Implementation report format

The format below follows the structure of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2021-2030* and aims to collect information to enable the Strategic Vision indicators to be monitored.

CITES vision statement

By 2030, all international trade in wild fauna and flora is legal and sustainable, consistent with the long-term conservation of species, and thereby contributing to halting biodiversity loss, to ensuring its sustainable use, and to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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.

The questions of the implementation report follow the structure of the *Strategic Vision 2021-2030* and its indicators that are mapped against the Sustainable Development Goals and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to ensure synergies and consistent reporting.

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. CoP19)</u> which urges that the report should be submitted to the Secretariat on 31 October of the 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 and to **answer at a minimum all questions in bold**. 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	Australia
Period covered in this report	2021-2023
Department or agency preparing this report	Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
Contributing departments, agencies and organizations	Australian Department of Home Affairs (Australian Border Force)

GOAL 1 TRADE IN CITES-LISTED SPECIES IS CONDUCTED IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONVENTION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THEIR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE

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

SDG Goals 12, 14 & 15

GBF Goal A & Targets 4, 5, 9 & 10

Indicator 1.1.1: Number of Parties that are in category 1 under the national legislation project. (Data source: 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:
	IT IND , please provide details to the Secretariat with this report.
	The department has not implemented any new policies or legislation relevant to CITES.
	Australia's <i>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act), which is Australia's national implementing legislation, is currently under review. In 2022, the Australian Government released The Nature Positive Plan which aims to strengthen and streamline Australia's environmental laws in response to an independent review of the EPBC Act (see: Nature Positive Plan: better for the environment, better for business - DCCEEW).
	The new proposed Nature Positive laws are currently under consultation. The laws aim to better align Australia's legislation with provisions and exemptions provided by CITES. The proposed new laws will continue to protect CITES and native Australian species from unsustainable and illegal trade. The new laws are expected to be implemented if agreed to by the Australian Parliament.
	Australia will advise the CITES Secretariat of any legislative changes and Parties will be notified of any new legislation coming into effect. More information on the reform process can be found here: <u>EPBC Act reform</u>
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:
	Amendments to international treaties and subsidiary instruments, including changes to the CITES Appendices agreed by the Conference of the Parties, must be tabled in both houses of Australia's Parliament. The proposed amendments, together with an analysis of the likely impacts of those amendments, must be tabled for at least twenty days while the Parliament is sitting, before being reviewed by a Parliamentary Committee. The review should occur before the amendments come into effect under Australian law.

	how lo	eting this process within 90 days can be challenging or practically impossible, depending on ng it takes for the final notification of amendments to the Appendices to be circulated, the year at which the new listings take effect, and the dates the Australian Parliament sits.
	predict commu	lia welcomes work by the Secretariat and Standing Committee to improve clarity and ability in the presentation of amendments to the Appendices to allow for more efficient unication of amendments. The earliest possible issuance of the formal notification of ments to Appendices I and II would assist Australia to meet our domestic treaty amendment ions.
Indicator 1	.1.2:	Number of Parties subject to CITES recommendations to suspend trade. (Data source: Notifications to the Parties and reference list of countries subject to a recommendation to suspend trade)
Objective	1.2	Parties have established CITES Management and Scientific Authorities and enforcement focal points that effectively carry out the duties required of them under the Convention and relevant Resolutions.
Indicator 1	.2.1:	Number of Parties that have designated at least one Management Authority, independent Scientific Authority and enforcement focal points in place. (Data source: CITES online directory)
Objective	1.3	Implementation of the Convention at the national level is consistent with Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties. SDG Goals 12, 14 & 15 GBF Goal A & Targets 4, 5, 9, 10 & 15
Indicator 1	.3.1:	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	durin of the issue	your country responded to all relevant special reporting requirements that are active g the period covered in this report, including those in the Resolutions and Decisions e Conference of the Parties, Standing Committee recommendations, and Notifications ed by the Secretariat (see [link to location on the CITES website where the reporting rements are listed])?
		esponses provided to ALL relevant reporting requirements
	R	esponses provided to SOME of the relevant reporting requirements esponses provided to NONE of the relevant reporting requirements o special reporting requirements applicable
1.3.1b	imple	any difficulties encountered during the period covered in this report in menting specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference Parties? Yes ☐ No ☒
		s', please provide details of which Resolution(s) or Decision(s), and, for each, what lities were / are being encountered?
Objective	1.4	The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation status and needs of species. SDG Goal 15 GBF Goal A & Targets 4 & 5
Indicator 1	.4.1:	The number and proportion of species listed in Appendices that have been found to meet the criteria for each Appendix contained in Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) or its successors as part of the Periodic Review process or of amendment proposals
Objective	1.5	Parties improve the conservation status of CITES-listed specimens, put in place national conservation actions, support their sustainable use and promote cooperation in managing

shared wildlife resources.

SDG Goals 2, 12, 14 & 15 GBF Goals A & B & Targets 4, 5, 9 & 10 Indicator 1.5.1: The conservation status of species listed on the CITES Appendices has stabilized or improved. (Data source: IUCN Red List conservations status categories)

1.5.1a (previously 3.4.1a)	Does your country have data which shows that the conservation status of naturally occurring species in your country listed on the CITES Appendices						
	has stabilized or improve	ed?	Yes	No	Not Applicable		
		Appendix I	\boxtimes				
		Appendix II	\boxtimes				
		Appendix III		\boxtimes			
	If there are such studies the	at you are willing to share, plea	se provide:				
	Species name (scientific)	Link to the data, or a brief sun	nmary				
	Sharks and rays – multiple species	Australia produced compreh adopted for listing following C several species https://www.dcceew.gov.au/ertrade/publications/non-detrimespecies) The Shark Report Card (https://wpdated in October 2023. Additional detail is provided in	previously previously avironment/vent-finding-cos://fish.gov.a	l9 and wildlife- cites-sha	updated NDFs for listed (see arks-and-rays-		
1.5.1b (previously 3.4.1b)		pecific examples of success ns with any CITES listed specie ils:		_	ation		
	Australia has detected increasing attempts by individuals to illegally export Australian native reptiles such as lizards (including those listed on Appendix III) for trade on international markets. Australia seeks the assistance of other Parties to stop illegal trade in our native wildlife, including through the March 2022 of 127 native Australian reptile (lizard) species to Appendix III (see Notification 2022/019). Live Australian reptiles, mammals, amphibians and birds are prohibited for export from Australia for commercial purposes. They may only be approved for export for bone fide noncommercial purposes such as exhibition or research and may not be bred for sale.						

Indicator 1.5.2: Number of CITES-listed species for which Parties have put in place actions that support sustainable use.

