taking place and some scientific studies has been ongoing.



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## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF PLANT PRODUCTION, DEPARTMENT OF SEED POLICY PERFORMED BY EDUCATIONS and MEETINGS IN 2018

- 1) Nature of the Collection of Natural Flower Bulbs, Production and Export Regulations Relating to the business and operations is maintained by of the Ministry Of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Plant Production, Department of Seed Policy. Regulation of natural flower bulbs are issued by "Regulation On The Collection, Production And Export Of Natural Flowers" which was published in the Official Gazette dated 21 March 2017 numbered 30014. The purpose of this Regulation is regulated the methods and principles for the collection, production, harvesting, storage and export of seed, onion, tuber, rhizome, korm or other components of nature for the protection of natural flowering bulb species. Within the scope of this regulation, technical committee and advisory committee meetings are held twice a year in spring and autumn. Technical committee and advisory committee meeting was held on 6.11.2018. Members of the technical committee, provincial directorates and companies that receive qualification are present at the meeting. The autumn technical committee and advisory committee meeting will be held in November.
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3) Within the scope of the CITES contract, the works and processes related to live plants are carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Crop Production and Department of Seed Department. For this purpose, CITES (Endemic Species) training is provided to the custodians within the scope of the Candidate Customs Enforcement Training



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Training program of the Ministry of Customs and Trade. This training; It was conducted on 29 January, 21 March, 25 May, 29 August and 19 December.

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### REPORT ON THE MEDICINAL LEECHES IN TURKEY

### 1. Distribution, population size, status and trends

H. medicinalis is recorded in wetlands of Turkey such as Çubuk Dam lake and Eymir Lake (Geldiay, 1949), Gölcük Lake (İzmir) (Geldiay and Tareen, 1972). Sırakaraağaçlar River (Sinop) (Bat et al., 2000), Lakes of Abant, Acarlar, Acıgöl, Ağyatan, Akşehir, Akyatan, Arapçiftliği, Bafa, Beyşehir, Bolluk, Borabay, Burdur, Çaltıçak, Çavuşçu, Çöl, Dalyan, Dipsiz, Eber, Efteni, Eğirdir, Gala, Gerede, Gölcük (Bolu), Işıklı, İznik, Karapınar, Kozanlı, Köyceğiz, Küçük Akgöl, Küçük Mangıt, Kulu, Ladik, Manyas, Marmara, Mogan, Poyrazlar, Samsam, Sapanca, Sarıkum, Süleymaniye, Terkos, Tersakan, Tuz, Apolyont, Uyuz, Yeniçağa, Deltas of Yeşilirmak River, Büyük Menderes ve Kızılırmak, Hotamış, wetlands of Karagöl (Sinop), Esmekaya, Sultan ve Ereğli bataklıkları, Karamık, Tarsus (Kasparek et al., 2000), Efteni Lake, Poyrazlar Lake (Demirsoy et al., 2001), Delta of Gediz (İzmir) (Ustaoğlu et al., 2003), Yayla Lake (Denizli) (Taşdemir et al., 2004), Gökpınar stream (Denizli) (Duran et al., 2007), Fırnız stream (Kahramanmaraş) (Yıldırım, 2006), Melen Lake (Özbek and Sarı, 2007), Doğubeyazıt reeds (Ağrı), Putka Lake, Eminbey reeds, Armutveren reedsı-1, Armutveren reeds-2, Armutveren reeds-3 (Ardahan), Soğuk Çeşme reeds (Bingöl), Gölbaşı marsh (Bitlis), Beyaz Ceşme marsh, Bahçecik marsh (Elazığ), Subatan marsh, Sülük Lake (Erzincan), Üçkaya Lake (Iğdır), Dellet Marshı, Sülük Lake-1, Sülük Lake-2 (Kars), Ahır Lake (Malatya), Kopuzlar wetland, Palanotu wetland, Büyük Sülük Lake, Küçük Sülük Lake, Sekirek Marshı (Tunceli) (Saglam et al., 2008).

