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:

CITES Secretariat Palais des Nations Avenue de la Paix 8-14 CH-1211 Geneva Switzerland

Email: <u>info@cites.org</u> Tel: +41-(0)22-917-81-39/40 Fax: +41-(0)22-797-34-17

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

Party	Slovakia
Period covered in this report	2021 - 2023
Department or agency preparing this report	Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, Department for Regulation of Trade in Endangered Species (CITES MA)
Contributing departments, agencies and organizations	Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic
	State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic (including CITES SA)
	Financial Directorate of the Slovak Republic, Customs Department (Customs)
	Presidium of the Police Force, Department for Detection of Hazardous Substances and Environmental Crime (Police)
	Slovak Environmental Inspectorate (SEI)
	National Zoological Garden Bojnice (NZOO)

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:
In Slovakia, <u>EU wildlife trade legislation</u> is directly applicable. In 2021 – 2023 following regulations have been amended/replaced:
1. COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 338/97 of 9 December 1996 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein (consolidated version you can find here <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:01997R0338-</u>20230520&qid=1716882634578) was amended by:
a) COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/2280 of 16 December 2021 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by

	 regulating trade therein and Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 laying down detailed rules concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 b) COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2023/966 of 15 May 2023 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 to reflect the amendments adopted at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
2.	COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 865/2006 of 4 May 2006 laying down detailed rules concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein <u>was amended by</u> COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/2280 of 16 December 2021 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 laying down detailed rules concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97. Consolidated version you can find here https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02006R0865-20220119&gid=171688313726
3.	COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/1587 of 24 September 2019 prohibiting the introduction into the Union of specimens of certain species of wild fauna and flora in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein was replaced by COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/2770 of 12 December 2023 prohibiting the introduction into the Union of specimens of certain species of wild fauna and flora in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of specimens of certain species of wild fauna and flora in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-
4.	content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202302770&qid=1716883773415) in force from 2.1.2024 COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 792/2012 of 23 August 2012 laying down rules for the design of permits, certificates and other documents provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 was amended by COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/2281 of 16 December 2021 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 792/2012 as regards the addition of a new source code for plants from assisted production and related changes. Consolidated version you can find here https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02012R0792- 20220119&qid=1716883960864)
<u>Gu</u>	idance documents and Action plans at the EU level
tra a c allo iss Gu pro mu a n	implement Resolution Conf. 10.10 (Rev. CoP18), the EU introduced a more restrictive ivory de regime. In this context, the exemption for internal trade with antiques containing ivory without certificate was repealed. Accordingly, a certificate is now required for trade of ivory in any case. To be stricter control of internal trade in objects consisting of ivory, an expiry date for certificates ued for all ivory objects was introduced. In addition, the European Commission revised the idance document on the EU regime governing trade in ivory <u>EUR-Lex - 52021XC1230(03) - I - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)</u> . As a result, import and export of raw ivory to and from the EU are obibited entirely, whereas internal trade is only allowed for specific purposes (repairing pre-1975 isical instruments and pre-1947 antiques of high cultural, artistic or historical importance held by nuseum). Regarding worked ivory, export and import are only allowed for pre-1975 musical truments and pre-1947 antiques sold to museums, internal trade only with objects acquired for 1947 and pre-1975 musical instruments.
	11/08/2022, the Commission adopted a Guidance document on live animals bred in captivity IR-Lex - 52022XC0811(01) - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu) under the EU Wildlife Trade Regulations.
tra aga arc ado tra stro	09/11/2022, the European Commission adopted a revised EU Action Plan against wildlife fficking <u>EUR-Lex - 52022DC0581 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)</u> to strengthen the EU action ainst the illegal trade in wildlife, both in the EU and internationally. The revised action plan is built bund four priorities including 17 objectives and 69 actions: (1) Preventing wildlife trafficking and dressing its root causes; (2) strengthening the legal and policy framework against wildlife fficking; (3) enforcing regulations and policies to fight wildlife trafficking effectively; (4) engthening the global partnership of source, consumer and transit countries against wildlife fficking.

Moreover, the European Commission adopted on 18/04/2023 a **Guidance document on the export, re-export and intra-EU trade of captive-born and bred live tigers and their parts and derivatives** (2023/C 135/01) <u>EUR-Lex - 52023XC0418(01) - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)</u>. The objective of the Guidance is to increase controls on the commercial trade of live captive-bred tigers and their parts and derivatives. The EU Member States are encouraged not to grant export, reexport or intra-EU trade certificates. Exemptions are only possible under specific circumstances if the purposes are not detrimental to the conservation of the species.

National legislation

- ACT No. 15/2005 Coll. of 2 December 2004 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and on the amendment to certain acts (consolidated version in Slovak language valid from 1.6.2023 you can find here <u>https://www.slov-</u> lex.sk/static/pdf/2005/15/ZZ 2005 15 20230601.pdf) was amended by:
 - a) Act No. 310/2018 Coll. of 17 October 2018 amending Act no. 15/2005 Coll. on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora regulating trade in them and on the amendment of certain acts as amended and amending Act no. 543/2002 Coll. on nature and landscape protection as amended,
 - b) Act No. 7/2022 Coll. of 9 December 2021 amending Act no. 15/2005 Coll. on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora regulating trade in them and on the amendment of certain acts as amended,
 - c) Act No. 135/2023 Coll. of 28 March 2023 amending Act no. 15/2005 Coll. on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora regulating trade in them and on the amendment of certain acts as amended and amending Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 145/1995 Coll. on administrative fees as amended.
- DECREE of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 110/2005 Coll. of 14 February 2005 implementing certain provisions of the Act on the protection of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and on the amendments to certain acts (consolidated version in Slovak language valid from 1.7.2023 you can find here https://www.slov-lex.sk/static/pdf/2005/110/ZZ 2005 110 20230701.pdf) was amended by
 - a) Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 387/2018 Coll. of 17 December 2018 amending Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 110/2005 Coll. implementing certain provisions of the Act on the protection of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and on the amendments to certain acts as amended (consolidated version in English language valid from 1.4.2019 to 31.1.2021 sent as Annex 2 to the Implementation report 2018 - 2020),
 - b) Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 29/2021 Coll. of 13 January 2021 amending Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 110/2005 Coll. implementing certain provisions of the Act on the protection of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and on the amendments to certain acts as amended,
 - c) Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 56/2022 Coll. of 22 February 2022 amending Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 110/2005 Coll. implementing certain provisions of the Act on the protection of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and on the amendments to certain acts as amended,
 - d) Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 258/2023 Coll. of 15 June 2023 amending Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 110/2005 Coll. implementing certain provisions of the Act on the protection of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and on the amendments to certain acts as amended.

Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic has suspended import of all rhino horns since 23.4.2019 (since 2016 Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic has suspended import of rhino horns only from South Africa, as reported in the Implementation report 2015 – 2017). The reason for such a suspension was high percentage of unidentified horns during trophy inspections at importers in Slovakia. <u>https://www.minzp.sk/files/vestniky/vestnik-2019-4.pdf</u>. Suspension still in force.

Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, based on the decision of our minister, decided from 1.12.2020 for suspending issuance of export or re-export permits for specimens of the genera *Panthera, Neofelis, Lynx, Acinonyx* and *Puma* and granting intra EU certificates for Annex A species of mentioned genera. Adoption of mentioned suspension does not apply to exports and intra EU trade for the exceptional purposes of protection and conservation of the species mentioned. https://minzp.sk/files/vestniky/vestnik-2020-4.pdf.Decision still in force.

- 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:
 The changes in the Appendices are implemented via amendment of the EU wildlife trade legislation (Council Regulation (EC) 338/97), which is directly applicable in Slovakia. Sometimes there are some delays in adopting relevant legislation, as for the European Commission responsible for the legislation process it is challenging to meet the 90 days deadline given lengthy and punctual internal procedures at EU level.
- 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	Has your country responded to all relevant special reporting requirements that are active during the period covered in this report, including those in the Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties, Standing Committee recommendations, and Notifications issued by the Secretariat (see [link to location on the CITES website where the reporting requirements are listed])? Responses provided to ALL relevant reporting requirements Responses provided to SOME of the relevant reporting requirements Responses provided to NONE of the relevant reporting requirements No special reporting requirements applicable
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 🛛 No 🗌
	If 'Yes', please provide details of which Resolution(s) or Decision(s), and, for each, what difficulties were / are being encountered?
	Slovakia replied to as much as possible relevant (for Slovakia) reporting requirements. Some Notifications sent by the CITES Secretariat were not replied due to lack of resources (increase of reporting requirements).

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 improved?	Yes	No	Not Applicable
	Appendix I	\boxtimes		
	Appendix II	\boxtimes		
	Appendix III		\boxtimes	
	If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please prov https://www.sopsr.sk/news/file/00%20%C5%A0T%C3%9ADIA%2 %20Velikost populace medved Slovensko2.pdf Conservation status of several CITES listed species (f. e. <i>Ursus a</i> <i>Lutra lutra, Hirudo medicinalis, Parnassius apollo, Cyclamen fatre</i> naturally occurring in Slovakia for 2018 can be found here (we do https://www.sopsr.sk/natura/dokumenty/Monografia_reporting_art Information on populations and population trends of CITES listed in Slovakia for 2018 can be found here (we do not have more act https://nature-art12.eionet.europa.eu/article12/report?period=3&co	arctos, L arctos, L ense, se o not hav t <u>17_201</u> bird spe ual data	ynx lynx, (lected orc ve more ac <u>3 2018.pc</u> ecies natur	hid species) ctual data) <u>df</u>
1.5.1b (previously 3.4.1b)	Do you have examples of specific examples of success stories of emerging problems with any CITES listed species?	No	0	
	If 'Yes', please provide details:	No	o informati	on 📋

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 □			
	If 'Yes', please list the specie to a published plan for each	s for which these plans are in place and provide a link or reference species.		
	Species Name (scientific)	Link or reference to a published plan		
	Ursus arctos, Lynx lynx, Canis lupus	See separate Action plans in 2.2.1a <u>https://www.minzp.sk/ochrana-prirody/druhova-ochrana/programy-starostlivosti/</u>		
	Parnassius apollo	The State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic implemented conservation (rescue) programme for the species <i>Parnassius apollo</i> in 2017 – 2021, continued in 2022 - 2026		
		https://www.minzp.sk/files/sekcia-ochranyprirodyakrajiny/druhova- ochrana-prirody/programy-zachrany/program-zachrany-jasona- cervenookeho.pdf		
		www.minzp.sk/files/sekcia-ochranyprirodyakrajiny/druhova- ochrana-prirody/programy-zachrany/pz-jason-cervenooky- 2022_2026-www.pdf		