1.5.2 (previously 1.6.2a)	Does your country have any cooperative management plans, including recovery plans, in place for shared populations of CITES-listed species? Yes No						
		ne species for which these plans are in place and provide a link or shed plan for each species.					
	Species Name (scientific)	Link or reference to a published plan					
	Loggerhead Turtles (<i>Caretta</i> <i>caretta</i>) in the	https://www.cms.int/en/document/single-species-action-plan-loggerhead-turtle-south-pacific-ocean					

Pacific The Convention on Migratory Species Single Species Action Plan for the South Ocean loggerhead turtle on the South Pacific Ocean identifies a framework for action to ensure a favourable conservation status of the loggerhead turtle. Hawksbill Turtle https://www.cms.int/en/document/single-species-action-plan-hawksbill-(Eretmochelys turtle-eretmochelys-imbricata-south-east-asia-and-0 imbricata) The Convention on Migratory Species Single Species Action Plan seeks South-East Asia to integrate the actions necessary to address trade and use of the and the Western Hawksbill turtle at both the domestic and the international level. Pacific Ocean Region Recovery Plan for https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/marine/publications/recovery-Marine Turtles in plan-marine-turtles-australia-2017 Australia 2017 The plan covers six of the seven species of marine turtles: loggerhead (Caretta caretta), olive ridley (Lepidochelys olivacea), leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea), green (Chelonia mydas), flatback (Natator depressus) and hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata) turtles. National Light https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/biodiversity/publications/nationa I-light-pollution-guidelines-wildlife Pollution Guidelines for The guidelines include a framework for how to assess and manage the Wildlife light pollution impacts on protected wildlife, detailed guidance for how to manage artificial light, and specific advice on how to protect marine turtles, seabirds and migratory shorebirds. National https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/publications/nationalguidelines-survey-cetaceans-marine-turtles-dugong Guidelines for the Survey The National Guidelines for the Survey of Cetaceans, Marine Turtles and Cetaceans, the Dugong provide guidance and advice on best practice approaches Marine Turtles and and methods to conduct surveys of cetaceans, marine turtles (in-water) the Dugong and the dugong, which are protected matters under the EPBC Act. Recovery Plan for https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/biodiversity/threatened/recovery Pygmy -plans/recovery-plan-pygmy-bluetongue-lizard-tiliqua-adelaidensis-2012 Bluetongue Lizard The primary objective of this recovery plan is to improve the long-term (Tiliqua viability of Pygmy Bluetongue populations by clarifying the extent, adelaidensis) abundance and habitat requirements of the species, and achieving longterm protection and enhancement of habitat through sustainable land management practices and adequate awareness. Sawfish and River https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/biodiversity/threatened/publicati ons/recovery/sawfish-river-sharks-multispecies-recovery-plan Sharks Multispecies Pristidae Sawfishes are listed on Appendix I. While Sawfish are not Recovery Plan: targeted by fisheries, they are a bycatch species. This recovery plan (Pristis pristis, considers the conservation requirements of these species across their **Pristis** zijsron, range and identifies the actions to be taken to ensure their long-term Pristis clavata, viability in nature and the parties that will undertake those actions. Glyphis glyphis **Glyphis** and

GOAL 2 PARTIES' DECISIONS ARE SUPPORTED BY THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE AND INFORMATION

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Objective 2.1 Parties' non-detriment findings are based on best available scientific information and their determination of legal acquisition is based on the best available technical and legal information. SDG Goals 12, 14 & 15

GBF Targets 4, 5, 9 & 20

Indicator 2.1.1: Number of Parties that have adopted standard procedures for making non-detriment findings (NDFs).

2.1.1a (previo usly 1.5.2a)		Yes	No	No informatio n
	Does your country have standard procedures for making non- detriment findings in line with <u>Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17)</u> ?			
	If 'Yes', please briefly describe your procedures for making non-detrim or attach as an annex to this report, or provide a link to where the info on the internet:			found
	See Australia's response to Notification 2017-019 (available in full in the PC23 Doc. 11.1) on non-detriment findings for a comprehensive explainable and reviewing non-detriment findings in Australia.			
2.1.1b (previo usly 1.5.2b)	When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of the following guidance been used?	Plea	se tick	all that apply
1.3.20)	Virtual College		ſ	_
	IUCN Checklist		[\boxtimes
	Resolution Conf. 16.7			
	2008 NDF workshop			\boxtimes
	Species specific guidance		[
	Other		[
	If 'Other' or 'Species specific guidance', please specify details:			
2.1.1c (previo	How often do <u>es</u> you <u>r country</u> review and/or change your Case by non-detriment findings?	-		
usly		_{ıy} wo year	s	
1.5.2c)	•	equently		
		of the ab		
	Please describe the circumstances under which non-detriment finding	s would	be cha	anged:
	See Australia's response to Notification 2017-019 (available in full in the PC23 Doc. 11.1) on non-detriment findings for a comprehensive explainable and reviewing non-detriment findings in Australia.			
Indicator 2.	1.2: Number of written NDFs submitted and number of Parties subm CITES online database. (Data source: NDF webpage on the CITES website)	itting NE	Fs for	posting in the
Indicator 2.	1.3: Number of Parties that have included the legal acquisition finding regulatory framework, as recommended by Resolution Conf. 18.			
2.1.3		Yes	No	No informatio n
	Is the legal acquisition finding obligation included in your national regulatory framework, as recommended by Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19)?			

If 'Yes', please briefly include the name of the regulatory instrument, or provide a link to where the information can be found on the internet:

See Part 13A of the EPBC Act here

Objective 2.2 Parties cooperate in sharing information and tools relevant to the implementation of CITES.

SDG Goal 12 GBF Goal B & Targets 20 & 21

Indicator 2.2.1: Number of surveys, studies or other analyses undertaken by exporting countries based on the sources of information cited in Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17) on *Non-detriment findings* related to: - the population status of Appendix-II species; - the trends and impact of trade upon Appendix-II species; and - the status of and trend in naturally occurring Appendix I species and the impact of any recovery plans.

2.2.1a (previo usly	Have any surveys, studies or oth undertaken in your country in re		Yes	No	Not Applicable	If Yes, how many?	
1.5.1a)	- the population status of Appendix II species?						
	- the trends and impact of trade species?	on Appendix II	\boxtimes				
	- the status of and trend in natur Appendix I species?	ally-occurring	\boxtimes				
	- the impact of any recovery plar species?	ns on Appendix I	\boxtimes				
	Have the surveys, studies or and relevant knowledge and expertis indigenous communities?		\boxtimes				
	If there are such studies that you a	re willing to share, pl	ease prov	/ide:			
	Species name (scientific)	A brief summary of analysis (e.g. popu off-take levels etc), material.	llation sta	tus, dec	line / stable / inc	crease,	
	Thelenota ananas	Independent scientific advice to inform the non-detriment findings for <i>T. ananas</i> and <i>T. anax</i> in Australian export fisheries. The reports consider available information on the species' range, population structure, stock status in Australian waters; and an analysis of Australian commercial fisheries interacting with the species, an assessment of existing management measures; and consideration of regional and global management measures, threats, stocks and harvests.					
	Thelenota anax	Independent scientific advice to inform the non-findings for <i>T. ananas</i> and <i>T. anax</i> in Australia fisheries. The reports consider available informatic species' range, population structure, stock status in A waters; and an analysis of Australian commercial interacting with the species, an assessment of management measures; and consideration of reginglobal management measures, threats, stocks and he					
	Carcharhinidae, Sphyrnidae, Glaucostegidae, Rhinobatidae, Rhinidae						