In the studies carried out in Turkey's wetlands was defined the existence of medicinal leech species *Hirudo medicinalis* and *Hirudo verbana*. However, the existence of *H. medicinalis* in Turkish waters was not found in various molecular studies. The species of medical leech identified in the wetlands listed in the above paragraph probably represents the Hirudo verbana. In recent years, it was believed that collected and exported medicinal leeches from Turkey's wetlands that was only belonging to *Hirudo medicinalis* species. But, medicinal

leech from Kızılırmak delta that are vast majority of the leech collected from Turkey was seen to belong to *Hirudo verbana* species (Sağlam, 2011). Saglam et al. (2016) have recently revealed important information on Genus *Hirudo* in Turkey. *Hirudo verbana* is widespread in every region of Turkey except Southeast Anatolian region. However, there is only *Hirudo sulukii* that is a new species of medical leech in South Eastern Anatolia Region of Turkey (See Saglam et al., 2016) (Fig. 1). Over time, it is possible that there will be new changes with the increase of molecular studies on leeches in Turkey.

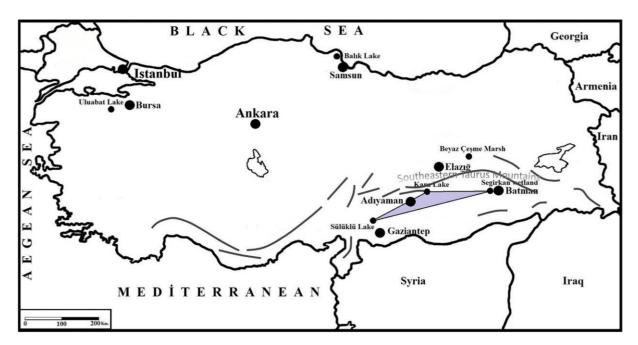


Fig 1. Locations of field sites (small circles) in Turkey from where *Hirudo* specimens were collected (Saglam et al., 2016).

### 2. Threats to the species

The threats to *Hirudo medicinalis* and other *Hirudo* species are listed below (Saglam, 2016):

- 1. Drying of wetlands that live of medical leeches by people in order to combat mosquitoes and other parasites and to convert them to agricultural land.
- **2.** The pesticides coming to the wetlands with surface runoff from agricultural land causes the death of medical leeches.
- **3.** The negative effect of global climate change on medical leeches
- **4.** The use of medicinal leeches for treatment in clinics and hospitals in Turkey have been moved to the legal zone according to traditional and complementary medical practice regulations issued by the Ministry of Health in 2014 (Anonymous, 2014).

This has greatly increased the use of medical leech in the country. Thus, medical leech export has been started to decline due to excessive use. However, this use must be carefully controlled in order to protect of medical leech species, and the use status of leeches in the country should be necessarily recorded. The wildlife medicinal leeches are used by the people although it is stated that leeches to be used according to the regulation of the Ministry of Health should be taken from leech farms.

### 3. Trade statistics, including any evidence of illegal trade

### The Economic Importance of Medicinal leeches:

Extensive international trade in *Hirudo medicinalis* was identified as a major threat to natural populations, so that it has been listed in Appendix II of the 1987 of CITES. Countries signing this agreement decided to place a quota on the collection and exportation of *Hirudo medicinalis*. For example, the export quota of medicinal leeches was 10 tons in Turkey in 1996, was reduced to 7 tons in 1997 and has since fluctuated between 2 and 8 tons. The export quota of *H. medicinalis* was given for the period between 2005 and 2010 as 6000 kg. The leech export quota was exported 100% in 2005 year. The amount of leech export and the rate decreased every year.

