

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 [Resolution Conf. 11.17 \(Rev. CoP16\)](#) 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.

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| Party | Bulgaria |
| Period covered in this report | 2018-2020 |
| Department or agency preparing this report | Ministry of Environment and Water |
| Contributing departments, agencies and organizations | National Customs Agency |

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.](#)

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| 1.1.1a | Have any CITES relevant policies or legislation been developed during the period covered in this report? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If 'Yes', have you shared information with the Secretariat? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> If 'No', please provide details to the Secretariat with this report: CITES implementation is well established and there was no need to develop different policies. |
| 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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If 'No', please provide details of the constraints faced: The procedure for amendment of the national law is very complicated and it is impossible to complete changes in the legislation for 90 days period. |

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 |
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| 1.2.1a | Do you have standard operating procedures for application for and issuance of permits? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Are the procedures publicly available? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1.2.1b | Do you have: | | | |
| | Electronic data management and a paper-based permit issuance system? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Electronic permit information exchange between Management Authorities of some countries If 'Yes', please list countries | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Electronic permit information exchange to Management Authorities of all countries? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Electronic permit data exchange between Management Authorities and customs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Electronic permit used to cross border with electronic validation by customs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide information on challenges faced or issues overcome: We had not experienced challenges or issues within the period. | | | |
| If 'No', do you have any plans to move towards e-permitting ¹ ? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If you are planning to move towards e-permitting, please explain what might help you to do so: Interconnection between EU CSW-CERTEX and EU CITES is planned in different phases and time periods until the end of year 2025. | | | |

Indicator 1.2.2: The number of Parties making use of the simplified procedures provided for in [Resolution Conf. 12.3 \(Rev. CoP16\)](#).

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| 1.2.2a | Has your country developed simplified procedures for any of the following? | Tick all applicable | | |
| | | 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | For the issuance of pre-Convention certificates or equivalent documents in accordance with Article VII , paragraph 2. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | For the issuance of certificates of captive breeding or artificial propagation in accordance with Article VII , paragraph 5. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | For the issuance of export permits or re-export certificates in accordance with Article IV for specimens referred to in Article VII , paragraph 4. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are there other cases judged by a Management Authority to merit the use of simplified procedures? If 'Yes', please provide details: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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.

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| 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])? <div style="text-align: right;"> Responses provided to ALL relevant reporting requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Responses provided to SOME of the relevant reporting requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responses provided to NONE of the relevant reporting requirements <input type="checkbox"/> No special reporting requirements applicable <input type="checkbox"/> </div> |
| 1.3.1b | Were any difficulties encountered during the period covered in this report in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If 'Yes', please provide details of which Resolution(s) or Decision(s), and, for each, what difficulties were / are being encountered? |

¹ 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.

Objective 1.4 The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species.
 Aichi Target 1, Target 12, Target 14 and Target 19.

1.4.1: The number and proportion of species that have been found to meet the criteria contained in Resolution Conf. 9.24 or its successors. This includes both the periodic review and amendment proposals.

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| 1.4.1a | Have you undertaken any reviews of whether species would benefit from listing on the CITES Appendices? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If 'Yes', please provide a summary here, or a link to the report of the work (or a copy of that report to the Secretariat if the work is not available online): Bulgarian CITES SA is a co-sponsor to a listing proposal for <i>Rhodiola</i> spp., which is in preparation for CITES COP 19. |
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Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.
 Aichi Target 2, Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 9, Target 12 and Target 14.

Indicator 1.5.1: The number of surveys, studies or other analyses undertaken by exporting countries based on the sources of information cited in Resolution Conf. 16.7 on Non-detriment findings related to:
 a) the population status of Appendix-II species;
 b) the trends and impact of trade upon Appendix-II species; and
 c) the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species and the impact of any recovery plans.