	fitzroyensis, <i>C. galapagensis</i> , <i>C. leucas</i> , <i>C. limbatus</i> , <i>C. macloti</i> , <i>C. melanopterus</i> , <i>C. obscurus</i> , <i>C. plumbeus</i> , <i>C. sorrah</i> , <i>C. tilstoni</i> , <i>Loxodon macrorhinus</i> , <i>Negaprion acutidens</i> , <i>Prionace glauca</i> , <i>Rhizoprionodon acutus</i> , <i>R. oligonix</i> , <i>R. taylori</i> , <i>Triaenodon obesus</i> , <i>Sphyrna mokarran</i> , <i>S. zygaena</i> , <i>Eusphyra blochii</i> , <i>Glaucostegus typus</i> , <i>Rhinobatos sainsburyi</i> , <i>Rhina ancylostoma</i> , <i>Rhynchobatus australiae</i> , <i>R. palpebratus</i>). See https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/wildlife-trade/publications/non-detriment-finding-cites-sharks-and-rays-species for more information. The Shark Report Card (https://fish.gov.au/shark-report-card) was updated in October 2023.				
2.2.1b (previo usly	How are the results of such surveys, studies or other analyses used in making non-detriment findings (NDFs)? Please tick all that apply				
1.5.1b)	Revised harvest or export quotas ⊠ Banning export ⊠				
·	Stricter domestic measures				
	Changed management of the species $oximes$				
	Discussion with Management Authorities $igtimes$				
	Discussion with other stakeholders? ⊠				
	Other (please provide a short summary):				
2.2.1c	Does your country have specific conservation measures Yes				
(previo usly	or recovery plans for naturally occurring Appendix-I listed No Species?				
1.5.1c	Not Applicable No information				
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including, if possible, an evaluation of their				
	 Recovery plan for Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard (<i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i>) 2012 The primary objective of this recovery plan is to improve the long-term viability of Pygmy Bluetongue populations by: clarifying the extent, abundance and habitat requirements of the species achieving long-term protection and enhancement of habitat through sustainable land management practices and adequate awareness. The specific objectives of the recovery plan are to: Objective 1: Protect existing Pygmy Bluetongue populations and habitat. Objective 2: Clarify distribution and abundance. 				
	 Objective 3: Maintain, enhance and increase the area and quality of suitable habitat for Pygmy Bluetongues at known populations. 				
	 Objective 4: Monitor populations to evaluate the effectiveness of management and to detect trends which may require a management response. Objective 5: Fill critical knowledge gaps to help guide adaptive management and recovery of 				
	 the species. Objective 6: Continue to engage the community and form partnership to promote the significance and improved management requirements of the Pygmy Bluetongue Lizards. Objective 7: Manage the recovery process through an effective recovery team 				
	Sawfish and River Shark Multispecies Recovery Plan (does not include <i>Anoxypristis cuspidata</i>). The primary objective of this recovery plan is to assist the recovery of sawfish and river sharks in				
	Australian waters with a view to:				
	 improving the population status leading to the removal of the sawfish and river shark species from the threatened species list of the EPBC Act 				

• ensuring that anthropogenic activities do not hinder recovery in the near future, or impact on the conservation status of the species in the future.

The specific objectives of the recovery plan are to:

- Objective 1: Reduce and, where possible, eliminate adverse impacts of commercial fishing on sawfish and river shark species.
- Objective 2: Reduce and, where possible, eliminate adverse impacts of recreational fishing on sawfish and river shark species.
- Objective 3: Reduce and, where possible, eliminate adverse impacts of Indigenous fishing on sawfish and river shark species.
- Objective 4: Reduce and, where possible, eliminate the impact of illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing (IUU) on sawfish and river shark species.
- Objective 5: Reduce and, where possible, eliminate adverse impacts of habitat degradation and modification on sawfish and river shark species.
- Objective 6: Reduce and, where possible, eliminate any adverse impacts of marine debris on sawfish and river shark species noting the linkages with the Threat Abatement Plan for the Impact of Marine Debris on Vertebrate Marine Life. p. 10
- Objective 7: Reduce and, where possible, eliminate any adverse impacts of collection for public aquaria on sawfish and river shark species.
- Objective 8: Improve the information base to allow the development of a quantitative framework to assess the recovery of, and inform management options for, sawfish and river shark species. Objective 9: Develop research programs to assist conservation of sawfish and river shark species.
- Objective 10: Improve community understanding and awareness in relation to sawfish and river shark conservation and management.

The Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia 2017 is a national plan which aims to aid in the recovery of six species of marine turtles found in Australia including: loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), flatback (*Natator depressus*) and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) turtles. The plan sets out the research and management actions necessary to stop the decline and support the recovery of marine turtles in Australia.

The overarching objective of the plan is to minimise anthropogenic threats to allow for the conservation status of marine turtles to improve so that they can be removed from the *EPBC Act* threatened species list.

The effectiveness of this plan is measured, and progress towards long-term objectives assessed, based on how well the following targets for interim recovery objectives are met:

- Current levels of legal and management protection for marine turtles are maintained or improved both domestically and throughout the migratory range of Australia's marine turtles.
- 2. The management of marine turtles is supported.
- 3. Anthropogenic threats are demonstrably minimised.
- 4. Trends at index beaches, and population demographics at important foraging grounds are described.

The Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia was reviewed in 2022 and was deemed effective. Although the objective of the plan has not been achieved, i.e., the conservation status of the six species of marine turtles has not improved to such an extent that would warrant removal from the EPBC Act threatened species list, the current plan provides sufficient direction/scope to inform the recovery of marine turtles in Australia. Given the large number of stakeholders involved in marine turtle recovery, the plan helps relevant Government agencies, as well as academic researchers and NGOs, prepare and coordinate marine turtle conservation management actions and strategically address knowledge gaps. There remains a need for a national plan to inform this work.

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1.5.1d)

Has your country published any non-detriment findings that can be shared? Yes No I

If 'Yes', please provide links or examples to the Secretariat within this report:

See Australia's response to Notification 2017-019 (available in full in the Annex to AC29 Doc. 10 / PC23 Doc. 11.1) on non-detriment findings for a comprehensive explanation of processes for making non-detriment findings in Australia. Summary supplied below.

All specimens of CITES species exported from Australia for commercial purposes must be sourced from a harvest or propagation program approved by the Minister for the Environment (or delegate) under the EPBC Act. The EPBC Act sets out the sustainability considerations for approval of harvest for export. Having this requirement embedded in national legislation provides for consistent regulation of export trade, embeds the qualities of the non-detriment findings in the legislative process, and sets out clear expectations for exporters. The CITES Scientific Authority of Australia can therefore make non-detriment findings based on the legislative process.

Most non-detriment findings take the form of a sustainability assessment of the harvest or propagation program against legislative requirements. Requirements are set out for various program types based described below. Once the program is approved, an operator may then harvest and apply for export permits for their specimens within the boundaries defined by the approved program (including for harvest levels).

Wildlife trade management plans are generally large-scale harvest programs which are developed by the Australian state or territory government agency responsible for managing the species. All wildlife trade management plans on which non-detriment findings are made are publicly available. The plans provide the information, including the science, on which the approver makes the above assessment. A full list of approved wildlife trade management plans (including for non-CITES Australian native species) can be found at

https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/wildlife-trade/commercial/management-plans

An example of a wildlife trade management plan for the ranching of *Crocodylus porosus* (Salt-water Crocodile) is available at Wildlife trade management plans - DCCEEW

Wildlife trade operations are operations taking specimens (including specimens of non-CITES listed Australian native species), generally from the wild. Wildlife trade operations may be approved for up to three years. In approving such an operation, the Minister (or their delegate) must be satisfied that the operation will not be detrimental to the survival or conservation status of a taxon to which the operation relates; and that the operation will not be likely to threaten any relevant ecosystem, habitat, or biodiversity. Most wildlife trade operations on which non-detriment findings are made are publicly available.

A full list of approved wildlife trade operations can be found at Wildlife trade operations - DCCEEW

Exports from fisheries are assessed as wildlife trade operations. Information on these assessments can be found at Fisheries and the environment - DCCEEW

Artificial propagation programs are generally small-scale operations that propagate CITES-listed plant specimens in accordance with the CITES definitions. See <u>Artificial propagation programs - DCCEEW</u>

Captive breeding programs are also usually small-scale operations that breed animals in captivity in accordance with the CITES definitions. See <u>Captive breeding programs - DCCEEW</u>

Some non-detriment findings take the form of a published report on the sustainability of trade in a particular taxon. This is the case for the shark species listed at CoP16 at Non-detriment finding for five CITES Appendix II shark species - DCCEEW and the freshwater sawfish available at Non-detriment finding for five CITES Appendix II shark species - DCCEEW.