	LIFE21-NAT-SK-LIFE-Metamorphosis/101074487 Developing best practices in butterfly conservation in Central and Eastern Europe – Slovakia, Hungary, Romania
	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/LIFE21- NAT-SK-LIFE-Metamorphosis-101074487/developing-best-
	practices-in-butterfly-conservation-in-central-and-eastern-europe
Falco vespertinus	The State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic implemented conservation (rescue) programme for the species <i>Falco vespertinus</i> for 2018 – 2022
	https://www.minzp.sk/files/sekcia-ochranyprirodyakrajiny/druhova- ochrana-prirody/programy-zachrany/program-zachrany-sokola-
	cervenonoheho.pdf
Lynx lynx	LIFE13 NAT/DE/000755 Reintroduction of lynxes (<i>Lynx lynx carpathicus</i>) in the Palatinate Forest Biosphere Reserve (LIFE Luchs Pfälzerwald) – Germany, Slovakia, France, Switzerland https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/details/4154
	IIIIps.//webgate.ec.europa.eu/iiie/publicvvebsite/project/details/+ 10+
	LIFE16 NAT/SI/000634 Preventing the extinction of the Dinaric-SE Alpine lynx population through reinforcement and long-term conservation (LIFE Lynx) – Slovenia, Croatia, Slovakia, Italy
	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/details/4718
Milvus milvus	LIFE18 NAT/AT/000048 Cross-border protection of the Red Kite in Europe by reducing human-caused mortality (LIFE EUROKITE) – Austria, Spain, Slovakia, Czech Republic
	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/details/5190
Aquila heliaca	LIFE15 NAT/HU/000902 Conservation of the eastern imperial eagle by decreasing human-caused mortality in the Pannonian Region (PannonEagle Life) – Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Czech Republic, Serbia
	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/details/4544
Aquila heliaca, Aquila pomarina, Falco cherrug, Falco vespertinus	LIFE13 NAT/SK/001272 Energy in the land - power lines and conservation of priority bird species in Natura 2000 sites (LIFE ENERGY) – Slovakia
I	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/details/4097
Aquila heliaca, Falco cherrug, Falco vespertinus, Otis tarda	LIFE19 NAT/SK/001023 Transnational conservation of birds along Danube river – Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Serbia
	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/LIFE19- NAT-SK-001023/transnational-conservation-of-birds-along-danube- river
Otis tarda, Falco vespertinus	LIFE20 NAT/SK/001077 Long-term conservation of Great Bustard and Red-footed Falcon in border region of Hungary and Slovakia (LIFE STEPPE ON BORDER) – Hungary and Slovakia
	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/LIFE20- NAT-SK-001077/long-term-conservation-of-great-bustard-and-red- footed-falcon-in-border-region-of-hungary-and-slovakia
Falco vespertinus, Otus scops	LIFE21-NAT-SK-LIFE-4-STEPPE-BIRDS/101074480 Conservation and return of steppe birds to lowlands of Slovakia – Slovakia

		https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/LIFE21- NAT-SK-LIFE-4-STEPPE-BIRDS-101074480/conservation-and- return-of-steppe-birds-to-lowlands-of-slovakia
	Large carnivors	LIFE16 GIE/DE/000661 Improving human coexistence with large carnivores in Europe through communication and transboundary cooperation (LIFE EUROLARGECARNIVORES)
		https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/details/4740
		INTERREG Central Europe project LECA CE0100170 Supporting the coexistence and conservation of Carpathian Large Carnivores – Slovakia, Czech republic, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia https://www.interreg-central.eu/projects/leca/?tab=home
	Acipenser ruthenus	LIFE14 NAT/AT/000057 Restoration of sterlet populations in the Austrian Danube (LIFE Sterlet) – Austria, Slovakia
		https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/details/4252
GOAL 2	PARTIES' DECISION	IS ARE SUPPORTED BY THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE AND

- 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 (previously 1.5.2a)		Yes	No	No information
	Does your country have standard procedures for making non- detriment findings in line with <u>Resolution Conf. 16.7 (Rev.</u> <u>CoP17)</u> ?	\boxtimes		
	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: We use guidance for Scientific Review Group (members of this group	rmation are all E	can be	
	Authorities) <u>https://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/pdf/srg/guidelines.</u>	<u>pdf</u>		
2.1.1b (previously 1.5.2b)	When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of the following guidance been used?	Plea	se tick	all that apply
	Virtual College		[\boxtimes
	IUCN Checklist		[\boxtimes
	Resolution Conf. 16.7		[\boxtimes
	2008 NDF workshop		[
	Species specific guidance		[\boxtimes
	Other		[\boxtimes
	If 'Other' or 'Species specific guidance', please specify details: CITES Non-Detriment Findings Guidance for Perennial Plants			
	Reference guide produced by the European Commission and Traffic t Regulations (last updated version published in December 2020) <u>https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/3f466d71-92a7-49eb-9c63-6cb0fad</u> <u>dca9-4c1b-be1c-95e43d67ba8a/details?download=true</u>			
2.1.1c (previously 1.5.2c)	non-detriment findings? Annua	oy case Ily :wo yea	rs	

Less frequently
A mix of the above
Please describe the circumstances under which non-detriment findings would be changed:
In any changes of – biological/ecological status or factors, population status/trends, management plans, threats, raised harvest/increased export quotas, IUCN Red List Category, legal/illegal trade volumes and trends, CITES Appendices, demand etc.

Indicator 2.1.2: Number of written NDFs submitted and number of Parties submitting NDFs for posting in the CITES online database. (Data source: NDF webpage on the CITES website)

Indicator 2.1.3: Number of Parties that have included the legal acquisition finding obligation in their national regulatory framework, as recommended by Resolution Conf. 18.7 (Rev. CoP19).

2.1.3		Yes	No	No information
	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, c information can be found on the internet: Export of specimens of the species included in Annex A, B or C	or provid	e a link	to where the
	In accordance with Articles 5(2)(b) and 5(4) of Regulation (EC) No 33 (9) of Regulation (EC) No 865/2006, Management Authority receives the applicant that the specimens were obtained in accordance with le where specimens originate in another EU Member State, a certificate specimens have been individually marked under the supervision of a as to facilitate reference to the documents concerned. In the absence evidence, the Management Authority shall determine legal acquisition consultation with a Management Authority of another Member State.	docume gislation is requi Manage of supp	ntary e on the red, exc ment A orting c	vidence from ir protection; cept where wthority so documentary
	In accordance with Art. 6 of the ACT No. 15/2005 Coll. and Art. 2 of the of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 110/2005 Coll., applicate prove of legal acquisition of the applied specimen. Management Authentic in case set conditions are not met.	nt is ob	liged to	submit
	Links to mentioned EU and national legislation are under 1.1.1a.			

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 (previously 1.5.1a)	Have any surveys, studies or other analyse undertaken in your country in relation to:	es been	Yes	No	Not Applicable	If Yes, How many?
	- the population status of Appendix II speci	es?	\boxtimes			
	 the trends and impact of trade on Append species? 	ix II		\boxtimes		
	 the status of and trend in naturally-occurr Appendix I species? 	ring	\boxtimes			
	 the impact of any recovery plans on Appe species? 	ndix l		\boxtimes		
	Have the surveys, studies or analyses integ relevant knowledge and expertise of local a indigenous communities?		\boxtimes			
	If there are such studies that you are willing to	share, plea	se prov	ide:		
	c s	A brief summary of the results of the survey, study or other analysis (e.g. population status, decline / stable / increase, off-take levels etc), or provide links to published reference material.				ecline /

Ursus arctos, Canis lupus, Lynx lynx	For all three species Action plans are in place for the period of 10 years (<i>Ursus arctos</i> and <i>Lynx lynx</i> from 2017 to 2026, <i>Canis lupus</i> from 2016 to 2025). https://www.minzp.sk/ochrana-prirody/druhova-ochrana/programy-starostlivosti/ (only in Slovak). The aim is to maintain or achieve favourable conservation status of the population of the species in Slovakia. Implementation of these Action plans is funded by the EU for 2017 – 2022 and include complex activities on management, monitoring, research, education, legislation, ex situ conservation. http://www.sopsr.sk/web/?cl=10302
	http://www.sopsr.sk/web/?cl=20682&fbclid=IwAR34 XYUZLgZOy1qifHe_II9N4Pb6CgSN3FqBXAua6QF CIKh_0xIaN3IhvkE
	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/34874080 6 Expedition report True white wilderness Tracking lynx wolf and bear in the Carpathian mount ains of Slovakia February 2017
Lynx lynx	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/35510714 3 Conservation_needs_of_the_Carpathian_lynx_p opulation
	Multi-seasonal systematic camera-trapping reveals fluctuating densities and high turnover rates of Carpathian lynx on the western edge of its native range <u>https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-021-88348-8</u>

Canis lupus	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/3757416 3 Testing a conservation compromise No evide ce_that_public_wolf_hunting_in_Slovakia_reduced livestock_losses
	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/3525187 9 High genetic diversity of immunity genes in n expanding population of a highly mobile can vore the grey wolf Canis lupus in Central Eur pe
Lutra lutra	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/3726803 7 VYDRA RIECNA V CHRANENEJ KRAJINN OBLASTI HORNA ORAVA Eurasian otter in e Horna Orava Protected Landscape Area
Canis aureus	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/3551692 4 Sakal Zlaty Novy druh na slovensku_Goldo _jackala_new_species_in_Slovakia
Aquila heliaca	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/3749822 1 Electrocution Mortality of Imperial Eagle on edium_Voltage_Power_Lines_in_Slovakia
	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/3694269 7 Distribution abundance and breeding of the mperial_eagle_Aquila_heliaca_in_Western_Slova a_in_1977-2022
Ursus arctos	https://www.sopsr.sk/news/file/00%20%C5%A0T% C3%9ADIA%20FINAL%20- %20Velikost_populace_medved_Slovensko2.pdf
Parnassius apollo	The State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Repu implemented conservation (rescue) programme for species <i>Parnassius apollo</i> in 2017 – 2021, continue 2022 - 2026
	https://www.minzp.sk/files/sekcia- ochranyprirodyakrajiny/druhova-ochrana- prirody/programy-zachrany/program-zachrany-jaso cervenookeho.pdf
	www.minzp.sk/files/sekcia- ochranyprirodyakrajiny/druhova-ochrana- prirody/programy-zachrany/pz-jason-cervenooky- 2022_2026-www.pdf
Falco vespertinus	The State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Repu implemented conservation (rescue) programme for species <i>Falco vespertinus</i> for 2018 – 2022
	https://www.minzp.sk/files/sekcia- ochranyprirodyakrajiny/druhova-ochrana- prirody/programy-zachrany/program-zachrany- sokola-cervenonoheho.pdf
Conservation status of several CITES listed species (f. e. Ursus arctos, Lynx lynx, Canis lupus, Lutra lutra, Hirudo medicinalis Parnassius apollo, Cyclamen fatrense	,

	selected orchid species) naturally occurring in Slovakia for 2018 can be found here (we do not have more actual data)							
	Information on populations and population trends of CITES listed bird species naturally occurring in Slovakia for 2018 can be found here (we do not have more actual data)							
2.2.1b (previously	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							
	Discussion with Management Authorities 🖂							
	Discussion with other stakeholders?							
	Other (please provide a short summary):							
2.2.1c	Do <u>es</u> you <u>r country</u> have specific conservation measures Yes							
(previously 1.5.1c	or recovery plans for naturally occurring Appendix-I listed No Species?							
	No information							
	If 'Yes', please provide a brief summary, including, if possible, an evaluation of their impact:							
2.2.1d (previously 1.5.1d)	Ha <u>s</u> you <u>r country</u> published any non-detriment findings that can be shared? Yes 🗌 No 🔀 If 'Yes', please provide links or examples to the Secretariat within this report:							

2.2.1e (previously 1.5.1e)	Which of the following [A to F of paragraph 1 a) x) of <u>Resolution Conf. 16.7</u> (<u>Rev. CoP17</u>)] do <u>es</u> you <u>r country</u> 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 (previously 1.5.3a)	Does your country set annual export quotas?	Yes No	\boxtimes
	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) <i>Anguilla anguilla</i> (0 quota for wild-taken) (All EU Member States have set the same annual zero export quotas for this species) All EU Scientific Authorities agreed that are not in position to issue a NDF for the export of specimens of the species of <i>Anguilla anguilla</i> outside the EU.	Population Survey?	Other, please specify
2.2.2b (previously 1.5.3b)	Have annual export quotas been set at levels which will ensure sustainable production and consumption? If 'Yes', please describe how this fits into your non-detriment	Yes No finding process:	

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 (previously 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.	ll or written rice/guidance	thnical istance	Financial assistance	Training	ler (specify)		
	Target group	Oral advi	Tech assi	Fin ass	Tra	Other	What were the external sources ¹ ?	