**Table 1.** The export quotas and exported amount of medicinal leeches

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	Kg (%)		(%)				
2000	8000	7325.00	91.56	Live or frozen, wild			
2001	6000	5071.00	84,52	Live or frozen, wild			
2002	6000	3690.00	61,50	Live or frozen, wild			
2003	8000	6489.50	81.11	Live or frozen, wild			
2004	5000	4931.00	98.62	Live or frozen, wild			
2005	6000	6000.00	100.00	Live or frozen, wild			
2006	6000	4841.50	80.69	Live or frozen, wild			
2007	6000	4373.00	72.88	Live or frozen, wild			
2008	6000	3053.50	50.89	Live or frozen, wild			
2009	6000	1350.00	22.50	Live or frozen, wild			
2010	6000	1601.00	26.68	Live or frozen, wild			
2011	5000	485.20	9.70	Live or frozen, wild			
2012	4000	964.00	24.10	Live or frozen, wild			
2013	3000	508.00	16.93	Live or frozen, wild			
2014	2000	161.00	8.05	Live or frozen, wild			
2015	2000	386.00	19.30	Live or frozen, wild			
2016	2000	364.70	18.20	Live or frozen, wild			
2017	2000	600.55	30.00	Live or frozen, wild			

### 4. Species management and population monitoring

Medicinal leech populations are monitored and controlled by the relevant Provincial Directorates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry within the framework of legal regulations (Anonymous, 1996; Anonymous, 2001; Anonymous, 2011; Anonymous, 2012; Anonymous, 2016)

### 5. Regulation of wild harvesting and trade, including legal protection

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, The General Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture carries out hunting ban for four months during the reproductive period in order to protect of the leech populations. It is also aimed at the management and protection of leeches with export quota issued every year.

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Countries and species TURKEY	App.	Quotas		Type, source and restrictions on specimens		
AMARYLLIDACEAE						
Galanthus elwesii	II	4.000.000	pieces	Bulbs (Wild)		
Galanthus elwesii	II	3.000.000	pieces	Bulbs (Artificially propagated)		
Galanthus woronowii	II	3.000.000	pieces	Bulbs (Wild)		
Galanthus woronowii	II	2.000.000	pieces	Bulbs (Artificially propagated)		
PRIMULACEAE						
Cyclamen cilicium	II	200.000	pieces	Tubers (Wild)		
Cyclamen cilicium	II	400.000	pieces	Tubers (Artificially propagated)		
Cyclamen coum	II	700.000	pieces	Tubers (Wild)		
Cyclamen coum	II	300.000	pieces	Tubers (Artificially propagated)		
Cyclamen hederifolium	II	200.000	pieces	Tubers (Wild)		
Cyclamen hederifolium	II	3.000.000	pieces	Tubers (Artificially propagated)		
AMARYLLIDACEAE						
Sternbergia lutea	II	-		-		
FAUNA-2017						
Countries and species	App.	Quotas		Type, source and restricitons on specimens		
Anguilla anguilla	II	70.000 kg		Live or frozen, wild taken		
Hirudo verbana	II	2.000 kg		Live or frozen, wild taken		

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Countries and species TURKEY	App.	Quotas		Type, source and restrictions on specimens		
AMARYLLIDACEAE						
Galanthus elwesii	II	3.000.000	pieces	Bulbs (Wild)		
Galanthus elwesii	II	4.000.000	pieces	Bulbs (Artificially propagated)		
Galanthus woronowii	II	3.000.000	pieces	Bulbs (Wild)		
Galanthus woronowii	II	3.000.000	pieces	Bulbs (Artificially propagated)		
PRIMULACEAE						
Cyclamen cilicium	II	200.000	pieces	Tubers (Wild)		
Cyclamen cilicium	II	500.000	pieces	Tubers (Artificially propagated)		
Cyclamen coum	II	600.000	pieces	Tubers (Wild)		
Cyclamen coum	II	400.000	pieces	Tubers (Artificially propagated)		
Cyclamen hederifolium	II	200.000	pieces	Tubers (Wild)		
Cyclamen hederifolium	II	3.000.000	pieces	Tubers (Artificially propagated)		
AMARYLLIDACEAE						
Sternbergia lutea	Sternbergia lutea II -		-			
FAUNA-2018						
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