The draft non-detriment findings for the CITES listed shark and ray species listed at CoP19 and harvested in Australian export fisheries can be found at Non-detriment findings for CITES listed shark and ray species harvested in Australian export fisheries - DCCEEW.

2.2.1e (previo usly 1.5.1e)	Which of the following [A to F of paragraph 1 a) x) of Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev. CoP17)] does your country use in making non-detriment findings?	Yes	No
	A. relevant scientific literature concerning species biology, life history, distribution and population trends.	\boxtimes	
	B. details of any ecological risk assessments conducted.	\boxtimes	
	C. scientific surveys conducted at harvest locations and at sites protected from harvest and other impacts.	\boxtimes	
	D. relevant knowledge and expertise of local and indigenous communities.	\boxtimes	
	E. consultations with relevant local, regional and international experts.	\boxtimes	
	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.		

Indicator 2.2.2: Number and proportion of annual export quotas based on population surveys. (Data source: Quotas webpage on the CITES website)

2.2.2a (previo usly 1.5.3a)	Does your country set annual export quotas?	Yes No	
	If 'Yes', does your country set quotas based on population survey, or by other means? Please specify, for each species, how quotas are set: Species Name (scientific) Crocodylus porosus	Population Survey? ⊠ □	Other, please specify Historical narvest data
	Australia sets annual harvest limits instead of export limits, where applicable. These are set using appropriate methodology (including population surveys) on a case-by-case basis. The harvest limits recognise that trade also occurs domestically, ensuring that sustainable limits are set holistically for a species. All exporters need to demonstrate the legal source of their product prior to the granting of an export permit. More information on the setting of annual harvest limits can be found in the sustainability assessments publicly available at: Wildlife trade management plans - DCCEEW Wildlife trade operations - DCCEEW Fisheries and the environment - DCCEEW		
2.2.2b (previo usly 1.5.3b)	Have annual export quotas been set at levels which will ensure sustainable production and consumption?	Yes No	
ŕ	If 'Yes', please describe how this fits into your non-detriment finding p	rocess:	
	The quota is integrated into the sustainability assessment of the harveforms the non-detriment finding. See Australia's response to Notification the Annex to AC29 Doc. 10 / PC23 Doc. 11.1) on non-detriment finding explanation of processes for making non-detriment findings in Austral	on 2017-019 (availab ngs for a comprehensi	le in full in

Indicator 2.2.3: 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.

2.2.3a (previou sly 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						None	
	Staff of Scientific Authority						None	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	es 🔲 🔲 🔲 Nor					None	
	Traders	□ □ □ □ None		None				
	NGOs						None	
	Public						None	
	Other (please specify):						None	

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

2.2.3b (previou sly 1.6.3b)	activities to other range States?								
110.027	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						Interaction and cooperation with international law enforcement agencies in relation to export of Australian CITE S species		
	Traders	\boxtimes					Inquiries from traders regarding CITES requirements.		
	NGOs	\boxtimes					Information about Australia's CITES import and export requirements.		
	Public	\boxtimes					Responding to inquiries about CITES import and export requirements		
	Other Parties/International meetings						Regional meetings with New Zealand MA/SA and provision of information regarding Australian CITES requirements		
	Other (please specify)								
2.2.3c (previou sly 1.6.3c)	In what ways does your country colla	aborate v	Rarely Hito	Sometimes	S Part		တ် Se A Further detail / examples		
	Information exchange]			
	Monitoring / survey					L			
	Habitat management					L			
	Species management Law enforcement					L I			
	Capacity building					L			
	Other (please provide details)								
2.2.3d H	How many training and capacity building	g activiti	ies¹ has	your			Conducted or		
	country run during the period covered in			V\ fr	Vithout om the ecreta	е	istance assisted by the Secretariat		

	Please list the Resolutions or Decisions		1 More tha	1 2-5 6-10 1-20 an 20			
2.2.3e (previo usly 2.3.1b)	What sorts of capacity building activities	nat sorts of capacity building activities have taken place? None					
2.2.3f (previo usly 2.3.1c)	What capacity building needs does you	r country	y 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		П		П	П	Nil
	Staff of Scientific Authority						Nil
	Staff of enforcement authorities						Nil
	Traders / other user groups						Nil
	NGOs						Nil
	 						
	Public						Nil
	Other (please specify)						Nil
Indicator	(Data source: CITES Secretaria	at) rmation	relevan	t to the	imple	menta	ation of CITES (e.g. shared
2.2.5	Has your country shared informat implementation of CITES (e.g. sha visualization/software, information tools, etc.)?	red data	abases,	data	Ye: No	_	
Indicator	2.2.6: Number of CoP side-events wh implementation of CITES (Data source: CoP side-event s		•			on an	d tools relevant to the
Objective	2.3 Parties have sufficient informati SDG Goal 12 GBF Goal D & Targets 15 & 21	on to er	nforce th	e Conve	ention		
Indicator	2.3.1: Proportion of Parties that are m at Google Analytics for the num Species+ or the number of dow	ber of s	ite visits	to the C	CITES	web	site, CITES Checklist, or

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.

of shared tools.

(Data source: CITES Secretariat – Number of visits to the CITES website; number of visits to the CITES Checklist and Species+; number of downloads from the CITES Trade Database)

Indicator 2.3.2: Percentage of Parties reporting having sufficient information to enforce the Convention.

2.3.2	Do you consider that your country has sufficient	Yes	\boxtimes
	information to enforce the Convention?	No	

Objective 2.4 Parties have sufficient information to make listing decisions that are reflective of species conservation needs.

SDG Goal 12 GBF Goals A & D & Targets 5, 20 & 21

Indicator 2.4.1: Percentage of Parties reporting having sufficient information to make listing decisions that are reflective of species conservation needs.

2.4.1	Do you consider that your country has sufficient	Yes	\boxtimes
	information to make listing decisions that are	No	
	reflective of species conservation needs?		

Objective 2.5 Information gaps and needs for key species are identified and addressed.

SDG Goal 12 GBF Target 21

Indicator 2.5.1: Number of Parties that have undertaken research (including for non-detriment findings) on their identified key species most relevant to the implementation of the Convention.

2.5.1a	Has research (including for non-detriment findings) on your identified key species most relevant to the implementation of the Convention been undertaken in your country? Yes ⊠ No	• 🗆
	If 'Yes', please indicate how you identify key species: Where necessary research has been commissioned to inform non-detriment findings for CITE listed species (e.g. corals, sea cucumbers, humphead Maori wrasse, sharks and rays).	S-
2.5.1b (previou sly	Has your country undertaken any reviews of whether species would benefit from listing on the CITES Appendices? Yes No.	
1.4.1a)	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):	
	In March 2022, based on Australia's review of species, Australia requested the addition of 127 native reptile (lizard) species to Appendix III (see Notification 2022/019).	•
	The reviews conducted by Australia are ongoing and as such are not provided here. We will reany appropriate reviews and subsequent proposals to the Secretariat via standard processes.	

Indicator 2.5.2: Number of Parties that currently lack information for their identified key species most relevant to the implementation of the Convention and need assistance to address them.

2.5.2	Do you consider that your country currently lacks information on your ide species most relevant to the implementation of the Convention and needs assistance to address them?	ntified key Yes □ No ⊠
	If 'Yes', please specify for which key species and the type of assistance ne	eded:

GOAL 3 PARTIES (INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY) HAVE THE TOOLS, RESOURCES AND CAPACITY TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE CONVENTION, CONTRIBUTING TO CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE USE AND THE REDUCTION OF ILLEGAL TRADE IN CITES-LISTED WILDLIFE SPECIES

Objective 3.1 Parties have in place administrative procedures that are transparent, practical, coherent and user-friendly, and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens.