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

Staff of Management Authority			 European Commission (regular meetings of the EU CITES MA, exchange of experiences, email consultations among EU MA). Hungary, MA (Budapest, V4 CITES Expert Workshop, 2022; V4 – Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary + Romania) Czech Republic, MA (Ostrava, V4 CITES Expert Workshop, 2022; V4 – Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary + Austria and 4Paws) Czech Republic, SA (CITES evergreens conference 2021 with topic "Ranching and its importance for species protection", in 2023 with topic "CITES50 –
Staff of Scientific Authority			balancing, trends and milestones")

Staff of enforcement authorities			 a) Police SWIPE project b) SEI Czech republic, Ministry of Interior and Environmental Forensic Sciences Centre (Workshop in 2021, 2022 and 2023 "Wildlife crime in the Czech republic") Czech republic, Environmental Forensic Sciences Centre, 4 inspectors attended training session in 2022 focused on determining ivory Hungary, MA (Budapest, V4 CITES Expert Workshop, 2022; V4 – Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary + Romania) Czech Republic, MA (Ostrava, V4 CITES Expert Workshop, 2022; V4 – Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary + Austria and 4Paws)
Traders			
NGOs			
Public			
Other (please specify):			

2.2.3b (previously 1.6.3b)	Have the CITES authorities been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity-building activities to other range States?								
1.0.057	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						- Slovakia, MA (Bojnice, CITES workshop 2021 and 2022, Slovakia + Czech republic, sharing experiences)		
	Staff of Scientific Authority								
	Staff of enforcement authorities	\square	\boxtimes						
	Traders								
	NGOs								
	Public								
	Other Parties/International meetings								
	Other (please specify)						In 2020 - 2023 SEI shared with the Czech Environmental Inspectorate (CEI) 13 samples taken from tigers held in Slovakia for the purposes of the genetic research project TIGRIS ID in the Czech Republic.		
2.2.3c (previously 1.6.3c)	In what ways does your country collaborate with other CITES Parties?								
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Very Often	ΔΙΜανο	Further detail / examples		

I f									
	Information exchange						- daily by e-mails or EU TWIX with the EU Member States less		
							Member States, less with other Parties resp. as needed (written advice, sharing experiences, discussions, information about labs on DNA testing; checking validity of the CITES permits and certificates) - EU Management Committee and Ex- pert Group meetings for MA quarterly - EU Enforcement Group meetings (MA, Customs, Police and SEI) twice a year; - EU Scientific Review Group meetings for SA quarterly		
							 Police exchanges information via SIENA (Europol) 		
	Monitoring / survey						()		
	Habitat management								
	Species management						See under 1.5.2 and 2.2.1a		
	Law enforcement						- SEI and CEI cooperation (CEI helped with calibration of XRF spectrometer used for elephant ivory identification)		
	Capacity building			\square			,		
	Other (please provide details)			<u>.</u>					
	(previously country run during the period covered in this report? from the assisted by the								
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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.

	Please list the Resolutions or Decisions involved: 17.226, 18.104, Conf. 12.5 (Rev. CoP18, 19), Conf. 11.3 (Rev. CoP19)							
2.2.3e (previously 2.3.1b) 2.2.3f	 What sorts of capacity building activities have taken place? CITES MA - workshop in 2021 and 2022 (SK, CZ). One training for selected district offices (20 participants), one training for prosecutors (30 participants), and one training for veterinary inspectors (ca 100 participants). CITES MA and CITES SA - training, workshop, basic and specialised courses for customs officers in 2022. SEI - SEI headquarters organizes regularly meetings with regional inspectors – training, workshop. Police - Different trainings of Interpol, Europol, EMPACT, CEPOL, NGOs, and trainings via project SWIPE. Regular meetings under National expert multidisciplinary group for tackling wildlife crime. What capacity building needs does your country have? 							
(previously 2.3.1c)			ſ	1	1	I		
	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 Staff of Scientific Authority						Oral, technical, financial – e.g. e-permitting, demand reduction strategy, capacity for seized and confiscated live animal specimens	
	Staff of enforcement authorities						 SEI - Permanent training and guidance is required especially in the field of application of law and in penalties for infringements of EU Regulations in identification of species and products from species 	
	Traders / other user groups							
	NGOs Public							
	Other (please specify)							

Indicator 2.2.4: Number of reports shared by the Parties in compliance with the Resolutions of the Convention. (*Data source: CITES Secretariat*)

Indicator 2.2.5: Number of Parties sharing information relevant to the implementation of CITES (e.g. shared databases, data visualization/software, information-sharing focused tools, etc.).

2.2.5	Has your country shared information relevant to the implementation of CITES (e.g. shared databases, data visualization/software, information-sharing focused tools, etc.)?	Yes No	
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Indicator 2.2.6: Number of CoP side-events where Parties present information and tools relevant to the implementation of CITES (*Data source: CoP side-event schedule and descriptions*)

- Objective 2.3 Parties have sufficient information to enforce the Convention. SDG Goal 12 GBF Goal D & Targets 15 & 21
- Indicator 2.3.1: Proportion of Parties that are making use of the available tools. For instance, one could look at Google Analytics for the number of site visits to the CITES website, CITES Checklist, or Species+ or the number of downloads from the CITES Trade Database as a proxy for usage 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?	Νο	

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	
	information to make listing decisions that are	Νο	\square
	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:
2.5.1b (previously 1.4.1a)	Has your country undertaken any reviews of whether species would benefit from listing on the CITES Appendices? Yes 🗌 No 🔀
	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):

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 idea 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 (previously 1.2.1a)	Does your country have standard operating procedures for application for and issuance of permits?	\boxtimes		
,	Are the procedures publicly available?	\boxtimes		

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 (previously 1.2.2a)	Has your country developed simplified procedures for any of the following?					
		Т	ick all ap	plicable		
		Yes No infor				
	Where biological samples of the type and size specified in Annex 4 to Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19) are urgently required.					
	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.		\boxtimes			
	For the issuance of export permits or re-export certificates in accordance with Article IV for specimens referred to in Article VII, paragraph 4.					
	Are there other cases judged by a Management Authority to merit the use of simplified procedures? If 'Yes', please provide details:					

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 (previously 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			

Electronic permit information exchange to Management Authorities of all countries?				
Electronic permit data exchange between Management Authorities and customs?		\boxtimes		
Electronic permit used to cross border with electronic validation by customs?				
If 'Yes' to any of the above, please provide information on ch overcome:	allenges	faced or i	ssues	
The system (running from 2014) is not connected with other systems resp. CITES authorities in Slovakia (CITES SA, Customs, SEI, Police). The system also does not allow external access of other Slovak CITES Authorities. However, the system has ability for such a connection. The syste does not enable electronic submission of the application. We have other systems in Slovakia for sending the application electronically (the communication with applicant continues than in paper) applicants use them rarely. Technical problems with interconnecting different systems identified w Customs (no central system). Changes in the form of the permit/certificate in time may also creat problems.				
If 'No', do you have any plans to move towards e- permitting ¹ ?	\boxtimes			
If you are planning to move towards e-permitting, please explain what might help you to so: Solving financial and technical problems. As the present system became old fashioned, we working on establishing a new e-permitting system (including also other functionalities). Europe Commission is developing "EU e-permitting system" which might be solution in the future (inclu connection between relevant Authorities on national, EU and international level).				

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	Does your country have information resources or training in place to support: Yes No					
(previously 1.8.1a)	The making of non-detriment findings?	\Box				
,	Permit officers?	\boxtimes				
	Enforcement officers?	\boxtimes				
3.2.1b (previously 1.8.1b)	Is the CITES Virtual College used as part of your capacity building work?	Yes (SEI, SA) No (MA, Police, Customs)	\mathbb{X}			
	What improvements could be made in using the Virtual College for capacity building?	No information				
	Police – translation into the Slovak language (The biggest challenge is insufficient knowledge of English by law enforcement practitioners)					
3.2.1c (previously 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.

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.

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)
- 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 (previously 1.7.3b)	Are criminal offences such as poaching and wildlife trafficking recognized as serious crime ¹ in your country?	YesImage: Constraint of the second secon				
	If 'Yes', please explain what criteria must be met for poaching or w treated as serious crimes:	vildlife trafficking offences to be				
	There is no dividing on serious and non-serious crime according of of the crime is given by the maximum penalty that can be used. In from the wild, the maximum penalty is 8 years of imprisonment.					
3.4.1b (previously 1.7.3a)	Does your country have law and procedures in place for investigating, prosecuting, and penalizing CITES offences as a crime? If 'Yes', please provide the title of the legislation and a summary of the penalties available	Yes 🖾 No 🗌 No information 🗌				
	Investigating, prosecuting and penalizing CITES offences are according to the Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Code. The CITES offences are a crime according the article 305 of the Criminal Code. Penalty ordered by court for natural person can be from 160 to 331 930 \in , for legal person from 1 500 to 1 600 000 \in . The maximum penalty of imprisonment is 8 years.					
3.4.1c (previously 1.7.3c)	Does your country have capacity to use forensic technology ² to support the investigation of CITES offences?	Yes Image: Constraint of the second seco				
	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:	•				
	During inspections in 2020 – 2023, samples (13) of tiger hairs from 13 tigers (live and de specimens) were taken for the purposes of the TIGRIS ID project in Czech Republic. We continue in collecting and storing samples from mentioned tigers for our national purpos					

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).

