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Annex 1

**Questionnaire on the implementation and effectiveness of the Appendix II listing of the European eel**

The term ‘specimen’ as used in this questionnaire is as defined in Article I, paragraph b) i) and ii)   
of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.[[1]](#footnote-1)

***Please provide as much information as possible in answer to the questions below –   
the information should cover at least the last ten years[[2]](#footnote-2)***

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| Country |  |
| Function of agency completing this questionnaire (CITES Management Authority, CITES Scientific Authority, Wildlife Authority, Police, Customs, Other) |  |
| Contact details of agency/agencies completing this questionnaire |  |
| Contact person (name, email, job title, function) |  |
| Is your country a range State, or involved in farming, trade and/or consumption of European eel, *Anguilla anguilla*? | Yes No  If ‘Yes’, please complete the remainder of the questionnaire. |

1. **Export and re-export**

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| **A.1** | Does your country export/has your country exported European eels?  Yes No  If “No”, please go to question A.2.10.  If ‘Yes’:  a) Did your country export European eels prior to the CITES listing coming in to force in March 2009?  Yes No  Don’t know  b) Has your country exported European eels since the CITES listing coming in to force in March 2009?  Yes No  c) Has your country exported European eels since the European Union trade ban in December 2010?  Yes No  If you have answered ‘Yes’ to any of these questions, please answer sections A.2.1 to A.2.10. |
| **A.2.1** | Do you have systems in place to differentiate between, and report trade in, the various life stages of live *Anguilla anguilla* (e.g. glass eels, elvers, adult eels)?  Yes No  If ‘Yes’, please provide details on how you have defined the various life stages for reporting purposes. |
| **A.2.2** | Do you have legislation in place to regulate production/harvest and/or export of European eels and does a process exist to determine, prior to export, if that legislation has been complied with (Legal acquisition finding)?  Yes No  If ‘Yes’, please describe the process used to determine legal acquisition of specimens prior to permitting export. |
| **A.2.3** | a) How has your country dealt with the export of pre-Convention eel specimens?  e.g. did your country set cut off dates for permitting the export of live eels or eel products that were derived from glass eels harvested prior to March 2009 and grown out to commercial size, in farms, for a period of time thereafter? Please provide details.  b) How has your country dealt with the export of those harvested prior to the European Union banning exports in December 2010?  e.g. did your country set cut off dates for permitting the export of live eels or eel products that were derived from glass eels harvested prior to December 2010 and grown out to commercial size, in farms, for a period of time thereafter? Please provide details. |
| **A.2.4** | Have you made a ‘Non-detriment finding’ for trade in European eels?  Yes No  If ‘No’, please explain why this is the case:  If ‘Yes’,   1. what information source(s) was used?   Species-specific stock assessmentCustoms / Trade data analysis  Fisheries dependent data  Fisheries independent data  Ecosystem modelling  Fisheries models  Other (please describe)  If possible, please provide NDFs and any relevant reports, links and/or analyses related to sources and uses for the NDF.   1. Was the NDF carried out at a local, national or regional level (i.e. together with other range States, therefore incorporating a large proportion of, or the entire population)?   Local / Sub-national National Regional / Multi-national |
| **A.2.5** | Has your country encountered incidents of illegal exports of European eels since March 2009?  Yes No  If ‘Yes’, where possible, please provide data and/or information on illegal trade, including the number and size of seizures and trade routes/*modus operandi* involved.  ***Note: Parties should indicate where they have previously submitted information on illegal trade and only include new information here.*** |
| **A.2.6** | Have you experienced any enforcement challenges with regards to implementing the CITES listing for exports and/or any other related illegal activities (such as poaching)?  Yes No    If ‘Yes’, please provide details of these challenges and if possible, provide some examples: |
| **A.2.7** | How have you overcome these challenges? Please provide some examples of best practices: |
| **A.2.8** | Other than CITES implementing legislation, has your country introduced any new national/regional legislation specifically applicable to European eel use and trade since the Appendix II listing in March 2009?  Yes No  If ‘Yes’ please provide details, including titles and links to any new/updated legislation: |
| **A.2.9** | Is your country a signatory to any bilateral and/or multilateral agreements for co-management of the European eel?  Yes No  If ‘Yes’, please provide brief details, including the names of the agreements, and which other countries are involved: |
| **A.2.10** | Has your country re-exported European eels since the CITES listing came in to force in March 2009?  Yes No  If ‘Yes’, please provide brief details on how you determined that the specimens being re-exported were originally exported in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, in particular in cases where such specimens were exported imported as eel seeds for farming (e.g. glass eels, elvers) and re-exported as live adult eel or eel products. |
| **A.2.11** | Please provide examples and/or details of any positive outcomes, effects and/or impacts observed in your country as a result of the CITES listing of the European eel. |

1. **import**

**For this section, ‘imports’ covers imports for farming, re-stocking and consumption purposes, and re-import of specimens for consumption, having been previously imported and grown-out in farms in non-range States.**

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| **B.1.1** | Do you import / have you imported European eels?  Yes  No  If ‘Yes’, please complete the remainder of the questionnaire. |
| **B.1.2** | If ‘Yes’:   1. Did your country import European eels prior to the CITES listing coming in to force in March 2009?   Yes  No  Don’t know   1. Has your country imported European eels since the CITES listing coming in to force in March 2009?   Yes  No   1. Has your country imported European eels since the European Union trade ban in December 2010?   Yes  No  If you have answered ‘Yes’ to any of these questions, please answer questions B.1.3 to B.1.5 |
| **B.1.3** | Has your country encountered incidents of illegal imports of European eels since March 2009?  Yes  No  If ‘Yes’, please provide data and/or information on illegal trade, including the number and size of seizures and trade routes/*modus operandi* involved.  ***Note: Parties should indicate where they have previously submitted information on illegal trade and only include new information here.*** |
| **B.1.4** | Have you experienced any enforcement challenges with regard to implementing the CITES listing for imports?  Yes  No    If ‘Yes’, please provide details of these challenges and if possible, provide some examples: |
| **B.1.5** | How have you overcome these challenges? Please provide some examples of best practices: |
| **B.1.6** | If possible, please provide any relevant trade data collected since the submission of your last annual report? |

1. *(b) "Specimen" means:*

   *(i) any animal or plant, whether alive or dead;*

   *(ii) in the case of an animal: for species included in Appendices I and II, any readily recognizable part or derivative thereof; and for species included in Appendix III, any readily recognizable part or derivative thereof specified in Appendix III in relation to the species* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Please use additional sheets for any question, if needed.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)