SDG Goal 16
GBF Goal D

Indicator 3.1.1: 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
3.1.1 (previo usly 1.2.1a)	Does your country have standard operating procedures for application for and issuance of permits?	\boxtimes		
	Are the procedures publicly available?			
	Standard instructions on how to apply for permits and the assessment process are available here: https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/wildlife-trade/do-i-need-permit	\boxtimes		
	Standard Operating Procedures for assessment officers are not publicly available.			

Indicator 3.1.2: Number of Parties making use of the simplified procedures provided for in Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19).

3.1.2 (previo usly 1.2.2a)	Has your country developed simplified procedures for any of	f the follo	wing?	
		Т	ick all ap _l	plicable
		Yes	No	No information
	Where biological samples of the type and size specified in Annex 4 to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) are urgently required.			
	The matter was considered as part of the ten-yearly review of the EPBC Act ((Samuel 2021), Australia's domestic implementing legislation. However, Australia generally expedites assessment of such applications.			
	For the issuance of pre-Convention certificates or equivalent documents in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 2.	\boxtimes		

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.	\boxtimes	
Are there other cases judged by a Management Authority to merit the use of simplified procedures? If 'Yes', please provide details:		
Australia issues multiple consignment authorities to facilitate multiple shipments of the species listed on the authority. These are issued on the basis of a non-detriment finding by Australia's CITES Scientific Authority and demonstration of the legal source of the specimens. Multiple consignment authorities cannot generally be issued for Appendix I-listed species.		
For export, the exporter must complete a specimen export record, which acts as a single use CITES permit, for each shipment detailing the exact details of the specimens and quantities being exported.		
Most multiple consignment authorities are issued for orchids, corals, and crocodile products. They are only issued to companies that have demonstrated compliance with Australian CITES requirements.		
Each permit used under the authority must be acquitted to the Australian CITES Management Authority for monitoring, compliance and reporting purposes.		

Indicator 3.1.3: Number of Parties that have adopted an electronic system for the issuance of permits.

		Yes	No	No information					
3.1.3 (previo usly 1.2.1b)	Does your country 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		\boxtimes						
	Electronic permit information exchange to Management Authorities of all countries?		\boxtimes						
	Electronic permit data exchange between Management Authorities and customs?	\boxtimes							
	Electronic permit used to cross border with electronic validation by customs?	\boxtimes							
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide information on challenges faced or issues overcome:								
	The Australian Border Force has moved to fully electronic border clearance processes which validate permit data provided by the CITES Management Authority and remove the need for exporters and importers to physically present paper permits except where the system identifies the shipment as risky. Although system compatibility to allow for data exchange between the Australian CMA and the ABF was an issue, electronic border clearance processes have now been fully								

implemented and are a proven success for electronic permit validation.					
1 0	ne 'wet-stamping' recommendation in CITES Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) remains a gnificant impost on the resources of border authorities and does not work effectively with a risk-led electronic border clearance process.				
If 'No', do you have any plans to move towards epermitting ¹ ?	\boxtimes				
If you are planning to move towards e-permitting, please expso:	f you are planning to move towards e-permitting, please explain what might help you to do				
As our permit systems develop and international capability increases, Australia will work towards full electronic permitting. The development of consistent CITES electronic permit exchange parameters between CITES Parties would give clarity on what methods of permit exchange would be consistent with and be able to be accepted by other CITES Parties allowing smooth electronic permit exchange between parties.					

Objective 3.2 Parties and the Secretariat develop, adopt and implement adequate capacity-building programmes.

SDG Goal 17

GBF Goal D & Targets 20 & 21

Indicator 3.2.1: Number of Parties with training programmes and information resources in place to implement CITES, including the making of non-detriment and legal acquisition findings, issuance of permits and enforcement.

3.2.1a (previo usly 1.8.1a)	Does your country have information resources or training in place YesNo The making of non-detriment findings? Permit officers? Enforcement officers?	e to support:	
3.2.1b (previo usly 1.8.1b)	Is the CITES Virtual College used as part of your capacity building work? What improvements could be made in using the Virtual College for capacity building?	Yes No No information	
3.2.1c (previo usly 1.8.1c)	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? What improvements could be made in using the ICCWC Toolkit for capacity building?	Yes No No information	

Indicator 3.2.2: 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.

See questions for indicator 2.2.3

Objective 3.3 Sufficient resources are available at the national and international levels to support necessary capacity-building programmes and ensure compliance with and full implementation and enforcement of the Convention.

SDG Goals 15 & 17

GBF Goal D & Targets 20 & 21

Indicator 3.3.1: Number of Parties meeting their obligations with regard to their assessed contributions to the Trust Fund.

(Data source: CITES Secretariat)

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.

Indicator 3.3.2:	Percentage of the total funds required to implement the work programme agreed by the Conference of the Parties that is fully funded. (Data source: CITES Secretariat)
Objective 3.4	Parties recognize illegal trade in wildlife as serious crime and have adequate systems in place to detect and deter it. SDG Goal 15

Indicator 3.4.1: Number of Parties where criminal offences relating to illegal trade in wildlife (such as illegal hunting/harvest and wildlife trafficking) are recognized as a serious crime.

3.4.1a (previo usly	Are criminal offences such as poaching and wildlife trafficking recognized as serious crime ¹ in your country?	Yes No No information	
1.7.3b)		No information	
	If 'Yes', please explain what criteria must be met for poaching or w treated as serious crimes:	ildlife trafficking offence	es to be
	Trafficking offences are deemed serious and indictable with imprisinternational wildlife trade charges carrying 10 years.	onment greater than 5	years and
3.4.1b (previo usly 1.7.3a)	Does your country have law and procedures in place for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences as a crime?	Yes No	\boxtimes
	If 'Yes', please provide the title of the legislation and a summary of the penalties available	No information	
	The EPBC Act is Australia's CITES implementing law.		
	The maximum penalty for wildlife trade offences is 10 years imprisonment and AUD313,000 for individuals (AUD1,565,000 for corporations).		
	Penalties of 5 years imprisonment and AUD313,000 for an individual (AUD1,565,000 for corporations) may apply for the possession of specimens that have been illegally imported.		
3.4.1c	Does your country have capacity to use forensic technology ² to	Yes	\boxtimes
(previo usly 1.7.3c)	support the investigation of CITES offences?	No Information	
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary of any samples from CITE collected and submitted to an appropriate forensic analysis facility another country) during the period covered in this report: Information not able to be shared for operational reasons.		
	If 'Yes', and your country has an appropriate forensic analysis facil please indicate which species it applies to:	ity for CITES-listed spe	cies,
	Various. Unable to be more specific for operational reasons.		
3.4.1d	Did your authorities participate in or initiate any multi-disciplinary ³	Yes	

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).

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.

(previo usly 1.7.3d)	law enforcement operation(s) targeting CITES-listed during the period covered in this report?	No No informatio	n 🗵			
,	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties:					
3.4.1e (previo usly 1.7.3e)	Does your country have a standard operating procedurelevant agencies for submitting information related to offences to INTERPOL and/or the World Customs On	o CITE	S	Yes No No informatio	n 🗆	
3.4.1f (previo usly 1.7.3f)	Does your country 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 ¹	\boxtimes				
	Predicate offences ²					
	Asset forfeiture ³	\boxtimes				
	Corruption ⁴	\boxtimes				
	International cooperation in criminal matters ⁵	\boxtimes				
	Organized crime ⁶	\boxtimes				
	Specialized investigation techniques ⁷	\boxtimes				
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please explain how each brief summary, including any lessons learned which is Criminal offences against the Commonwealth are go each state and territory has relevant organised crime CITES offences at the Commonwealth level (EPBC A carrying custodial sentences up to 10 years. Asset for through proceeds of crime legislation and can be dor	werned and fire Act) are orfeiture	by the nancial serious by the	ful for other Par e <i>Criminal Code</i> benefit by adv us and indictable e Commonwea	rties: e Act 1995, further, rantage charges. le offences lth is managed	
3.4.1g (previo usly 1.7.3g)	Does your country have institutional capacity to imple legislative provisions listed in the question above aga offences?	ainst CI	TES	Yes No No informati	⊠ □ on □	
	If 'No', please provide a brief summary of your major	capaci	ty-build	ding needs:		

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

² 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.