	National ZOO Bojnice.						
	If 'Yes', and your country has an appropriate forensic analysis facility for CITES-listed species, please indicate which species it applies to: There is no forensic analysis facility specialised only for CITES listed species. Different universities and private laboratories are used according to the current situation. Laboratories in Slovakia (for DNA tests) can be used for selected bird species – <i>Falconidae</i> , <i>Aquila</i> spp., <i>Accipiter gentilis</i> by CITES MA and all enforcement authorities.						
	In order to access the legal origin of juvenile specime SEI ordered DNA test for the species <i>Bubo bubo</i> (fac DNA analysis in order to distinguish between <i>Canis I</i>	cility in	Spain). In second ca	se SEI ordered		
	In order to assess the legal origin of juvenile specimens claimed to be born and bred in captivity CITES MA requires DNA testing which establishes whether or not the indicated parental stock is indeed the founder stock of the declared offspring. In 2021 - 2023 following species have been tested (in Slovakia and other EU Member States): <i>Amazona pretrei, Amazona rhodocorytha, Amazona leucocephala, Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus, Ara ambiguus, Ara glaucogularis, Aquila chrysaetos, Accipiter gentilis, Falco cherrug, Falco peregrinus.</i>						
3.4.1d (previously 1.7.3d)	d Did your authorities participate in or initiate any multi-disciplinary ¹ Yes						
	other Parties: Police: participated on Operations Lake V (November operational actions of EMPACT focused on illegal act cooperation with other authorities (customs). The outo resources and the effort expended. Customs: targeted CITES-listed species action at the Bratislava mail centre, in cooperation with CITES MA sniffer dog used	ivities i comes Bratis	nvolvir are hiç lava ai	ng CITES spec ghly dependent rport (selected	imens, in : on available flights) and		
3.4.1e (previously 1.7.3e)	Does your country have a standard operating procedure relevant agencies for submitting information related to offences to INTERPOL and/or the World Customs Or	OCITE	S	Yes No No informatio	n 🗌		
3.4.1f (previously 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 ²	\square			35		
	Predicate offences ³	\square			1		
	Asset forfeiture ⁴	\square			0		
	Corruption ⁵	\square			0		

¹ 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.

² General crime laws relate to offences such as fraud, conspiracy, possession of weapons, and other matters as set out in the national criminal code.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Provisions against corruption include national laws to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption covering offences such as bribery of officials, embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds, trading in influence and abuse of functions by public officials.

	International cooperation in criminal matters ¹	\square			15
	Organized crime ²	\square			1
	Specialized investigation techniques ³	\square			15
	TES offences? ul for other Par	Please provide a ties:			
3.4.1g (previously 1.7.3g)	Does your country have institutional capacity to imple legislative provisions listed in the question above aga offences? If 'No', please provide a brief summary of your major	inst Cl	TES	Yes No No informatio	
		capaci	ty-build	ing needs. but	taining is needed

Objective 3.5 Parties work collaboratively across range, transit and destination states, to address entire illegal trade chains, including through strategies to reduce both the supply of and demand for illegal products, in order for trade to be legal and sustainable. SDG Goals 15 & 17 GBF Targets 5, 16, 20 & 21

Indicator 3.5.1: Number of seizures made through Parties collaboration across range, transit and destination States, to address entire illegal trade chains.

3.5.1	Have authorities in your country made seizures through Parties collaboration across range, transit and destination States, to address entire illegal trade chains?	Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please indicate the number of seizures made:	T	

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

Objective 3.6 Parties take measures to prohibit, prevent, detect and sanction corruption. SDG Goal 16

Indicator 3.6.1: Number of Parties reporting in implementation reports of activities taken to address corruption.

3.6.1	Has your country undertaken activities to address corruption, in particular with regard to national agencies responsible for wildlife law enforcement and protected areas management?	Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please elaborate on the types of activities taken:		

- Objective 3.7 Investments in building capacity of CITES are prioritized, coordinated, and their success monitored to ensure stepwise improvement through time. SDG Goals 15 & 17 GBF Goal D & Target 20
- Indicator 3.7.1: Number of capacity-building activities delivered to Parties. (*Data source: See questions for indicator 2.2.3*)
- Indicator 3.7.2: Number of Parties who report improvements in their implementation following targeted capacity-building efforts.

3.7.2	Can you report improvements in the implementation of CITES in your country following targeted capacity-building efforts?	Yes 🖂
		No capacity-
	If 'No', please elaborate on the reasons why targeted capacity- improvements in your implementation:	building did not lead to

- Indicator 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 developments to improve the effective implementation and enforcement of the Convention. SDG Goal 17 GBF Goal D & Targets 20 & 21
- 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 implemented relevant sustainable wildlife management policies for CITES-listed species?	Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please indicate the names of the species: General comment - we do not have special policy based on the special concrete areas (Bird protected areas) with approved management area. Management programmes contain measures for protection use).	t programmes for co	ncrete

Taxon (scientific name)	Total number of CITES-listed species covered
Falconiformes	11
Strigiformes	5
Ciconiidae	1
Threskiornithidae	1
Otididae	1

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	Yes	
	capacity of indigenous peoples and local communities to	No	
	pursue livelihoods?	No information	\boxtimes

- 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 (previously 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	
4.2.1b	Has your country been able to obtain funds from the Global	Yes	
(previously	Environment Facility (GEF) or other sources to support CITES	No	
3.4.2b)	aspects of NBSAP implementation?	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 intergovernmental bodies and fora in meetings convened by the CITES Secretariat. (Data source: CITES Secretariat)
- Indicator 4.4.3: Number of Notifications to the Parties issued by the CITES Secretariat relating to international actions for sustainable development that may have a bearing on achieving the goal of CITES. (Data source: CITES Secretariat)

GOAL 5 DELIVERY OF THE CITES STRATEGIC VISION IS IMPROVED THROUGH COLLABORATION

- Objective 5.1 Parties and the Secretariat support and enhance existing cooperative partnerships in order to achieve their identified objectives. SDG Goal 17 GBF Goal D & Target 20
- Indicator 5.1.1: 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.

5.1.1 (previously 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?	Yes No No information			
	If 'Yes', please give a brief description: Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, Division of Nature and Biodiversity Protection, covers all biodiversity related conventions and their national focal points. Coordination runs mainly between CITES and CBD national focal point, especially in the area of Official Development Assistance (ODA) activities. Limited exchange of information runs also between CITES, IWC, Ramsar and CMS national focal points as Slovak national focal points for each of the convention try to coordinate their activities among themselves as much as possible.				

Indicator 5.1.2: 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.

5.1.2 (previously 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?		Funds under EU (Interreg)
	Non-governmental organizations?		WWF Slovakia, EU-TWIX

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.

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.

5.1.3 (previously 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 No No information	
	Rome Strategic Plan 2020 – 2030 for Eradicating Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in Wild Birds in Europe and the Mediterranean Region <u>https://www.cms.int/en/meeting/joint-meeting-bern-convention-sfps-and-cms-mikt-illegal-killing-taking-and-trade-wild-birds</u>		
	Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard (<i>Otis tarda</i>) – as part of the 5 th meeting of signatories of this MoU, Declaration on the Long-Term Protection of the Bustard in the Three- Border Region of Hungary, Austria and Slovakia and its Surroundings was adopted		
	https://www.cms.int/en/meeting/fifth-meeting-signatories-mos5- memorandum-understanding-conservation-and-management-middle https://www.minzp.sk/ochrana-prirody/medzinarodne- dohovory/memorandum-porozumeni-pri-ochrane-manazmente- stredoeuropskej-populacie-dropa-fuzateho-otis-tarda/		

Indicator 5.1.4: Number of times other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources are consulted on issues relevant to species subject to unsustainable trade.

5.1.4 (previously 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)						TRAFFIC, UNEP/WCMC, CITES Secretariat, WWF Slovakia
	Scientific Authority(ies)						CITES Secretariat (export quotas, implementation issues), Traffic/WWF (illegal trade levels/trends), UNEP/WCMC (international trade levels), IUCN (species status)
	Enforcement Authority(ies)						Europol, Interpol (exchange of criminal related information), CEI

- Indicator 5.1.5: Number of implemented cooperation agreements between the Secretariat and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAS), including the Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG) and other biodiversity-related Conventions. (Data source: CITES Secretariat)
- Objective 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

- Indicator 5.2.1: Number of alliances between CITES and relevant international partners to advance CITES objective and mainstream conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. (*Data source: CITES Secretariat*)
- 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 5.3.1: 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 (previously 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?	YesImage: Constraint of the second secon				
	If 'Yes', please provide brief details: One LIFE Project includes also CITES enforcement: LIFE19 GIE/BG/000846 (LIFE SWIPE) Successful Wildlife Crime Prosecution (2020 – 2023) for Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Hungary, Ukraine, Poland, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Spain, Italy <u>https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/index.cfm?fuseaction=search.dspPage&n_proj</u> d=7581					
	Educational activities were supported via Slovak-Austrian cross-border project Ecoregion SKA co-financed from the European fund of regional development within the operational program Interreg V-A SK-AT 2014 – 2020.Project was realised in the period of 01/2020 – 10/2023. https://bratislavskykraj.sk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/cehranicny-projekt-ecoregion-skat.pdf Conservation of CITES species has been incorporated in EU funds which are used for habitate and species conservation in-situ (LIFE Projects). Further details on LIFE Projects see in 1.5.2.					
5.3.1b (previously 3.1.1b)	During the period covered in this report, has funding for your country from international funding mechanisms and other related institutions:	IncreasedImage: Constraint of the stableRemained stableImage: Constraint of the stableDecreasedImage: Constraint of the stable				

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 (previously 3.1.2a)	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance to another country or countries in relation to CITES?							Yes No No information	
	If 'Yes', please tick boxes to indicate type of assistance provided Country(ies)	Species Management ¹	Habitat Management²	Sustainable use	Law Enforcement	Livelihoods	Other (specify)	Details (provide more information in an Appendix if necessary)	
	EU Member States							In 2021 – 2023 Slovakia contributed to the management of EU- TWIX used by all EU Member States (<u>https://www.eu-</u> twix.org/sponsors)	
	CITES Parties							Slovakia contributed in 2022 to the Sponsored Delegates Project <u>https://cites.org/eng</u> / <u>disc/sponsored_del</u> <u>egates_project/cop</u> <u>19/contributions</u>	
	Czech republic				\square				
	Netherlands								

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.

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 (previously 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:
	1.Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention)
	2.Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) a) The African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA)
	b) Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of migratory birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia
	c) Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle European Population of the Great Bustard (<i>Otis tarda</i>)
	3. Carpathian Convention with its protocols (regional) <u>http://www.carpathianconvention.org/</u>
	4. Agreement on bilateral cooperation between State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic and Nature and Landscape Protection Agency of the Czech Republic (mainly ensuring protection, management, migration permeability of the border area for the species <i>Ursus arctos,</i> <i>Canis lupus</i> and <i>Lynx lynx</i> . Cooperation included also close cooperation of the Slovak and Czech CITES Scientific Authorities)

C2a (previously 3.3.2a)	How many international projects which integrate CITES issues has your country contributed towards?		
C2b (previously 3.3.2b)	In addition to C2a, how many national level projects has your country implemented which integrate CITES issues?		
C2c (previously 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?		\square
	Agencies for trade?	\boxtimes	
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities?	\boxtimes	
	Local authorities or communities?	\boxtimes	
	Indigenous or local peoples?		\square
	Trade or other private sector associations?	\boxtimes	
	NGOs?	\boxtimes	
	Other (please specify) NZOO Bojnice, Universities	\boxtimes	
C2d (previously 3.3.2d)	Are CITES requirements integrated into?	Yes	No
	National and local development strategies?	\square	
	National and local poverty reduction strategies?		\square
	Planning processes?	\square	
	National accounting?		\square

ENFORCEMENT

E1 (previously 1.7.1a)	Do <u>es</u> you <u>r country</u> have, <u>is</u> are you <u>r country</u> engaged in, or covered by:	Yes	No	No Information	
	– an international enforcement strategy and/or action plan?	\square			
	– formal international cooperation, such as an international enforcement network?				
	– a national enforcement strategy and/or action plan?		\square		
	 formal national interagency cooperation, such as a national interagency enforcement committee? 				
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, please specify the level of engagement and provide additional details: (Not national but EU level) EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/cites/pdf/WAP_EN_WEB.PDF				
	EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking was revised in 2022 <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-</u> content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52022DC0581				
	- EU TWIX <u>https://www.eu-twix.org/</u>				
	- Inter- agency committee - specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement; the lead agency is Presidium of the Police Force, other members: Ministry of Environment, State Nature Conservancy, Financial Directorate of the Slovak Republic - Customs Department and Tax Directorate, Criminal Office of Financial administration, General Public Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic, SEI, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic; Veterinary Authority; it meets at least twice a year.				

