

Implementation report format

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

CITES vision statement

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

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

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

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

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

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

The report should cover the period indicated in [Resolution Conf. 11.17 \(Rev. CoP19\)](#) which urges that the report should be submitted to the Secretariat on 31 October of the year before each meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP). The reason for setting the report to be due a year in advance of the following CoP is to allow information to be collated so it can be considered by the Standing Committee in advance of CoP, and enable publication of the Strategic Vision indicators in advance of CoP.

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

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

The completed report should be sent to:

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

Party	Tonga
Period covered in this report	2024
Department or agency preparing this report	Legal Sector and Science Department
Contributing departments, agencies and organizations	Ministry of Fisheries.

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	<p>Have any CITES relevant policies or legislation been developed during the period covered in this report? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', have you shared information with the Secretariat? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'No', please provide details to the Secretariat with this report: -The National Law in regards to CITES will be shared.</p>
1.1.1b	<p>Does your legislation or legislative process allow easy amendment of your national law(s) to reflect changes in the CITES Appendices (e.g. to meet the 90 day implementation guidelines)? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'No', please provide details of the constraints faced:</p>

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	<p>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])?</p> <p>Responses provided to ALL relevant reporting requirements <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Responses provided to SOME of the relevant reporting requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Responses provided to NONE of the relevant reporting requirements <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No special reporting requirements applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p>
1.3.1b	<p>Were any difficulties encountered during the period covered in this report in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please provide details of which Resolution(s) or Decision(s), and, for each, what difficulties were / are being encountered? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>-Under the Fisheries Aquaculture Regulations, section 25 catering for the certification of Aquaculture fish exports, this is the only mention of CITES. But this is in regards to providing a CITES permit in exportation of aquaculture species et cetera. However, with the Department Environment leading on the formation and process of the new CITES regulations. It is important that Ministry of Fisheries and this department continue to collaborate with the Attorney General's Office in terms of update and translation.</p>

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)	<p>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?</p>		
	Yes	No	Not Applicable
	Appendix I <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Appendix II <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Appendix III <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If there are such studies that you are willing to share, please provide:</p>			
Species name (scientific)	Link to the data, or a brief summary		
-Yes survey studies included analysis of sea cucumbers. This included formulation of	- Tonga Implementation 2019-2020 report prepared by the Ministry of Fisheries. But contributed by various and relevant agencies. Link is : https://cites.org/sites/default/files/documents/19-		

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1.5.1b (previously 3.4.1b)	Do you have examples of specific examples of success stories or emerging problems with any CITES listed species? If 'Yes', please provide details:	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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)	<p>Does your country have any cooperative management plans, including recovery plans, in place for shared populations of CITES-listed species? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If 'Yes', please list the species for which these plans are in place and provide a link or reference to a published plan for each species.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Species Name (scientific)</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Link or reference to a published plan</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Holothuria fuscogлива</i></td> <td>Tonga's Implementation Plan 2019-2020 prepared by the Ministry of Fisheries.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Holothuria whitmaei</i></td> <td>https://cites.org/sites/default/files/documents/19-20Tonga.pdf</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Species Name (scientific)	Link or reference to a published plan	<i>Holothuria fuscogлива</i>	Tonga's Implementation Plan 2019-2020 prepared by the Ministry of Fisheries.	<i>Holothuria whitmaei</i>	https://cites.org/sites/default/files/documents/19-20Tonga.pdf
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GOAL 2 PARTIES' DECISIONS ARE SUPPORTED BY THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE AND INFORMATION

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).

		Yes	No	No information
2.1.1a (previously 1.5.2a)	<p>Does your country have standard procedures for making non-detriment findings in line with Resolution Conf. 16.7(Rev. CoP17)?</p> <p>If 'Yes', please briefly describe your procedures for making non-detriment findings, or attach as an annex to this report, or provide a link to where the information can be found on the internet:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.1.1b (previously 1.5.2b)	<p>When establishing non-detriment findings, have any of the following guidance been used?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Please tick all that apply</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Virtual College <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">IUCN Checklist <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Resolution Conf. 16.7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>			

		2008 NDF workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Species specific guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If 'Other' or 'Species specific guidance', please specify details:		
2.1.1c (previously 1.5.2c)	How often does your country review and/or change your non-detriment findings?	Case by case	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Annually	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Every two years	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Less frequently	<input type="checkbox"/>
		A mix of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Please describe the circumstances under which non-detriment findings would be changed:		

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)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If 'Yes', please briefly include the name of the regulatory instrument, or provide a link to where the information can be found on the internet:			
	-Aquaculture Regulations 2022 : https://ago.gov.to/cms/images/LEGISLATION/SUBORDINATE/2022/2022-0047/AquacultureManagementRegulations2022_1.pdf			
	-Tonga's 2019-2020 Implementation Plan : https://cites.org/sites/default/files/documents/19-20Tonga.pdf			