| 1.5.1a | Have any surveys, studies or other analyses been undertaken <u>in your country</u> in relation to: | Yes | No | Not Applicable | If Yes, How many? |
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| | - the population status of Appendix II species? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | - the trends and impact of trade on Appendix II species? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | - the status of and trend in naturally-occurring Appendix I species? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | - the impact of any recovery plans on Appendix I species? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Have the surveys, studies or analyses integrated relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| | <p>If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please provide:</p> <p>During the period a survey was completed for determination of population's status of nationally protected species including CITES Appendix I and II listed species.</p> <p>The results of the survey was used for reporting under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive and Article 12 of the Birds Directive, and AEWA. Reports available on The European Environment Agency (EEA) website (https://eea.government.bg/)</p> | | |
| | <p>Various monitoring schemes for species, incl. CITES Appendix I/II</p> <p>Information available from EEA, where it is collected and stored on national level.</p> | | |
| 1.5.1b | <p>How are the results of such surveys, studies or other analyses used in making non-detriment findings (NDFs)? Please tick all that apply</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Revised harvest or export quotas <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Banning export <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Stricter domestic measures <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Changed management of the species <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Discussion with Management Authorities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Discussion with other stakeholders? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Other (please provide a short summary):</p> <p>Bulgaria prolongs the introduced ban for fishing of sturgeons from the wild populations for the period 2021 - 2025.</p> | | |
| 1.5.1c | <p>Do you have specific conservation measures or recovery plans for naturally occurring Appendix-I listed species?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No information <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including, if possible, an evaluation of their impact:</p> <p>Bulgaria has management plans for two Appendix I listed species namely <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> and <i>Aquila heliaca</i>. The full plans (in Bulgarian) can be found here: https://www.moew.government.bg/bg/priroda/biologichno-raznoobrazie/zastiteni-vidove/planove-za-dejstvie/.</p> <p>The management's plans give framework for the activities, prioritisation, budget, timeframe, and stakeholders. Specific conservation measures, prohibitions and restrictions also lie in regimes and management plans for the national protected areas under Protected Areas Act, and NATURA 2000 network.</p> <p>Specific measures and supporting schemes for Appendix I species are embedded also in agriculture policy, e.g. for <i>Aquila heliaca</i>.</p> | | |
| 1.5.1d | <p>Have you published any non-detriment findings that can be shared? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide links or examples to the Secretariat within this report:</p> | | |
| 1.5.1e | <p>Which of the following (A to F of paragraph a) x) of Resolution Conf. 16.7 do you use in making non-detriment findings?</p> <p>A. relevant scientific literature concerning species biology, life history, distribution and population trends. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>B. details of any ecological risk assessments conducted. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>C. scientific surveys conducted at harvest locations and at sites protected from harvest and other impacts. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>D. relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>E. consultations with relevant local, regional and international experts. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>F. national and international trade information such as that available via the CITES trade database maintained by UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), publications on trade, local knowledge on trade and investigations of sales at markets or through the Internet for example. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> | | |

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

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| 1.5.2a | <p>Do you have standard procedures for making non-detriment findings in line with Resolution Conf. 16.7?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please briefly describe your procedures for making non-detriment findings, or attach as an annex to this report, or provide a link to where the information can be found on the internet:</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 1.5.2b | <p>When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of the following guidance been used?</p> | <p>Please tick all that apply</p> <p>Virtual College <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>IUCN Checklist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Resolution Conf. 16.7 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2008 NDF workshop <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Species specific guidance <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Other' or 'Species specific guidance', please specify details:</p> | | |
| 1.5.2c | <p>How often do you review and/or change your non-detriment findings?</p> <p>Please describe the circumstances under which non-detriment findings would be changed: The change of non –detrimental findings could happen in case of availability of new information concerning the management and the status of the will population of the species in trade.</p> | <p>Case by case <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Annually <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Every two years <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Less frequently <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>A mix of the above <input type="checkbox"/></p> | | |

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

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| 1.5.3a | <p>Do you set annual export quotas?</p> <p>If 'Yes', do you set quotas based on population survey, or by other means? Please specify, for each species, how quotas are set:</p> <p>Species Name (scientific)</p> | <p>Yes No</p> <p>Population Survey?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other, please specify</p> | |
| 1.5.3b | <p>Have annual export quotas been set at levels which will ensure sustainable production and consumption?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please describe how this fits into your non-detriment finding process:</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> | | |

Objective 1.6 Parties cooperate in managing shared wildlife resources.
 Aichi Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 10, Target 12 and Target 19.