E2a (previously 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)?	Yes No, but review is under consideration No No information		
	If 'Yes', what do you do? EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking revised in 2020 – 2022, i	revised version published by		
	the European Commission in November 2022	revised version published by		
	If 'Yes' or 'No, but review is under consideration', which tools do ye	ou find of value?		
E2b (previously 1.7.2b)	Has your country used the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, or equivalent tools?	YesNo, but toolkit use is under considerationNoNoNo information		
	If 'Yes', please provide feedback on the parts of the toolkit used and how useful the to equivalent tools have been. Please specify improvements that could be made:			
	If 'No', please provide feedback on why not or what is needed to make the toolkit or equivalent tools useful to you:			
	Police – not aware of existence of this toolkit. Potential impleme available	entation depending on capacit	ty	

E3a	Does your country use risk assessment to target CITES	Always	
(previously 1.7.4a)	enforcement effort?	Very often	
,		Sometimes	\boxtimes
		Rarely	
		Never	
		No information	

E3b (previously	Does your country have capacity to analyse information gathered on illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Yes (SEI, Customs) No (Police)	\boxtimes
1.7.4b)	5	No information	
E3c	Does your country use criminal intelligence ¹ to inform	Always	
(previously 1.7.4c)	investigations into illegal trade in CITES-listed species?	Very often	\boxtimes
		Sometimes	
		Rarely	
		Never	
		No information	
E3d	Has your country implemented any supply-side activities to	Yes	
(previously 1.7.4d)	address illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	No, but activities are under development	
		No	
		No information	\boxtimes
E3e	Has your country implemented any demand-side activities to	Yes	\boxtimes
(previously 1.7.4e)	address illegal trade in CITES-listed species during the period covered in this report?	No, but activities are under development	
		No	
		No information	

During the	e period covered in this report:	Yes	No	No Information	
E4a (previously 1.7.5a)	Have any administrative measures (e.g. fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related offences?				
	If 'Yes', please indicate how many and for what types of offences. If available, please attach details: altogether 20 cases of confiscations (300 specimens) by customs on the borders (lack of CITES permits) and 9 cases of confiscations (57 specimens) imposed by SEI inside Slovakia (lack of proof of legal origin of specimens). Details are in the Illegal trade reports 2021 - 2023. In another 134 cases were imposed fines/warnings by SEI or district offices (38 cases of illegal trade within Slovakia/EU, the rest are smaller administrative offences).				
E4b (previously 1.7.5b)	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of CITES-related offences?				
	If 'Yes', how many and for what types of offences? If available, please attach details: During the period of years 2021 - 2023 we investigated 19 wildlife trafficking crime cases. From 8 cases already completed the perpetrator was accused and sentenced in 6 cases (details in the Illegal trade reports 2021 – 2023 resp. in E4c).				
E4c (previously 1.7.5c)	Have there been any other court actions against CITES- related offences?				
	If 'Yes', what were the offences involved and what were the results? Please attach details: 2021				
	1. Illegal internal trade in 22 live specimens of the species <i>Testudo hermanni</i> and 4 live specimens of the species <i>Testudo horsfieldii</i> (specimens confiscated and fine 600 Euro or 3 months imprisonment only in case that fine is not payed) 2022				
	1.Illegal internal trade in 1 carved ivory tusk (confiscation and 12 2. Illegal origin (no CITES documents) of 1 SKU and 1 SKI of the and 24 months suspended for 36 months)		•	,	
		e species (Ursus arctos	s (confisc	

¹ 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.

	 Illegal import of 1 TRO of the species <i>Panthera tigris</i> from South Africa. The for commercial purposes and was confiscated. Importer sentenced to 2000 Euro imprisonment unconditionally) Illegal internal trade in 3 live specimens of the species <i>Panthera tigris</i> (arrange the Czech republic, which was finally not realised). Three persons convicted (two 5000 Euro each or 6 months imprisonment unconditionally) Illegal internal trade in 2325 live specimens of together 38 parrot species (3 yes suspended for 3 years) Details in the Illegal trade reports 2021 - 2023 	o fine (or 6 months ement of a hunt in persons with fine le 3000 Euro or 3
E4d (previously 1.7.5d)	How were any confiscated specimens disposed of?	Tick all that apply
,	 Return to country of export 	
	 Public zoos or botanical gardens 	\boxtimes
	 Designated rescue centres 	\boxtimes
	 Approved private facilities 	
	– Euthanasia	
	 Other (please specify): dead/worked specimens are in administration of the customs authorities or district offices. In case of illegal import of live plants in bad condition, these are destroyed. In case of dead specimens customs use them for educational purposes. 	
	There is one state zoological garden in Slovakia (NZOO Bojnice). The ZOO's founder is the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, which designated it as a rescue centre. There is a special facility (quarantine) for seize and confiscated live animals in the ZOO. Live plants are placed in the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic (in specific cases and based on the agreement, also in Botanical garden). Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic is also founder of this institution.)
	Have you encountered any challenges in disposing of confiscated specimens? Sometimes lack of place for seized animals (or for special groups of animals like big cats), especially if judicial decisions take long time (rescue centre is full of seized specimens). Another problem is that seized specimens (primates) breed (as to keep them in pairs is beneficial from the welfare point of view). Do you have good practice that you would like to share with other Parties? No	9

RESOURCES

R1a (previously	Does your country have an approved service standard(s) ¹ for your Management Authority?	Yes No	\square
2.2.1a)	If 'No', please go to Question R1d.		
	If 'Yes', for which services are there standards, and what are those standards?		
	For issuing the permits – procedure and time frame (in national legislation)		
	If 'Yes', does your country have performance targets for these standards ² ?	Yes No	\square
	If 'Yes', what are your country's performance targets?		
	Does your country publish your performance against service standard targets?	Yes No	\square

¹ 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.

² For example, 85% of all decisions will take place within the service standard.

		ease provide your country's ards during the period cove			
	If your country shortfall a res	/ did not meet its performar ult of:	ice targets then was this	Yes	No
	 availability 	of funding?			
	 number of 	staff?			
	 a shortage 	of skills?			
	If 'Yes' to a sh more of?	ortage of skills, which skills	does your country need		
R1b (previously 2.2.1b)	Does your co Scientific Auth	untry have an approved ser nority(ies)?	vice standard(s) ⁴⁷ for your	Yes No	\square
2.2.10)		go to Question R1d.			
	If 'Yes', for wh standards?	ich services are there stand	dards, and what are those		
	If 'Yes', does y standards ⁴⁸ ?	your country have performa	nce targets for these	Yes No	
	lf 'Yes', what a	are your country's performa	nce targets?		
		ease provide your country's ards during the period cove			
	If your country shortfall a res	/ did not meet its performar ult of:	ice targets then was this	Yes	No
	 availability 	of funding?			
	 number of 	staff?			
	 a shortage 				
	If 'Yes' to a sh more of?	ortage of skills, which skills	does your country need		
R1c (previously 2.2.1c)	enforcement a	• • •	vice standard(s) ⁴⁷ for your	Yes (Customs, SEI) No (Police)	\boxtimes
	· •	go to Question R1d. ich services are there stand	dards, and what are those		
		rnal methodological guidan used on the EU and nationa			
		l legislation regulates the pr investigation of administra			
	lf 'Yes', does y standards ⁴⁸ ?	your country have performa	nce targets for these	Yes No (Customs, SEI)	\square
	lf 'Yes', what a	are your country's performa	nce targets?		
		ease provide your country's ards during the period cove			
	If your country shortfall a res	/ did not meet its performar ult of:	ce targets then was this	Yes	No
	 availability 	of funding?			
	 number of 	staff?			
	 a shortage 	of skills?			
	If 'Yes' to a sh more of?	ortage of skills, which skills	does your country need		
R1d (previously 2.2.1d)		omplete this question if you to the existence of approved			1b, or
	Does your co	untry have sufficient of the f	ollowing for your authorities	to function effectivelv	?
		Management Authority(ies)	Scientific Authority(ies)	Enforcement Authority(ies)	

Fund	ing? Yes 🗌 No	🗌 Yes 🛛 No	🗌 Yes 🗌	No 🖂
Staff	Yes 🗌 No	Yes 🛛 No	🗌 Yes 🗌	No 🖂
Skills	? Yes 🗌 No	Yes 🛛 No	🗌 Yes 🗌	No 🖂

R2a	Have any of the following activities be	en underta	ken during th	e period	
(previously 2.2.2a)	covered in this report to enhance the implementation at the national level?		Tick if applicable		
	Hiring of more staff		Tick if applicable ⊠		
	Development of implementation tools				
	Purchase of technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement				\boxtimes
	Other (please specify): trainings spec		2.2.3e		
R2b (previously 2.2.2b)	During the period covered in this report the budget for your:	ort, was	Increased	Stable	Decreased
	Management Authority(ies)			\square	
	Scientific Authority(ies)			\square	
	Enforcement authorities		Police	⊠Customs, SEI	
R2c (previously 2.2.2c)	Has your country been able to use in development funding assistance to in the level of implementation of your		Yes	No	Not applicable
	Management Authority(ies)?				\boxtimes
	Scientific Authority(ies)?				\boxtimes
	Enforcement authorities?				\boxtimes
R2d (previously 2.2.2d)	What is the respective level of priority the national level through the followin			iveness of CITES	implementation at
	Activity	High	Medium	Low	Not a Priority
	Hiring of more staff		\square		
	Development of implementation tools				
	Purchase of new technical equipment for implementation, monitoring or enforcement				
	e-permitting		\square		
	Other (please specify):				
R2e (previously 2.2.2e)	² 2e Does your country have an operational system Yes		Under development	No	
	Trade information		\square		
	Non-detriment findings				\boxtimes

R3a	Does the Management Authority charge fees for:	
(previously 2.2.3a)	Tick all that are app	olicable
	 Administrative procedures 	
	 Issuance of CITES documents (e.g. for import, exports, re-export, or introduction from the sea) 	\boxtimes

	 Shipment clearance (e.g. for the import, export, re-export, or introduction from the sea of CITES-listed species) 	
	 Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species 	
	 Harvesting of CITES-listed species 	\bowtie
	 Use of CITES-listed species 	\square
	 Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species 	
	 Other (please specify): license for production/distribution of closed Rings, license for processing, packaging and re-packaging caviar 	\boxtimes
R3b	Is a fee schedule publicly available? Yes 🖂	No 🗌
(previously 2.2.3b)	If 'Yes', please provide an internet link, or a copy of the schedule to the Secretariat: Act No 145/1995 Coll. On Administrative Fees as amended <u>https://www.slov-lex.sk/pravne-predpisy/SK/ZZ/1995/145/20231001.html</u> Part X, Items 161a,161b, 161d and 161e	