³ 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.

⁵ 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.

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.

illegal trade chains, including through			oth the supply of and demand for
Indicator 3	3.5.1:	Number of seizures made through Parties collaboration acrostates, to address entire illegal trade chains.	oss range, transit and destination
3.5.1	Partie	authorities in your country made seizures through es collaboration across range, transit and destination s, to address entire illegal trade chains?	Yes □ No □ No information □
	If 'Yes	', please indicate the number of seizures made:	
Objective	3.6	Parties take measures to prohibit, prevent, detect and sancti SDG Goal 16	on corruption.
Indicator 3	3.6.1:	Number of Parties reporting in implementation reports of activities	vities taken to address corruption.
3.6.1	respo mana	our country undertaken activities to address ption, in particular with regard to national agencies nsible for wildlife law enforcement and protected areas gement? s', please elaborate on the types of activities taken:	Yes No No information
	Anti-C enhan prever	ational Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) was established corruption Commission National Anti-Corruption Commission National Anti-Corruption Commission National Anti-Corruption Commission National Anti-Corruption Commonwealth public sector by nating corrupt conduct involving Commonwealth public officials pring, investigation, reporting and referral.	(NACC)). The NACC aims to deterring, detecting and
Objective	3.7	Investments in building capacity of CITES are prioritized, monitored to ensure stepwise improvement through time. SDG Goals 15 & 17 GBF Goal D & Target 20	coordinated, and their success
Indicator 3	3.7.1:	Number of capacity-building activities delivered to Parties. (Data source: See questions for indicator 2.2.3)	
Indicator 3	3.7.2:	Number of Parties who report improvements in their imcapacity-building efforts.	plementation following targeted
3.7.2		ou report improvements in the implementation of CITES ir country following targeted capacity-building efforts?	Yes
		, please elaborate on the reasons why targeted capacity- vements in your implementation:	building did not lead to
Indicator 3	3.7.3:	Total investments into capacity-building efforts. (Data source: Reports from capacity-building activities)	
Objective	3.8	Parties take full advantage of emerging technological developmentation and enforcement of the Convention. SDG Goal 17 GBF Goal D & Targets 20 &21	opments to improve the effective

Indicator 3.8.1: Number of CITES Parties using the CITES Checklist API. (Data source: CITES Secretariat)

GOAL 4 CITES POLICY DEVELOPMENT ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO AND LEARNS FROM INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Objective 4.1 Parties support sustainable wildlife trade policies, especially those that increase the capacity of Indigenous peoples and local communities to pursue livelihoods.

SDG Goals 8, 12, 14, 15 & 17 GBF Goals B & C & Targets 5 & 22

Indicator 4.1.1: Number of CITES-listed species for which Parties have designed/implemented relevant sustainable wildlife management policies.

4.1.1	Has your country designed or implement sustainable wildlife management policies species?		Yes No No information	
	As part of the 2023 National Agreement on C Australia has committed to implementing a F approach to foreign policy, to elevate the per experiences and interests of Aboriginal and people in Australia's international work, inclu- obligations.	rirst Nations rspectives, Forres Strait Islander		
	If 'Yes', please indicate the names of the	species:		
	Taxon (scientific name)	Total number of CI	TES-listed species	covered

Indicator 4.1.2: Percentage of Parties that co-developed or otherwise supported the capacity of indigenous peoples and local communities to pursue livelihoods.

4.1.2	Has your country co-developed or otherwise supported the capacity of Indigenous peoples and local communities to pursue livelihoods?	Yes No No information	
	All fishing in the Torres Strait Beche-de-mer Fishery is undertaken by Indigenous peoples and local communities. The management and supporting research in this fishery is funded by the Australian Government.		
	More information on this Fishery can be found at our website: https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/marine/fisheries/commonwealth/torres-strait-beche-de-mer		
	Australia has a wide range of capacity building and closing the gap initiatives with First Nations people.		
	The Australian Government implements initiatives to protect threatened and migratory species consistent with existing legislation, such as the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> . The <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> identifies activities such as hunting and fishing as potential native title rights and interests. Section 211 of the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> generally provides that a law which prohibits or restricts persons from carrying out a particular class of activity, other than in accordance with a licence or permit, does not prohibit or restrict native title holders from carrying out		

that activity for the purpose of personal, domestic or noncommercial communal needs and in exercise of native title rights
and interests. This protects the pre-existing legal rights of native
title holders.

The livelihoods benefits of the Northern Territory Saltwater
Crocodile Management Plan are outlined in the case study
report on the CITES website Livelihoods page.

Objective 4.2 The importance of achieving CITES' aim as a contribution to achieving the relevant Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, is recognized.

SDG Goals 12, 15 & 17 GBF Targets 4 & 5

Indicator 4.2.1: Number of Parties incorporating CITES into their National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), also included in the global and national Strategies for Plant Conservation under CBD programme.

4.2.1a (previo usly 3.4.2a)	Has CITES been incorporated into your country's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) or any revision of the NBSAP?	Yes No No information	
	Australia's NBSAP is the policy umbrella that encompasses the national legislation that enacts our CITES obligations.		
4.2.1b (previo usly 3.4.2b)	Has your country 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 4.3 Awareness of the role, purpose and achievements of CITES is increased globally.

SDG Goals 12 & 17 GBF Targets 4, 5 & 21

Indicator 4.3.1: Number of new, unique visits to the CITES website.

(Data source: CITES Secretariat – number of site visits to the CITES website)

Indicator 4.3.2: Number of Parties with information on CITES and its requirements on their official websites. (Data source: CITES Secretariat – number of Management Authorities with a website)

Indicator 4.3.3: Number of followers on CITES social media platforms.

(Data source: CITES Secretariat – number of followers of CITES and WWD on social media, i.e., Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, Youtube, Wechat and Weibo)

Indicator 4.3.4: Number of key identified hashtags (e.g. #cites, #citescop19 #worldwildlifeday, etc.) on CITES social media.

(Data source: CITES Secretariat)

Indicator 4.3.5: Number of events submitted to the World Wildlife Day website.

(Data source: CITES Secretariat)

Objective 4.4 CITES Parties are informed of international actions for sustainable development that may have

a bearing on achieving the goal of CITES.

SDG Goal 17 GBF Target 21

Indicator 4.4.1: Number of meetings/CoP where representatives of other international bodies report on

relevant activities to CITES Parties.