Indicator 1.6.1: The number of bilateral and multilateral agreements that specifically provide for co-management of shared CITES listed species by range States.

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| 1.6.1a | Is your country a signatory to any bilateral and/or multilateral agreements for co-management of shared species? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If 'Yes', please provide brief details, including the names of the agreements, and which other countries are involved: Bulgaria is signatory to Bern Convention and CMS, and in this respect have some synchronisation in issuing fishing ban of Low Danube sturgeons with Romania. |
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Indicator 1.6.2: The number of cooperative management plans, including recovery plans, in place for shared populations of CITES-listed species.

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| 1.6.2a | Do you have any cooperative management plans, including recovery plans, in place for shared populations of CITES-listed species? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If 'Yes', please list the species for which these plans are in place and provide a link or reference to a published plan for each species. Species Name (scientific) Link or reference to a published plan |
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Indicator 1.6.3: The number of workshops and other capacity-building activities that bring range States together to address the conservation and management needs of shared, CITES listed, species.

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| 1.6.3a | Have the CITES authorities <i>received or benefited</i> from any of the following capacity-building activities provided by external sources? | | | | | | |
| | 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) | What were the external sources ¹ ? |
| | Staff of Management Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | European Commission |
| | Staff of Scientific Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | EU Guides and national level |
| | Staff of enforcement authorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | National CITES MA |
| | Traders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | National CITES MA |
| | NGOs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | National CITES MA |
| | Public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | National CITES MA |
| | Other (please specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

¹ Please provide the names of Parties, and any non-Parties, involved.

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| 1.6.3b | Have the CITES authorities been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity-building activities to other range States? | | | | | |
| | 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) |
| | Staff of Management Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Staff of Scientific Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Staff of enforcement authorities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Traders | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NGOs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Public | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1.6.3c | In what ways do you collaborate with other CITES Parties? | | | | | |
| | | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Very Often | Always |
| | Information exchange | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Monitoring / survey | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Habitat management | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Species management | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Law enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Capacity building | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other (please provide details) | | | | | |

Objective 1.7 Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade.
 Aichi Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 9, Target 10, Target 12 and Target 19.

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

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| 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? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| – formal national interagency cooperation, such as a national interagency enforcement committee? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If 'Yes' to any of the above, please specify the level of engagement and provide additional details: <i>At the EU level –EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking, at national level – adopted Instruction for cooperation between the Ministry of Environment and Water, the Customs Agency and the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency to increase the effectiveness of control over the introduction, trade, transit and export of endangered species of wild fauna and flora.</i> | | | |

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.

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| 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No, but review is under consideration | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If 'Yes', what do you do? | | |
| | If 'Yes' or 'No, but review is under consideration', which tools do you find of value? | | |
| 1.7.2b | Have you used the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, or equivalent tools? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No, but toolkit use is under consideration | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If 'Yes', please provide feedback on the parts of the toolkit used and how useful the toolkit or equivalent tools have been. Please specify improvements that could be made: <i>Guidelines on methods and procedures for ivory sampling and laboratory analysis</i> | | |
| | 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..

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| 1.7.3a | Do you have law and procedures in place for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences as a crime? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If 'Yes', please provide the title of the legislation and a summary of the penalties available <i>Entire process of investigation and prosecution of CITES related crime falls in the common provisions set out in the Penal Procedure Code. No special provision are in place. The Penalty Code contains several provisions applicable to CITES related offences :</i> <i>Art. 242. (1) Whosoever carries through the border of the country commodities without the knowledge and the permit of the customs, when it is committed:</i> <i>b) by using a document with untrue contents, another's, false or forged document</i> <i>h) through delivery of a specimen of protected species of wild flora or fauna, a part thereof or a product.</i> <i>shall be punished for aggravated contraband by imprisonment of three to ten years and by a fine from 39 116 to 51 130 EUR.</i> <i>Art. 278d.: Whoever unlawfully destroys, damages, holds, acquires or alienates a specimen of a European or globally endangered wild vertebrate animal or a specimen of a species listed in Annex № 3 to the Biodiversity Act, marked with a sign (*), shall be punished by</i> | | |