R3c (previously 2.2.3c)	Has your country used revenues from fees for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?		
,	E	Entirely	
		Partly	\boxtimes
	No	ot at all	
	Not re	elevant	
R3d (previously 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? If 'Yes', please provide brief details:		\boxtimes

R4a (previously	Does your country use incentive measures ¹ such as those described in document CoP14 Doc 14.32 to implement the Convention? YesNo
2.2.4a)	
	Compensatory mechanisms
	Communal property rights
	Auctioning of quotas
	Cost recovery or environmental charges
	Enforcement incentives
	If 'Yes' to any of the above, or if your country uses other measures, please provide a summary or link to further information:
	In line with §§ 97 - 102 of Act No. 543/2002 Coll. on nature and landscape protection as amended and in accordance with § 44 of the Ministry Order No. 170/2021 Coll., damages caused by specific protected animals (from which CITES listed are: <i>Ursus arctos, Canis lupus, Lynx lynx</i> and <i>Lutra lutra</i>) in selected domesticated animals (mostly sheep), bee colonies, fish cultured for economic purposes and hunting game (ungulates) in selected areas are compensated by the state.
	In 2021, the data are as follows: <i>Ursus arctos</i> - € 197 274; <i>Canis lupus</i> - € 313 277; <i>Lynx lynx</i> - € 2 210,5 and <i>Lutra lutra</i> - € 79 214.
	In 2022, the data are as follows: <i>Ursus arctos</i> - € 394 909; <i>Canis lupus</i> - € 576 241; <i>Lynx lynx</i> - € 1 085,39 and <i>Lutra lutra</i> - € 23 419,7.
	In 2023, the figures are as follows: <i>Ursus arctos</i> - € 531 571; <i>Canis lupus</i> - € 533 648; <i>Lynx lynx</i> - € 2 104,4 and <i>Lutra lutra</i> - € 506,88.
R4b	Have incentives harmful to biodiversity been eliminated?
(previously 2.2.4b)	Not at all
,	Very little
	Somewhat
	Completely

¹ 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.

AWARENESS

A1 (previously 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	Relevant User Groups
	 Press conferences 		
	 Press releases 	\boxtimes	
	 Newspaper articles, brochures, leaflets 	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
	 Television appearances 	\boxtimes	
	– Radio appearances		
	– Presentations	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
	 Public consultations / meetings 	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
	– Market surveys		
	– Displays	\boxtimes	
	 Information at border crossing points 	\boxtimes	
	– Telephone hotline	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
	 Website(s) – if so please provide link(s) 	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
	https://www.minzp.sk/cites/		
	http://www.sopsr.sk/cites/		
	https://www.sizp.sk/priroda/cites		
	https://zoobojnice.sk/?s=cites		
	 Other (specify): 	\boxtimes	
	Please attach copies of any items or describe examples:		
	NZOO: educational events, ZOO Olympiad (for children) prepared by the NZOO Bojnice CITES SA: regular activities on WWD		
	https://www.sopsr.sk/web/?cl=9927		
	https://www.sopsr.sk/web/?cl=20988		
	State Nature Conservancy Slovakia issued under the Project Interreg V-A SK-AT 2014 – 2020 Ecoregion SKAT memory game (enclosed – memory game 1 – 5) and educational material for teachers with working letters.		
	Customs: presentations for schools, on the occasion of The International Children's Day, The International Customs Day, International Aviation Days, press releases, etc.		
	https://www.financnasprava.sk/_img/pfsedit/Dokumenty_PFS/Zver ejnovanie_dok/Casopis/nl/2023/2023.09.29_Ext_nl_2023_20.pdf		
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A2a (previously 3.2.2a)	How regularly do your country's 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		\square			
	Staff of Scientific Authority			\boxtimes		
	Staff of enforcement authorities				\boxtimes	
A2b (previously 3.2.2b)	What has been your experience with using the CITES website? Excellent Good (MA,SA, SEI) Average (Customs) Poor Overy Poor Overy Poor 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):					
	CITES MA – difficult to find place for log in (rest	ricted ac	cess)			

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) all relevant links under 1.1.1a (EU legislation available	Not available			
in EN, national legislation available only in SK)	Previously provided			
Please list any materials annexed to the report, e.g. fee schedules	, awareness raising materials	s, etc:		
Annex 1 – 5 memory game, CITES leaflets (in SK)				
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 c	other Yes	\boxtimes		
Parties?	No			
	No Information			
If 'Yes' please provide details / links: Use of Raman spectrometer/XRF spectrometer able to identify elephant ivory. Adoption of ban of possessing selected Felidae species contributes to decreasing numbers of kept specimens other than for conservation purposes.				
How could this report format be improved?				
Some questions are still quite complicated and unclear, maybe the	e language used could be sim	plified a bit.		
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Under R2e it is not clear what do you mean with operational system for species information, do you mean information on species in the wild or in trade?				
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Thank you for completing the report. Please remember to include relevant attachments referred to in the report when it is submitted to the Secretariat.

Finančná správa vám predmety zaistí. Ak váš prečin vyhodnotí ako colný priestupok, hrozí vám pokuta do výšky 3 319.39 eur. V pripade colného deliktu sa môže sankcia vyšplhať do výšky 99 581.75 eur. Porušenie predpisov EÚ a našich zákonov môže byť hodnotené aj ako trestný čin s možnosťou uloženia trestu odňatia slobody až na 8 rokov.

Jeho cieľom je postaviť svetový obchoď s ohrozenými druhmi pod spoločnú kontrolu všetkých štátov sveta, tak aby sa dosiahla ich ochrana pred úplným vyhubením vplyvom bezohladného ziskavania pre obchodné účely. Približne 5 800 druhov živočíchov a 30 000 druhov rastlín je pod ochranou CITES. Priamo ohrozených vyhynutím je asi 600 druhov živočíchov a 300 druhov rastlín.

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Medzi najohrozenejšie druhy patria ľudoopy (gorily, orangutany, šimpanzy), delfiny, gepardy, tigre, slony, nosorožce, morské korytnačky, niektoré druhy krokodilov, kaktusov a orchideí. Na Slovensku sú ohrozenými druhmi napriklad orol kráľovský, sokol sťahovavý, vydra riečna, medveď hnedý, rys ostrovid, bocian čierny, drop veľký či všetky druhy sov. Ohrozené druhy sú v rámci dohovoru zaradené do troch príloh (I, II, III) a v rámci platnej legislativy EÚ do štyroch príloh (A, B, C, D). **Najprisnejšie je regulovaný obchod s druhmi z prílohy A**. V súčasnosti k nemu pristúpilo viac ako **180 krajin sveta**. Na Slovensku nadobudol platnosť v roku 1992.

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POZOR NA SUVENIR Zo zahraničných ciest

> CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) ie oficiálne používaná skratka pre medzinárodný dohovor o medzinárodnom obchode s ohrozenými druhmi voľne žijúcich živočíchov a voľne rastúcich rastlín, ktorý bol podpísaný dňa 3. 3. 1973 vo Washingtone.

Radi by ste si zo svojich zahraničných ciest priniesli suvenír? Dajte si pozor - obchod s ohrozenými druhmi živočichov, rastlin a výrobkov z nich je medzinárodne kontrolovaný. Ak si vezmete z pláže koraly, kúpite si výrobky z korytnačích pancierov či z krokodílej kože, môže sa stať, že domov si ich nepriveziete.



Živé zvieratá – napríklad papagáje, opice, hady, korytnačky alebo chameleóny možno nájsť v rôznych obchodoch pre turistov. Radšej si dvakrát premyslite, či si domov doveziete živé zviera. Na ich dovoz potrebujete povolenia z krajiny vývozu aj dovozu. Povolenia sa vydávajú len v prípade, ak bol živočich legálne nadobudnutý.

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Slonovina - obchod so slonovinou je prísne regulovaný a legálny len z niektorých krajín vývozu. Na trhu sa stále objavujú výrobky z nej, či už sú to sošky, šperky, alebo rukoväte tradičných japonských pečatidiel. Predovšetkým v Ázii a Afrike sa nenechajte nalákať na takéto suveníry – na ich dovoz potrebujete špeciálne povolenia.

Kožušiny - obchod s kožou a produktmi väčšiny druhov mačkovitých šeliem, napríklad z jaguára, leoparda alebo tigra je bez povolení zakázaný. Nekupujte kožušiny, kabelky alebo kabáty vyrobené z týchto zvierat. Výrobky z morských korytnačiek - všetky morské korytnačky sú chránené dohovorom CITES. Buďte preto opatrní pri kúpe korytnačích pancierov, celých vypreparovaných zvierat alebo náhrdelníkov, náramkov, hrebeňov, rámov na okuliare či inej bižuténie vyrobenej z pancierov morských korytnačiek. S takýmito výrobkami sa môžete stretnúť na plážach juhovýchodnej Ázie.

Koža z plazov - aj mnohé druhy plazov, krokodílov, leguánov, varanov či hadov sú chránené dohovorom CITES. Pod kontrolou sú aj výrobky vyrobené z kože týchto živočíchov, ako topánky, kabelky, opasky, peňaženky alebo remienky na hodinky. Orchidey a kaktusy - pod ochranu dohovoru CITES patria aj všetky voľne rastúce orchidey a kaktusy, cykasy a iné atraktívne tropické rastliny. Ak túžite po týchto rastlinách, overte si, či boli legálne nadobudnuté, alebo si radšej kúpte umelo vypestované. Koraly - koralové útesy predstavujú veľmi zraniteľný ekosystém, od ktorého závisí existencia veľkého množstva morských druhov. Väčšina koralov je ohrozená aj preto, že sú vo veľkom používané na výrobu ozdôb a šperkov. Mnohé krajiny už zakázali ich zber, predaj a vývoz z voľnej prírody.

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Tradičná čínska medicína - výrobky tradičnej čínskej mediciny môžu obsahovať časti tiel ohrozených druhov živočíchov a rastlín, ako je napríklad tiger, nosorožec, kobra, ženšeň. Keďže dohovor CITES zahŕňa aj ochranu častí exemplárov, vzťahuje sa aj na výrobky, ktoré ich obsahujú

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- kaviár jeseterotvarých rýb (Acipenseriformes spp.) v maximálnom množstve do 125 g na osobu v prepravných obaloch označených v súlade s legislatívou;
- dažďové palice vyrobené z kaktusov čeľade opunciovitých (Cactaceae spp.) v maximálnom množstve 3 na osobu;
- ulity krídlatca veľkého (Strombus gigas) v maximálnom množstve 3 na osobu;
- morské koníky (Hippocampus spp.) v maximálnom množstve 4 mítve exempláre na osobu;
- lastúry druhov čeľade Tridacnidae spp. v maximálnom množstve 3 exempláre na osobu, s celkovou hmotnosťou nepresahujúcou 3 kg, keď exemplárom môže byť jedna neporušená ulita alebo dve spárované polovice;
- mítve spracované exempláre krokodílov (Crocodylia spp.), okrem mäsa a poľovníckých trofejí, v maximálnom množstve 4 na osobu;
- exempláre dreva "aganwood" (Aquilaria spp. a Gyrinops spp.) v maximálnom množstve 1 kg triesok, 24 ml oleja a 2 súprav korálikov alebo modlitebných ružencov (alebo 2 náhrdelnikov alebo náramkov) na osobu.