(Data source: CITES Secretariat)

Indicator 4.4.2: Events, documents and presentations, etc. delivered by other intergove fora in meetings convened by the CITES Secretariat. (Data source: CITES Secretariat)			mental bodies and	
Indicator 4.	4.3: Number of Notifications to the Parties issued by the international actions for sustainable development the goal of CITES. (Data source: CITES Secretariat)			
GOAL 5 DELIVERY OF THE CITES STRATEGIC VISION IS IMPROVED COLLABORATION				
Objective 5	.1 Parties and the Secretariat support and enhance ex achieve their identified objectives. SDG Goal 17 GBF Goal D & Target 20	isting cooperative par	tnerships in order to	
Indicator 5.	1.1: Number of Parties which report that they have achie CITES, other biodiversity-related conventions and trade and development agreements.			
5.1.1 (previo usly 3.3.1a)	Have measures been taken to achieve coordination and duplication of activities between the national CITES and national focal points for other multilateral environ agreements (e.g. the other biodiversity-related conver CBD, CMS, ITPGR, Ramsar, WHC) ¹ to which your cour party? If 'Yes', please give a brief description: Implementation of multilateral environmental agreements Australian Government Department of Climate Change, E Focal points meet regularly to discuss shared issues, consprovide advice as needed on cross-cutting issues.	uthorities No nmental No inf ntions: ntry is to which Australia is F inergy, the Environme	nt and Water.	
Indicator 5.	Indicator 5.1.2: Number of Parties cooperating / collaborating with intergovernmental and non-government organizations to participate in and/or fund CITES workshops and other training and capacity building activities.			
5.1.2	Has funding been provided or received to facilitate			
(previou sly	CITES workshops, training or other capacity building activities to / from:	Tick if	Which	
3.3.3a)		applicable	organizations?	
	Inter-governmental organizations?			
	Non-governmental organizations?			
Indicator 5.1.3: Number of cooperative actions taken under established bilateral or multilateral agreements to prevent species from being unsustainably exploited through international trade.				
5.1.3 (previou sly 3.5.1a)	Has your country taken action under established bila multilateral agreements other than CITES to prevent from being unsustainably exploited through international of 'Yes', please provide details:	species No	formation	
Indicator 5.	Number of times other relevant international organism natural resources are consulted on issues relevant to the contract of the contract			

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.

5.1.4 (previo usly 3.5.2a)	yea orga hav	rage number of times per r that international anizations or agreements e been consulted by CITES horities	Once	2-5 times	6-20 times	More than 20 times	No consultation	Optional comment about which organizations and issues consulted on
	Man	agement Authority(ies)						International NGOs, eNGOs, other MEAs. Seeking clarification on the implementation of CITES and species impacted by our CITES obligations.
	Scie	ntific Authority(ies)						International NGOs, eNGOs, other MEAs. Seeking clarification on the implementation of CITES and species impacted by our CITES obligations.
	Enfo	orcement Authority(ies)						Other international enforcement agencies. Seeking clarification on the implementation of CITES and species impacted by our CITES obligations.
Indicator 5.	1.5:	Number of implemented cooper Environmental Agreements (ME other biodiversity-related Conve (Data source: CITES Secretaria	AS), inc					
Objective 5	Dbjective 5.2 Parties encourage the formation of new, innovative and mutually sustainable alliances between CITES and relevant international partners, where appropriate to advance CITES objective and mainstream conservation and of sustainable use of biodiversity. SDG Goal 17 GBF Goal D & Target 20				opriate to advance CITES'			
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Objective 5	Objective 5.3 Cooperation between CITES and international financial mechanisms and other related institutions is enhanced in order to support activities that contribute to CITES implementation and enforcement. SDG Goals 15 & 17 GBF Goal D							
Indicator 5.	ndicator 5.3.1: Number of Parties funded by international financial mechanisms and other related institutions to develop activities that include CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements.							
5.3.1a (previou		funding from international fina ted institutions been used to de						Yes 🗌 No 🖺

sly 3.1.1a)	CITES-related conservation and sustainable development elements?	Not applicable No information	
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		
5.3.1b (previou sly 3.1.1a)	During the period covered in this report, has funding for your country from international funding mechanisms and other related institutions: Not applicable	Increased Remained stable Decreased	

Indicator 5.3.2: 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.

5.3.2 (previo usly 3.1.2a)					Yes No No				
	If 'Yes', please tick boxes to indicate type of assistance provided Country(ies)	Species Management¹	Habitat Management²	Sustainable use	Law Enforcement	Livelihoods	Other (specify)	Details (provide n information Appendi	nore in an x if
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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.

Questions that are not directly linked to the CITES Strategic Vision indicators but provide useful information about the implementation of the Convention

COOPERATION AND SYNERGIES

C1 (previo usly 1.6.1a)	Is your country a signatory to any bilateral and/or multilateral agreements for co-management of shared species?Yes No If 'Yes', please provide brief details, including the names of the agreements, and which other countries are involved:
	Australia is a signatory to the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention), including its relevant subsidiary agreements the:
	 Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia:
	 Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Dugongs (Dugong dugon) and their Habitats throughout their Range:
	 Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region:
	Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels: and the
	Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks.
	Australia also has three bilateral migratory bird agreements with the Governments of Japan (JAMBA), China (CAMBA) and the Republic of Korea (ROKAMBA).
	Australia is also a Partner to the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership which seeks to protect migratory waterbirds, their habitats and the livelihoods of people dependent upon them.

C2a (previo usly 3.3.2a)	How many international projects which integrate CITES issues has your country contributed towards?			
C2b (previo usly 3.3.2b)	In addition to C2a, how many national level projects has your country implemented which integrate CITES issues?			
C2c (previo usly 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?	\boxtimes		
	Indigenous or local peoples?	\boxtimes		
	Trade or other private sector associations?	\boxtimes		
	NGOs?	\boxtimes		
	Other (please specify)			
C2d (previo usly 3.3.2d)	Are CITES requirements integrated into?	Yes	No	
	National and local development strategies?	\boxtimes		
	National and local poverty reduction strategies?		\boxtimes	

Planning processes?	\boxtimes
National accounting?	\boxtimes

	ENFORCEMENT					
E1 (previo usly 1.7.1a)	Does your country have, is your country engaged in, or covered by:	Yes No Inform				
,	– an international enforcement strategy and/or action plan?					
	formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network?	\boxtimes				
	– a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan?			\square		
	 formal national interagency cooperation, such as a national interagency enforcement committee? 			\boxtimes		
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please specify the level of engagement a details: Unable to provide further detail due to operational reasons.	and prov	ide additio	onal		
E2a (previo usly 1.7.2a)	Does your country have a process or mechanism for reviewing your enforcement strategy(ies) and the activities taken to implement your strategy(ies)?	consid No	it review in eration	is under		
	If 'Yes', what do you do? Quality Assurance Reviews (QARs)					
	If 'Yes' or 'No, but review is under consideration', which tools do yo	ou find of	f value?			
	QARs are completed by the Australian Federal Police. We are una information on the tools used for operational reasons.	able to pr	ovide furt	her		
E2b (previo usly 1.7.2b)	Has your country used the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, or equivalent tools?	consid No	t toolkit us eration ormation	se is under		
	If 'Yes', please provide feedback on the parts of the toolkit used ar equivalent tools have been. Please specify improvements that cou			oolkit or		
	The toolkit is a useful tool especially in the standardisation of enform The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment a Australasian Environmental Law Enforcement and Regulators Network in the WC Operations Group. The toolkit was distributed the Authrough the WC Operations group in 2020.	and Wate vork (AE	er is a mo LERT) and	ember of the disparticipates		
	If 'No', please provide feedback on why not or what is needed to n tools useful to you:	nake the	toolkit or	equivalent		