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| | <i>imprisonment of up to five years, as well as by a fine of five thousand to twenty thousand levs. *(fines are from 2500 up to 10 000 euro).</i> | | | |
| 1.7.3b | Are criminal offences such as poaching and wildlife trafficking recognized as serious crime ¹ in your country? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | If 'Yes', please explain what criteria must be met for poaching or wildlife trafficking offences to be treated as serious crimes: | information | | |
| 1.7.3c | Do you have capacity to use forensic technology ² to support the investigation of CITES offences? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | 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: <i>In respect to CITES control several samples of feathers of birds of prey and ivory are sent for analyses to laboratories in other EU Member states.</i> | information | | |
| | If 'Yes', and your country has an appropriate forensic analysis facility for CITES-listed species, please indicate which species it applies to. | | | |
| 1.7.3d | Did your authorities participate in or initiate any multi-disciplinary ³ law enforcement operation(s) targeting CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties: <i>The Bulgarian authority have participated in number of operation - Arcadia (for wood), Thunder (wildlife and forestry crime), THUNDER" (2020), THUNDERBALL" (2019) (wildlife and forestry crime), EEL-LICIT" (2018) (traffic of Anguilla Anguilla), "THUNDERSTORM" (2018) (wildlife and forestry crime), LAKE (for glass eel), for sturgeons/caviar, etc.</i> | information | | |
| 1.7.3e | Do you have a standard operating procedure among relevant agencies for submitting information related to CITES offences to INTERPOL and/or the World Customs Organization? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | 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 |
| | General crime ⁴ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Predicate offences ⁵ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Asset forfeiture ⁶ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | If yes, how many times was this used during the period covered by this report? |
| | | | | more than 20 times |
| | | | | more than 3 times |

¹ 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.

² 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).

³ 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.

⁴ General crime laws relate to offences such as fraud, conspiracy, possession of weapons, and other matters as set out in the national criminal code.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

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| | Corruption ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | International cooperation in criminal matters ² | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | more than 2 times |
| | Organized crime ³ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Specialized investigation techniques ⁴ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | more than 2 times |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | No information <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| 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.

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| 1.7.4a | Do you use risk assessment to target CITES enforcement effort? | Always <input type="checkbox"/> | Very often <input type="checkbox"/> | Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> | Never <input type="checkbox"/> | No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1.7.4b | Do you have capacity to analyse information gathered on illegal trade in CITES-listed species? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | No information <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| 1.7.4c | Do you use criminal intelligence ⁵ to inform investigations into illegal trade in CITES-listed species? | Always <input type="checkbox"/> | Very often <input type="checkbox"/> | Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> | Never <input type="checkbox"/> | No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1.7.4d | Have you implemented any supply-side activities to address illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No, but activities are under development <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No information <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

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| 1.7.4e | Have you implemented any demand-side activities to address illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No, but activities are under development | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

| During the period covered in this report: | | Yes | No | No Information |
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| 1.7.5a | <p>Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related offences?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please indicate how many and for what types of offences. If available, please attach details: <i>Regional inspections of Environment and Water (RIEW) enforce financial and administrative penalties, including seizure of CITES specimens and accommodation in rescue centres.</i></p> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1.7.5b | <p>Have there been any criminal prosecutions of CITES-related offences?</p> <p>If 'Yes', how many and for what types of offences? If available, please attach details: <i>Three cases of poaching of CITES species.</i></p> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1.7.5c | <p>Have there been any other court actions against CITES-related offences?</p> <p>If 'Yes', what were the offences involved and what were the results? Please attach details: <i>Still under investigation</i></p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1.7.5d | <p>How were any confiscated specimens disposed of?</p> <p>– Return to country of export <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Public zoos or botanical gardens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Designated rescue centres <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Approved private facilities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Euthanasia <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Other (please specify): <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Have you encountered any challenges in disposing of confiscated specimens? No.</p> <p>Do you have good practice that you would like to share with other Parties? No.</p> | Tick all that apply | | |

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.