S čím sa na Slovensku najviac obchoduje?

PLAZY

Najobľúbenejšou skupinou sú **suchozemské korytnačky**, ktoré sa u nás nielen odchovávajú, ale aj dovážajú (napr. **korytnačka stepná**, dovážaná z Uzbekistanu). Na trhu nájdete aj **korytnačku zelenkastú**, ktorá je bežne odchovávaná v zajatí. Prirodzene sa vyskytuje v oblasti Stredomoria, kde jej hrozí vyhynutie, preto je obchod s týmto druhom prísne kontrolovaný.

Základom účinnej kontroly obchodu s korytnačkami je ich nezameniteľné označenie a to fotografiou spodnej časti panciera, ak je jeho dĺžka do 6 cm (vek korytnačky je približne 6 mesiacov) a následne mikročipom (od 6 cm). Ak sa predsa rozhodnete takúto korytnačku kúpiť, potom vám predajca musí odovzdať aj povolenie na obchod (certifikát CITES), ktorý obchodníci volajú "**žitý CITES"** (certifikát je žitej farby).

POZOR! Bez tohto povolenia si korytnačku zelenkastú nekupujte. Vystavujete sa riziku pokuty. Zodpovedný predajca by vás mal poučiť aj o všetkých povinnostiach, ktoré ako chovateľ musíte dodržiavať. Kúpu si vopred dobre premyslite, pretože korytnačky sú dlhoveké živočíchy a môžu sa dediť z generácie na generáciu. Ak im však na zimu nedoprajete spánok, dlho neprežijú.



Na Slovensku sa s obľubou chovajú aj chameleóny, hady, rôzne druhy gekónov či jašterov.

Obchoduje sa nielen so živými jedincami, ale aj s výrobkami z kože plazov, najmä krokodílov a hadov, **z ktorých sa vyrába**jú napr. kabelky, obaly na mobil, remienky na hodinky, obuv či peňaženky.



Ak si takýto tovar kúpite, nezabudnite si od predajcu vyžiadať doklad, ktorým budete vedieť preukázať jeho legálny nákup.

> **PAPAGÁJE** patria k najobľúbenejším domácim miláčikom. Odchyt papagájov z voľnej prírody priviedol niektoré druhy na pokraj ich vyhynutia, preto sú pod ochranou CITES všetky papagáje okrem štyroch druhov (agapornis ružovohrdlý, papagájovec vlnkovaný – andulka, korela chocholatá a alexander malý).

Aby bol papagáj prítulnejší a krotký, odchováva sa ručne: vajíčko alebo vyliahnuté mláďa chovateľ zámerne odoberie z hniezda a dá ho do inkubátora. Mláďa potom kŕmi ručne až do doby, kedy je schopné samostatne prijím



je schopné samostatne prijímať potravu. Práve v tomto citlivom období sa mláďa "naviaže" na človeka a zvykne si na jeho prítomnosť.

Veľké papagáje (napr. ary) sa využívajú aj v tzv. kontaktných zariadeniach, kde si ich môžete za poplatok pohladkať alebo sa s nimi odfotiť.

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Pre papagáje je hladkanie neprirodzené a navyše, ich silné zobáky vás môžu zraniť.

Z väčších papagájov je veľmi obľúbený **papagáj sivý - žako**, ktorý sa vo veľkých množstvách odchováva v zajatí. No ani to nezabránilo jeho odchytávaniu z voľnej prírody. Tento druh sa stále pašuje z Afriky do Európskej únie najmä kvôli oživeniu chovov týchto papagájov jedincami z voľnej prírody. Preto bol zaradený medzi druhy, ktorým vplyvom obchodu hrozí vyhynutie a **medzinárodný obchod s ním je zakázaný**.

DRAVCE A SOVY

Na Slovensku sa tradične využívajú niektoré druhy dravcov na sokoliarske účely. Najbežnejší je sokol sťahovavý, sokol rároh a orol skalný. Obťúbená je aj plamienka driemavá, ktorá sa dokonca chová aj ako domáci miláčik. Sú to naše pôvodné chránené živočíchy, ktorým boli v minulosti vykrádané hniezda a mláďatá pašované do zahraničia.



Za vykradnutie hniezda, vajec alebo mláďat a nelegálny obchod s nimi hrozí páchateľovi až osem rokov väzenia.

Dravce, využívané na sokoliarske účely, sa umelo odchovávajú v zajatí. Zo Slovenska sa dokonca vyvážajú do arabských krajín, kde je sokoliarska tradícia stále veľmi silná. U nás ich môžete vidieť najmä na sokoliarskych vystúpeniach.

Takéto aktivity však nie sú zamerané na ochranu týchto druhov. K ich ochrane prispievajú záchranné zariadenia, ktoré sa starajú o choré a zranené živočíchy a po vyliečení ich vypúšťajú späť do prírody. Stretnúť sa tu môžete aj s dravcami, ktoré kvôli vážnym zraneniam už nikdy nebudú schopné lietať a potrebujú starostlivosť človeka. Takéto jedince môžu lietať a potrebujú starostlivosť človeka. Takéto jedince môžu sancu ešte majú.

MAČKOVITÉ ŠELMY

V posledných rokoch u nás začali pribúdať zariadenia, v ktorých si môžete za poplatok pohladkať mláďa tigra či leva, alebo sa s nimi odfotiť. Tieto zariadenia však neslúžia na ich ochranu. Za týmto nevšedným a lákavým zážitkom sa môže skrývať bezcitné využívanie týchto ohrozených druhov aj na nelegálny obchod. Takéto zaobchádzanie nie je pre mláďa prirodzené a nie je mu ani príjemné, naopak, hraničí s jeho týraním.

Tragický životný cyklus tigra:

 niekoťko dní po narodení je mláďa odobraté matke a umelo kŕmené z fťašky, aby si zvyklo na prítomnosť človeka a na blízky kontakt s návštevníkom (hladkanie, túlenie, kŕmenie); môžu im byť podávané dokonca aj lieky, po ktorých sú ospalé, aby boli pre návštevníka prístupnejšie a hladkaniu sa nebránili,

 dospelý tiger je už nebezpečný, preto skončí v klietke alebo ako súčasť tradičnej ázijskej medicíny (obchodovanie s neživými časťami tigra je zakázané, no na čiernom trhu pre účely tradičnej ázijskej medicíny je možné mŕtveho tigra výhodne predať, pretože



Z tigra sa v ázijskej medicíne používa skoro všetko: kosti na tigrie víno a bujón, na bolesť či artritídu, pazúry a zuby ako amulety, fúzy, tuk, žlč či laby na zlepšenie zdravia. Cena kožušiny sa na čiernom trhu môže vyšplhať až na 25 000 USD.

K ochrane mačkovitých šeliem NEKUPUJTE TOJ prispejete tak, že podobné zariadenia nebudete navštevovať a podporovať.

POĽOVNÍCKE TROFEJE

Poľovnícka tradícia je na Slovensku veľmi silná. Niektorí poľovníci sa za loveckými trofejami vyberú aj do cudziny, najčastejšie do Južnej Afriky, Zimbabwe, Namíbie, Ruska alebo do Južnej Ameriky. Ako pamiatku na poľovač-



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ku si dovážajú napr. vypreparovanú hlavu slona afrického ako závesnú trofej na stenu, smetné koše zo spracovaných sloních nôh, predložky na podlahu z koží mačkovitých šeliem (napr. lev, leopard) a medveďov, ako aj lebky a celé vypreparované živočíchy (mačkovité šelmy a krokodíly).

V Južnej Afrike (a aj v iných afrických krajinách) sa pre poľovačky chovajú napr. levy v zajatí a za týmto účelom sú aj rozmnožované na farmách. Takéto zviera je krotké, zvyknuté na človeka, neuniká pred ním, naopak, pustí ho k sebe na krátku vzdialenosť a nie je problém ho uloviť. V takomto prípade však nejde o lov v pravom slova zmysle, súčasťou ktorého je prenasledovanie, stopovanie či skrývanie, ale o zabitie krotkého zvieraťa, za ktoré poľovník farmárovi ešte aj zaplatí.

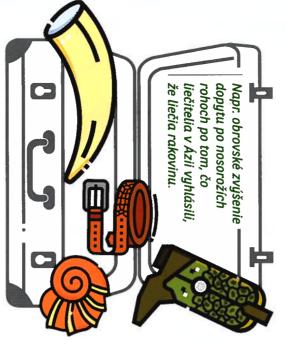
SUVENÍRY

Málokto vie, že mnohé obťúbené suveníry sa vyrábajú aj z ohrozených druhov rastlín a živočíchov. V dovolenkových destináciách sú bežne ponúkané na predaj a sú cenovo dostupné. Obchodníci niekedy zneužívajú neznalosť turistov a ponúkajú im na predaj aj tovar, s ktorým sa obchodovať nesmie alebo ho bez povolenia nemožno vyviezť z krajiny. Možnosť kúpy však nie je záruka, že tovar je možné legálne priviezť domov. Pri colnej kontrole bez permitu CITES vám môže byť uložená pokuta a prídete aj o suvenír.

Viete, čo je CITES?

nenávratne zničiť. Medzi najzávažnejžíva nadmerne, môžu sa vyčerpať alebo zdroje vrátane živej prírody. Ak ich vyu-Človek už odpradávna využíva prírodné

s nimi. V súčasnosti je to jeden z najsilnejších nástrojov mevané v zajatí a podlieha tiež rôznym trendom. sa rozšíril aj o umelo vypestované rastliny a živočíchy odchomnožstvo druhov stromov rastúcich v trópoch. Tento obchod šuje. Ohrozené sú napr. tigre, slony, úhory, kaktusy, orchidey či chov a 33 000 druhov rastlín, pričom ich počet sa stále zvykrajín sveta. Pod ochranou CITES je asi 6 000 druhov živočídzinárodnej ochrany prírody, ktorý podpísalo viac ako 180 ohrozených druhov vo voľnej prírode reguláciou obchodu of Wild Fauna and Flora). Jeho cieľom je zabezpečiť prežitie podpísali v roku 1973 významný dokument na ich ochranu Aby sa tejto nepriaznivej situácii zabránilo, niektoré krajiny číchy a rastliny z voľnej prírody, ako aj o rôzne výrobky z nich. šie príčiny ubúdania niektorých druhov rastlín a živočíchov voľne žijúcich živočíchov a rastlín, známy pod skratkou CITES aj obrovský záujem medzinárodného obchodu o niektoré živona našej planéte patrí okrem ničenia ich životného prostredia (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species Dohovor o medzinárodnom obchode s ohrozenými druhmi



resp. nelegálneho obchodu. Vyvíjajú sa nielen metódy odchovu, ale aj metódy pašovania,

