



eCITES: Parties responses to the questionnaire on electronic Systems

Questionnaire on electronic systems and information technologies

- Notification 2017/041 with link to on-line questionnaire
- Responses from 36 MAs, equal number from high-income and not high-income countries
- Two groups of questions:
 - Which business processes does your electronic CITES system support?
 - What is the role of an eCITES system for the implementation of the Convention?
- In addition 18 Parties send a short description of their eCITES system
- Summary of the responses provided in SC69 Inf. 1

Which business processes does your electronic CITES system support?

Most systems provide only partial automation

- <50% support on-line registration of requests, <80/50% of the systems check data against CITES code lists and data formats, <80/50% print the permit, < 40% ePayment
- only 50/40% of MAs report that their system supports all relevant processes

Not all systems can generate the annual trade report

- <80/60% of systems generate the annual trade report

Gaps in integration with Scientific Authority and Customs

- <40/10% of Systems connect with the Scientific Authority
- <10/30% provide electronic information to Customs
- only 20% receive electronic information on actual quantities from Customs

Questions:

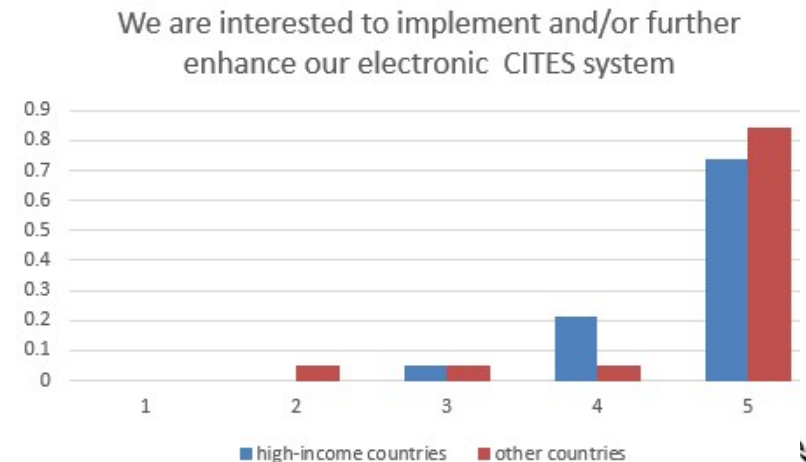
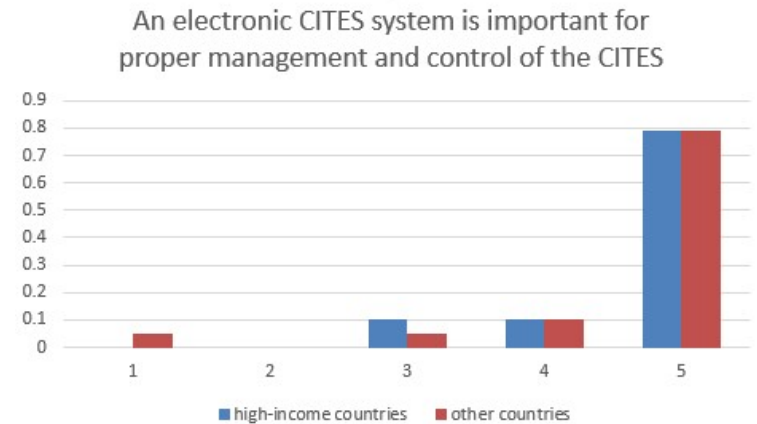
- What are the obstacles for electronic exchange with other agencies: legal framework, inter agency collaboration, technology, human factors?

eCITES Survey 2017: Parties want to automate their CITES processes

Very strong consensus of MAs on the importance of electronic CITES systems

- ✓ “Reduces incidents of corruption”: > 80%
- ✓ “Reduces illegal trade in wildlife”: > 80%
- ✓ “An electronic system is needed for proper implementation of the Convention”: close to 100%

Interest of MAs to implement electronic CITES systems

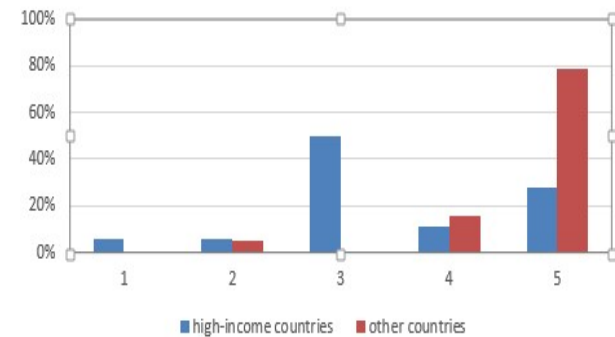


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eCITES Survey 2017: Parties from developing countries need support from donors

Low income countries require capacity building and advisory services

To progress we require capacity building i.e information on available solutions, implementation approaches lessons learned

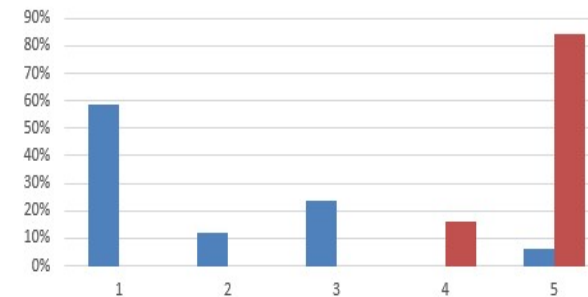


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- What needs to change to push CITES automation forward?

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Future plans

- ❑ >70/80% of MAs intend to implement/further enhance their eCITES system

Different needs in low/medium income countries

- ❑ 80% need capacity building to proceed
- ❑ >80% request assistance from donor agencies

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