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| 1.8.1a | <p>Do you have information resources or training in place to support: <u>Yes</u>No</p> <p>The making of non-detriment findings? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Permit officers? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Enforcement officers? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> | | |
| 1.8.1b | <p>Is the CITES Virtual College used as part of your capacity building work?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>What improvements could be made in using the Virtual College for capacity building?</p> | | |
| 1.8.1c | <p>Is the ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Toolkit used in the development of capacity-building programmes, or does it form part of the curriculum of such programmes?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>What improvements could be made in using the ICCWC Toolkit for capacity building?</p> | | |

| | <p>If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:</p> <p>If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – availability of funding? – number of staff? – a shortage of skills? <p>If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of? <i>Bulgarian CITES SA do not participate actively, maybe the main reason is that they should perform it cost-free.</i></p> | <p>The overall assessment is good.</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2.2.1c | <p>Do you have an approved service standard(s)⁴⁷ for your enforcement authority(ies)?</p> <p>If 'No', please go to Question 2.2.1d.</p> <p>If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?</p> <p>The Customs authorities follow the requirements of the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations, which is directly applicable for the country. They also have guidelines according to the Instruction for cooperation between the Ministry of Environment and Water, the Customs Agency and the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency to increase the effectiveness of control over the introduction, trade, transit and export of endangered species of wild fauna and flora</p> <p>If 'Yes', do you have performance targets for these standards⁴⁸?</p> <p>If 'Yes', what are your performance targets?</p> <p>If possible, please provide your performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:</p> <p><i>The overall assessment is good, CITES MA answers promptly on every requirement for information.</i></p> <p>If you did not meet your performance targets then was this shortfall a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – availability of funding? – number of staff? – a shortage of skills? <p>If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills do you need more of?</p> <p>Regular trainings for customs officers need to be organized by the MA.</p> | <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.2.1d | <p>Please only complete this question if you answered 'No' to the first part of question 2.2.1a, 2.2.1b, or 2.2.1c, relating to the existence of approved service standards for your authorities:</p> <p>Do you have sufficient of the following for your authorities to function effectively?</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1641 1347 1839"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Management Authority(ies)</th> <th>Scientific Authority(ies)</th> <th>Enforcement Authority(ies)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Funding?</td> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff?</td> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Skills?</td> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | Management Authority(ies) | Scientific Authority(ies) | Enforcement Authority(ies) | Funding? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Staff? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Skills? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Management Authority(ies) | Scientific Authority(ies) | Enforcement Authority(ies) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Funding? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Staff? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Skills? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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.

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| 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 | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Development of implementation tools | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Purchase of technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify): | | | | | |
| 2.2.2b | During the period covered in this report, was the budget for your: | Increased | Stable | Decreased | |
| | Management Authority(ies) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Scientific Authority(ies) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Enforcement authorities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2.2.2c | Have you been able to use international development funding assistance to increase the level of implementation of your | Yes | No | Not applicable | |
| | Management Authority(ies)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Scientific Authority(ies)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Enforcement authorities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 2.2.2d | What is the respective level of priority for enhancing the effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level through the following activities? | | | | |
| | Activity | High | Medium | Low | Not a Priority |
| | Hiring of more staff | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Development of implementation tools | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Purchase of new technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | e-permitting | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Other (please specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2.2.2e | Do you have a operational system (e.g. electronic database) for managing | Yes | Under development | No | |
| | Species information | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Trade information | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Non-detriment findings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

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

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| 2.2.3a | Does the Management Authority charge fees for: | Tick all that are applicable |
| | – Administrative procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Issuance of CITES documents (e.g. for import, exports, re-export, or introduction from the sea) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Shipment clearance (e.g. for the import, export, re-export, or introduction from the sea of CITES-listed species) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Harvesting of CITES-listed species | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Use of CITES-listed species | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| | – Other (please specify): <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2.2.3b | Is a fee schedule publicly available? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If 'Yes', please provide an internet link, or a copy of the schedule to the Secretariat: https://www.moew.government.bg/bg/tarifa-za-taksite-koito-se-subirat-v-sistemata-na-ministerstvo-na-okolnata-sreda-i-vodite/ <i>Tariff for fees collected in the system of the Ministry of environment and water</i> |
| 2.2.3c | Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? Entirely <input type="checkbox"/> Partly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2.2.3d | Do you raise funds for CITES management through charging user fees? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do your fees recover the full economic cost of issuing permits? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have case studies on charging or using fees? <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide brief details: Do you use innovative financial mechanisms to raise funds for CITES implementation? <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.