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lieha aj colnej kontrole

ry ich ohrozenia obchodom: CITES rozdeľuje druhy do troch skupín (príloh) podľa mie-

vom obchodu hrozí vyhynutie vo voľ-Príloha CITES I: druhy, ktorým vply

sokol sťahovavý, orol kráľovský, orliak morský, vydra riečna. ry araukária andská, krčiažnik obrovský; <u>zo slovenskej f</u> nosorožcov, ara hyacintová, karety, korytnačká tučová, z fló-Priklady: tiger, antilopa tibetská, šupinavce, nej prírode. Obchod s nimi je zakázaný gorily, väčšina Vun

natá, pralesničky (žaby), žralok dlhoplutvý, koraly, z flóry by bolo ohrozené, keby sa obchod s nimi nereguloval. Príloha CITES II: druhy, ktorých prežitie vo voľnej prírode P<u>ríklady:</u> žirafa núbijská, väčšina kolibríkov, kobra okuliar-

santalovitý, snežienky; zo slovenskej fauny úhor väčšina druhov dalbergií a orchideí, santalovec hlaváčik jarný, snežienka jarná. európsky, pijavica lekárska, jeseter malý, z flóry

predovšetkým krajina, v ktorej sa vyskytujú ký; <u>zo slovenskej fauny</u> šakal zlatý ský, páv korunkatý; z flóry dub mongolský, jaseň m Príklady: antilopa indická, líška bengálska, kondor Príloha CITES III: druhy, ktoré chráni andžus-Kratov

CITES reguluje alebo zakazuje nielen obchod so živými živočíchmi a rastlinami, ale aj s neživými jedincami, ich časťami



lín) a výrobkami z nich (napr. kožené vé doplnky) výrobky, kozmetika, nábytok, výživohnedého, drevo, kaviár, cibuľky rast-(napr. koże plazov, vajcia a pierka vtakov, slonovina, maso z medveďa

rópskej únie. kontrolujú colníci pri prekročení hranice s krajinou mimo Euna dovoz, vývoz a opätovný vývoz (tzv. permity CITES), ktoré la obchodu sa vykonáva prostredníctvom vydávania povolení Dohovor má pre ne spoločný názov exemplár CITES. Kontro-

CITES, napr. aj s domácim vzorkou, muzeálnym z dovolenky, vedeckou miláčikom, suvenirom považuje každé prekroče POZOR! Za obchod sa predmetom, a preto pod nie hranic s exemplárom



orgán, ktorý tieto povolenia vydáva (u nás je to Ministerstvo životného prostredia SR) a vedecký orgán, ktorý druhu (u nás je to Štátna ochrana prírody SR) odborne posudzuje, či obchodom nedochádza k ohrozeniu Každý členský štát dohovoru má ustanovený Permity CITES vydáva tzv. výkonný orgán CITES výkonný

CITES a Slovensko

Slovenská republika sa stala členom CITES v roku 1992 ešt platiť aj právne predpisy Európskej únie, ktoré so sebou pri sa stali súčasťou jednotného európskeho trhu a začali u ná ako súčasť Československej federatívnej republiky a svo vnútorného obchodu s najohrozenejšími druhmi. niesli odlišnosti v rozdelení druhov, ako aj prísnejšie pravidl k 1. januáru 1993. Vstupom do Európskej únie v roku 2004 sm je členstvo potvrdila ako samostatná Slovenská republik:

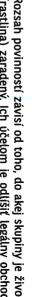


v Európskej únii Európskej únie, sa vydávajú aj certifikáty CITES, platné lei Európska únia rozdeľuje druhy do príloh A – D, pričom naj ktoré sú potrebné pri prekročeni hranice s krajinou mim úrovni chránené menej alebo vôbec. Okrem permitov CITES hy CITES I, ale aj ďalším druhom, ktoré sú na medzinárodne vyššiu ochranu poskytuje nielen druhom zaradeným do prílo

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Na Slovensku majú držitelia exemplárov CITES aj ďalšie

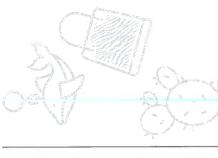
- povinnosti, napr.: vretým krúžkom, plazy a cicavce mikročipom) vybrané druhy nezameniteľne označovať (napr. vtáky uza
- viesť si údaje o každej zmene v chove a informácie
- v prípade kontroly preukázať pôvod niektorých posielať Štátnej ochrane prírody Slovenskej republiky,
- a od koho je nadobudnutý z voľnej prírody, alebo bol odchovaný v zajatí druhov živočíchov, teda, či živočích pochádza





nelegálneho. Rozsah povinností závisí od toho, do akej skupiny je živočíci (rastlina) zaradený. Ich účelom je odlíšiť legálny obchod o

Ak by ste sa aj pokúsili vybaviť si permity CITES, tie vám vydajú iba v prípade, že živočích/rastlina sú nadobudnuté legálne. Ich vybavenie nejaký čas trvá, takže počas bežnej dovolenky to nie je možné stihnúť. Preto sa vopred informyte (na Ministerstve životného prostredia SR alebo na Štátnej ochrane prírody SR), ktoré suveníry je vôbec možné dovážať, za akých podmienok a aké povinnosti sú s takýmto vývozom a dovozom spojené.



<u>V afrických aj ázijských krajinách</u> sa môžete stretnúť s výrobkami zo **slonoviny,** napr. náramkami, náhrdelníkmi, rôznymi soškami či tradičnými osobnými pečatidlami.



POZOR! Obchod so slonovinou je zakázaný, podobne aj s výrobkami zo slonej kože, napr. topánkami či taškami. V ponuke sú aj živé živočíchy a rastliny, napr. **malé korytnač**ky, hady, papagáje, dokonca aj primáty, z rastlín najmä kaktusy, orchidey a cykasy.

Tieto rastliny sú dostupné aj na Slovensku, preto si ich v zahraničí nekupujte.

Medzi najobťúbenejšie suveníry Slovákov patria celé **koraly** alebo ich odumreté časti. Z niektorých, napr. z červených či čiernych koralov, sa vyrábajú aj šperky. Obozretní buďte aj pri rôznych **kozmetických výrobkoch či výživových doplnkoch**, ktoré veľmi často obsahujú časti ohrozených druhov, napr. prípravky na chudnutie s obsahom kaktusu *Hoodia* spp. alebo kozmetika s obsahom kaviáru. Ak si nie ste istí zložením, radšej výrobok nekupujte.



náramky, okuliare, ale aj celé

vypreparované telá korytnačiek. Sú atraktívne najmä pre svoju originálnu farebnosť.

robky z pancierov **morských korytnačiek**, napr. hrebene,

<u>Ázie</u> vám budú ponúkať vý

Na plážach juhovýchodnej

| Obchodovanie s nimi | je zakázané!

Suveníry, ktoré si z krajín mimo Európskej únie môžete bez obáv doviezť vo svojej osobnej batožine a na prekročenie hraníc nie je potrebné žiadne povolenie:

- morské koniky (Hippocampus spp.) v počte 4 mrtve exempláre na osobu,
- dažďové palice z opunciovitých (Cactaceae spp.), máx. 3 exempláre na osobu,
- lastúry druhov čeľade rozdľavovité (Tridacnidae spp.), max. 3 exempláre na osobu s celkovou hmotnosťou nepresahujúcou 3 kg, pričom exemplárom môže byť jedna
- neporušená lastúra alebo dve spárované polovice, ulity druhu strombus obrovský (Strombus gigas), max. 3 exempláre na osobu.
 - kaviár jeseterotvarých rýb (Acipenseriformes spp.), max. do 125 g na osobu v prepravných obaloch, ktoré sú
- individuálne a špeciálne označené, krokodíly (*Crocodylia* spp.), max. 4 mŕtve spracované
- exempláre na osobu okrem mása a poťovníckých trofejí, drevo agarwood (Aquilaria spp. a Byrinops spp.), max.
- 1 kg triesok, 24 ml oleja a dve súprávy korálikov alebo modlitebných ružencov talebo dva náhrdelníky alebo náramky) na osobu.

Kúpu, či už živého domáceho miláčika, suveníru, alebo návštevu kontaktného zariadenia, si vopred dobre rozmyslite. Preverte si informácie a predovšetkým rozlišujte medzi skutočnou ochranou prírody a obchodovaním, ktorého hlavným cieľom je zisk. Keď sa predsa rozhodnete kúpiť si domáceho miláčika, ktorý patrí medzi ohrozené druhy, uvedomte si, že je to záväzok a zodpovednosť na dlhé obdobie. Podporujte len poctivých obchodníkov, ktorí vás poučia o všetkých vašich povinnostiach. Nenechajte sa zlákať zdanlivo výhodnými ponukami. To, čo ušetríte kúpou, môžéte zaplatiť na pokute za porušenie pravidiel. A čo je najdôležitejšie, kupovaním ich životov prispievate k znižovaniu biodiverzity na našej planéte.

Podrobnejšie informácie o problematike CITES nájdete na adrese Ministerstva životného prostredia SR https://www.minzp.sk/cites/ alebo Štátnej ochrany prírody SR http://www.sopsr.sk/cites/. Vydala Štátna ochrana prírody Slovenskej republiky v rámci projektu Ecoregion SKAT – Posilnenie spolupráce v oblasti ekoturizmu v cezhraničnom regióne Slovenska a Rakúska, Operačného programu INTERREG V-A Slovenská republika – Rakúsko 2014 – 2020, spolufinancovaného z Európskeho fondu regionálneho rozvoja.

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DIVOČINA NA PREDA Záchrana či ohrozenie?









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Skrytá divočina – netradičné vedomostné pexeso

Jedným z dôvodov, prečo je dnes prežitie živočíchov a rastlín vo voľnej prírode ohrozené, je nezákonné obchodovanie s nimi. Krajiny, ktorým záležalo na prežití ohrozených druhov, podpísali v roku 1973 významný dokument na ich ochranu – Dohovor o medzinárodnom obchode s ohrozenými druhmi voľne žijúcich živočíchov a rastlín, známy pod skratkou **CITES** (**C**onvention on International **T**rade in **E**ndangered **S**pecies of Wild Fauna and Flora). CITES reguluje či zakazuje nielen obchod so živými živočíchmi a rastlinami, ale aj s neživými jedincami, ich časťami (napr. semená rastlín, vajcia a pierka vtákov, koža cicavcov) a výrobkami z nich. K dnešnému dňu ho podpísalo 183 krajín sveta.

Toto netradičné pexeso Vám umožní nájsť vzájomný vzťah medzi živými živočíchmi či rastlinami a výrobkami z nich. Tvorí ho 19 párov kartičiek s obrázkom živého živočícha alebo rastliny, ku ktorým hľadáte "párové" kartičky s obrázkom ich neživých častí alebo výrobkov z nich. Skontrolujte aj čísla na kartičkách, ktoré musia byť zhodné



Pexeso ponúka len malý výber druhov ohrozených medzinárodným obchodom. V skutočnosti je ich omnoho viac. Pod ochranou CITES je asi 6 000 druhov živočíchov a takmer 33 000 druhov rastlín. Ohrozené sú napr. úhory, antilopa tibetská či množstvo druhov stromov rastúcich v trópoch. Preto, ak sa vám bude páčiť nejaký suvenír zo slonoviny, ozdoba vyrobená z pancierov karety či koralov alebo budete chcieť domáceho miláčika – papagája, ktorý patrí k ohrozeným druhom, **nekupujte to**. Prispejete tak k záchrane mnohých vzácnych druhov rastlín a živočíchov na našej planéte.

Pexeso bolo vydané v rámci projektu Posilnenie społupráce v oblasti ekoturizmu v cezhraničnom regióne Slovenska a Rakúska, realizovaný v rámci programu INTERREG V-A Slovenská republika - Rakúsko 2014–2020, społufinancovaný z Európskeho fondu regionálneho rozvoja.



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