E3a (previo	Does your country use risk assessment to target CITES enforcement effort?	Alway Very				
usly			etimes			
1.7.4a)						
Í			Rarely Never			
FOL			formation			
E3b (previo	Does your country have capacity to analyse information gathered on illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	l Yes No	\boxtimes			
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1.7.4b)		INO III	IOITIALIOIT			
E3c	Does your country use criminal intelligence ¹ to inform	Alway		\boxtimes		
(previo	investigations into illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Very o				
usly 1.7.4c)		Some	etimes			
1.7.40)		Rarel	y			
		Neve	٢			
		No in	formation			
E3d	Has your country implemented any supply-side activities to	Yes		\boxtimes		
(previo	address illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period		out activitie	s are 🗌		
usly 1.7.4d)	covered in this report?		developme	ent		
1.7.44)		No				
		No in	formation			
E3e	Has your country implemented any demand-side activities to	Yes				
``	(previo address illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period		No, but activities are			
usly	covered in this report?		developme	ent		
1.7.4e)			No			
		No in	No information			
<u> </u>		Yes	No	No		
During t	he period covered in this report:			Information		
E4a	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans,					
(previo	suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related offences?					
usly						
1.7.5a)						
	If 'Yes', please indicate how many and for what types of offence details:	es. It avai	able, pleas	e attach		
E4b	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of CITES-related	\square	П			
(previo	offences?					
usly						
1.7.5b)						
	If 'Yes', how many and for what types of offences? If available,	please at	tach details			
E4c	Have there been any other court actions against CITES-		\boxtimes			
(previo	related offences?					
usly						
1.7.5c)						
	If 'Yes', what were the offences involved and what were the results	s? Please				
E4d	How were any confiscated specimens disposed of?		Tick	all that apply		
(previo						
usly 1.7.5d)						

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.

– Return	n to country of export	
- Public	zoos or botanical gardens	\boxtimes
– Desigr	nated rescue centres	
– Approv	ved private facilities	\boxtimes
– Euthar	nasia	\boxtimes
- Other	(please specify):	
Have you	encountered any challenges in disposing of confiscated specimens?	
Do you ha	ave good practice that you would like to share with other Parties?	

RESOURCES

R1a (previo usly 2.2.1a)	Does your country have an approved service standard(s)¹ for your Management Authority(ies)? If 'No', please go to Question R1d. If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards? Decisions on all permit applications must be made within 40 business days of receiving a complete application. Enquiries about wildlife trade permitting are answered within 20 business days.		Yes No	
	If 'Yes', does your country have performance targets for these standards ² ? If 'Yes', what are your country's performance targets?	As above	Yes No	\square
	Does your country publish your performance against service standard targets?	As above	Yes No	
	Performance against statutory decision-making timeframes is published in the Department's annual reports (by financial year July-June), available at https://www.dcceew.gov.au/about/reporting/annual-report			
	If possible, please provide your country's performance against service standards during the period covered in this report:			
	Between June 2021 and June 2023, an average of 99.8 percent of applications were assessed within the statutory timeframe of 40 business days. Delays to assessment timeframes were due to administrative delays.			
	If your country did not meet its performance targets, then was this shortfall a result of:	Yes		No
	availability of funding?			\boxtimes
	– number of staff?			\boxtimes
	a shortage of skills?			\boxtimes
	If 'Yes' to a shortage of skills, which skills does your country need more of?	_		

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.

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Staff? Yes ☒ No ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐				v N			
Skills? Yes 🗵 No 🗌 Yes 🗵 No 🗍 Yes 🖾 No 🗍			<u> </u>				
		Skills?	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes 🛚	No 🗌	

R2a	Have any of the following activities been undertaken during the period	
(previo	covered in this report to enhance the effectiveness of CITES	
usly	implementation at the national level?	
2.2.2a)		Tick if applicable

	Hiring of more staff						
	Development of implementation tools						
	Purchase of technical equipment for interpretation enforcement	mplementa	tion, monitorii	ng or			
	Other (please specify):						
R2b (previous ly 2.2.2b)	During the period covered in this report the budget for your:	ort, was	Increased	Stable	Decrease	d	
,	Management Authority(ies)			\square			
	Scientific Authority(ies)			\boxtimes			
	Enforcement authorities			\boxtimes			
R2c (previous ly 2.2.2c)	Has your country been able to use int development funding assistance to inthe level of implementation of your		Yes	No	Not applical	ole	
	Management Authority(ies)?						
	Scientific Authority(ies)?						
	Enforcement authorities?						
R2d (previous ly 2.2.2d)							
	Activity	High	Medium	Low	Not a Priori	ity	
	Hiring of more staff						
	Development of implementation tools		\boxtimes				
	Purchase of new technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement				\boxtimes		
	e-permitting		\boxtimes				
	Other (please specify):						
R2e (previous ly 2.2.2e)	Does your country have an operation (e.g. electronic database) for managir		Yes	Under development	No		
	Species information		\boxtimes				
	Trade information		\boxtimes				
	Non-detriment findings				\boxtimes		
R3a (previou sly	Does the Management Authority char	ge fees for:					
2.2.3a)				Tick al	I that are applic	able	
	- Administrative procedures						
	 Issuance of CITES documents (e.g. for import, exports, re-export, or introduction from the sea) 						
	 Shipment clearance (e.g. for the in of CITES-listed species) 		·		om tne sea		
	Licensing or registration of operat		oduce CITES	species			
	 Harvesting of CITES-listed species 	es					
	Use of CITES-listed speciesAssignment of quotas for CITES-l	isted specie	es.				
	- Assignment of quotas for CTTES-instead species						

	Other (please specify):	
R3b	Is a fee schedule publicly available?	Yes ⊠ No □
(previou sly	If 'Yes', please provide an internet link, or a copy of the schedule to the Secretariat:	
2.2.3b)	https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/wildlife-trade/permits/fees	

R3c (previou sly 2.2.3c)	Has your country used revenues from fees for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?		
2.2.00)	E	intirely	
		Partly	
	No	t at all	\boxtimes
	Not re	levant	
R3d (previo usly 2.2.3d)		Yes	No
	Does your country raise funds for CITES management through charging user fees?		\boxtimes
	Do your country's fees recover the full economic cost of issuing permits?		\boxtimes
	Does your country have case studies on charging or using fees?		\boxtimes
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide brief details:		
	Does your country use innovative financial mechanisms to raise funds for CITES implementation?		\boxtimes
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		
R4a (previo usly 2.2.4a) R4b (previo usly 2.2.4b)	Does your country use incentive measures¹ such as those described in document CoP¹ to implement the Convention? YesNo Due diligence	mmary	
	AWARENESS		
A1 (previo usly 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? Wider public Press conferences	Rele Us Gro	er

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.

	 Newspaper articles, brochures, leaflets Television appearances Radio appearances Presentations Public consultations / meetings Market surveys Displays Information at border crossing points Telephone hotline Website(s) – if so, please provide link(s) Interest 	ernationa	al wildlife			
	<u>trade - DCCEEW</u>Other (specify):Please attach copies of any items or describe e	xamples	s:	[
A2a (previo usly 3.2.2a)	How regularly do your country's Authorities cons	ult the C	CITES webs	site?		
	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		> 			
	Staff of Scientific Authority					
	Staff of enforcement authorities					
A2b (previo usly 3.2.2b)	What has been your experience with using the days and further comments on the CITES Website? Which authorities find which functions/tools most The search function on the CITES website is very	(e.g. use t useful,	eful aspects what is mis	Exco Goo Ave Poo Very No i , any diffic	rage r / Poor nformation ulties enco	

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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	
Web link(s)	Not available	
	Previously provided	\boxtimes
Please list any materials annexed to the report, e.g. fee schedules, awareness raising materials, etc: All relevant public information available at International wildlife trade-DCCEEW		
Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in	n Yes	
your country requiring attention or assistance?	No	\boxtimes
	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 o	ther Yes	
Parties?	No	
	No Information	\boxtimes
If 'Yes' please provide details / links:		
How could this report format be improved?		
The report is not easily readable. It is hard to distinguish between questions, instructions and responses.		
It would be helpful if the report template could be formatted to have automatic filling of tick boxes instead of needing to right-click and select checked for each item.		

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