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| 2.2.4a | Do you use incentive measures ¹ such as those described in CoP14 Doc 14.32 to implement the Convention? Yes No Due diligence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory mechanisms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Certification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Communal property rights <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auctioning of quotas <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost recovery or environmental charges <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement incentives <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If 'Yes' to any of the above, or if you use other measures, please provide a summary or link to further information: <i>Regarding "Due diligence" traders know and verify the origin of the specimens they purchased or breed, RIEW perform timely inspections, CITES MA make the process transparent, accessible and gives information and explanations to the applicants. Regarding compensatory mechanism, we grant refund for brown bear damages (it is not based directly on CITES, but on large carnivores best management practices). Regarding "certification", we use the standard sturgeons caviar certification (regulatory). Regarding "cost recovery or environmental charges", appropriate fees from CITES applicants are collected.</i> |
| 2.2.4b | Have incentives harmful to biodiversity been eliminated? Not at all <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very little <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> Completely <input type="checkbox"/> |

¹ Defined as 'Social and economic incentives that promote and regulate sustainable management of and responsible trade in, wild flora and fauna 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.

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| 2.3.1a | How many training and capacity building activities ¹ have you run during the period covered in this report? | Without assistance from the Secretariat | Conducted or assisted by the Secretariat | | | | |
| | None | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| | 2-5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| | 6-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| | 11-20 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| | More than 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| Please list the Resolutions or Decisions involved: | | | | | | | |
| 2.3.1b | What sorts of capacity building activities have taken place? <i>Provided training for customs and to the Regional Environmental Inspectors;</i> | | | | | | |
| 2.3.1c | What capacity building needs do you have? | | | | | | |
| 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Staff of Scientific Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Staff of enforcement authorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Traders / other user groups | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | NGOs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

¹ 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.

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| 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If 'Yes', please provide brief details: <i>NGO projects on implementation of CITES regarding trade of sturgeons and caviar</i> | | | |
| 3.1.1b | During the period covered in this report, has funding for your country from international funding mechanisms and other related institutions: | Increased | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Remained stable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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.

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| 3.1.2a | Have you provided technical or financial assistance to another country or countries in relation to CITES? | | | | | | | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | | | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| If 'Yes', please tick boxes to indicate type of assistance provided | | | | | | | | | |
| | Country(ies) | Species Management ¹ | Habitat Management ² | Sustainable use | Law Enforcement | Livelihoods | Other (specify) | Details (provide more information in an Appendix if necessary) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

¹ Use species conservation column for work directly related to species – e.g. population surveys, education programmes, conflict resolution, etc.

² 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.

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| 3.2.1a | Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better awareness of the Convention's requirements by the wider public and relevant user groups? | | Relevant User Groups |
| | | Wider public | |
| | – Press conferences | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Press releases | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Newspaper articles, brochures, leaflets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Television appearances | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Radio appearances | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Presentations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Public consultations / meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Market surveys | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Displays | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Information at border crossing points | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | – Telephone hotline | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| – Website(s) – if so please provide link(s) https://www.moew.government.bg/bg/priroda/obrazci-na-zayavleniya-i-uvedomleniya/cites/polezna-informaciya-po-cites/ https://www.moew.government.bg/bg/priroda/obrazci-na-zayavleniya-i-uvedomleniya/cites/zayavleniya/ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| – Other (specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Please attach copies of any items or describe examples: <i>There is up to date information available on the webpage of MoEW, also one-stop-shop within the MoEW provides information or assist applicants to contact relevant permit officers.</i> | | | |

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

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| 3.2.2a | How regularly do your Authorities consult the CITES website? | | | | | |
| | 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Staff of Scientific Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Staff of enforcement authorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3.2.2b | What has been your experience with using the CITES website? | Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| | | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| | | Average | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| | | Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| | | Very Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Any further comments on the CITES Website? (e.g. useful aspects, any difficulties encountered, which authorities find which functions/tools most useful, what is missing, etc): | | | | | | |

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.

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| 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) ¹ to which your country is party? If 'Yes', please give a brief description: <i>The focal points of the international environmental agreements are based in the same Directorate and given that we work in close cooperation.</i> | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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.

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| 3.3.2a | How many international projects which integrate CITES issues has your country contributed towards? | 2 | |
| 3.3.2b | In addition to 3.2.2a, how many national level projects has your country implemented which integrate CITES issues? | | |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Agencies for trade? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Provincial, state or territorial authorities? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Local authorities or communities? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Indigenous or local peoples? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Trade or other private sector associations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | NGOs? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3.3.2d | Are CITES requirements integrated into? | Yes | No |
| | National and local development strategies? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | National and local poverty reduction strategies? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Planning processes? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | National accounting? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

¹ 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.

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| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Non-governmental organizations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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.

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| 3.4.1a | Do you have data which shows that the conservation status of naturally occurring species in your country listed on the CITES Appendices has stabilized or improved? | Yes | No | Not Applicable |
| | Appendix I | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Appendix II | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Appendix III | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/Converters/run_conversion?file=bq/eu/art17/envxhyhkg/BG_species_reports-20200109-124921.xml&conv=593&source=remote#1371 | | | | |
| If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please provide: | | | | |
| Species name (scientific) Link to the data, or a brief summary | | | | |
| 3.4.1b | Do you have examples of specific examples of success stories or emerging problems with any CITES listed species? | Yes | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If 'Yes', please provide details: <i>Two cases of confiscation of European eels (glass stage) ended with reintroduction in the Nature.</i> | | | | |

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

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| 3.4.2a | Has CITES been incorporated into your country's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No information | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Objective 3.5 Parties and the Secretariat cooperate with other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources, as appropriate, in order to achieve a coherent and collaborative approach to species which can be endangered by unsustainable trade, including those which are commercially exploited.
 Aichi Target 2, Target 4, Target 5, Target 6, Target 7, Target 10, Target 12, Target 14 and Target 19.

Indicator 3.5.1: The number of cooperative actions taken under established bilateral or multilateral agreements to prevent species from being unsustainably exploited through international trade.

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| 3.5.1a | Has your country taken action under established bilateral or multilateral agreements other than CITES to prevent species from being unsustainably exploited through international trade? If 'Yes', please provide details: | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No information <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Indicator 3.5.2: The number of times other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources are consulted on issues relevant to species subject to unsustainable trade.

| 3.5.2a | Average number of times per year that international organizations or agreements have been consulted by CITES Authorities | Once | 2-5 times | 6-20 times | More than 20 times | No consultation | Optional comment about which organizations and issues consulted on |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | Management Authority(ies) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Scientific Authority(ies) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Enforcement Authority(ies) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

General feedback

Please provide any additional comments you would like to make, including comments on this format.

| Item | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation if changed | Enclosed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Web link(s) | Not available | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| https://www.moew.government.bg/bg/priroda/zakonodatelstvo/nacionalno-zakonodatelstvo/zakoni/ | Previously provided | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Please list any materials annexed to the report, e.g. fee schedules, awareness raising materials, etc: | | |
| Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | No Information | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If 'Yes', please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required. <i>There is constraints regarding the level of implementation from different stakeholder groups. We are in process of assessment of project "Government officials training programme in Bulgaria against wildlife crimes applying leading international experience" by Advisory Assistance Programme under German Environment Agency, but the final decision is not taken yet.</i> | | |
| Are there examples of good practice you would like to share with other Parties? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | No Information | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If 'Yes' please provide details / links: | | |
| How could this report format be improved? No idea. | | |

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