Notification to the Parties No. 2021/015  
Annex

**Questionnaire on conservation status, illegal trade, enforcement issues   
and stocks concerning pangolins (*Manis* spp.)**

In this questionnaire, the term “specimen” is as defined in Article I, paragraph b) i) and ii) of the Convention. "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.

“Readily recognizable part or derivative” shall be interpreted to include any specimen which appears from an accompanying document, the packaging or a mark or label,   
or from any other circumstances, to be a part or derivative of an animal or plant of a species included in the Appendices, unless such part or derivative is   
specifically exempted from the provisions of the Convention;”

**In completing this questionnaire, please contact other relevant agencies in your country/territories if necessary to obtain the latest and most comprehensive information and data.**

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| Function of agency completing this questionnaire (CITES Management or Scientific Authority, Wildlife Authority, Police, Customs, Other) |  |
| Contact details of agency/agencies completing this questionnaire |  |
| Contact person (name, email, job title, function) |  |
| Are you a range state for pangolins? Yes No  If yes, please indicate for which species below:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | African Species | | Asian Species | | | White-bellied Pangolin (*Manis tricuspis*) |  | Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) |  | | Black-bellied Pangolin (*Manis tetradactyla*) |  | Chinese Pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*) |  | | Temminck’s ground Pangolin (*Manis temminckii*) |  | Philippine Pangolin (*Manis culionensis*) |  | | Giant Pangolin (*Manis gigantea*) |  | Indian Pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*) |  | | |

**A. ILLEGAL TRADE AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES – ALL PARTIES INVITED TO COMPLETE**

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| **A.1** | Does illegal trade in pangolin specimens occur in your country? Yes No  If your answer is “Yes”, what role does your country play in this trade? Please tick all that apply: Origin Transit  Destination  Please elaborate with further details of the role of your country in this trade. |
| **A.2** | Have any seizures of pangolin specimens (live animals, scales, meat, etc…) been made in your country between **1 January 2016** and **31 December 2020**?  Yes No  If yes, please provide details in the spreadsheet format in Annex 1. Please note that data already provided in CITES annual illegal trade reports do not need to be included. |
| **A.3** | Please indicate, if possible, how many of the seized live specimens referred to in question A.2 survived? |
| **A.4** | Using the check boxes below, please indicate how your country disposes of confiscated live pangolin specimens? You may select several answers.  Return to country of origin for release to the wild  Released into non-protected areas  Released into protected areas  Placing in designated rescue centres  Placing in approved private facilities  Placing in public zoos/safari parks  Euthanasia  Other (please provide details below): |
| **A.5** | Has your country established standard operating procedures for managing, storing, and disposing of confiscated pangolin specimens?  Yes  No  If 'Yes', please provide details and indicate whether these procedures apply to live pangolins and/or other pangolin products (e.g., scales). Please provide as much detail as possible. |
| **A.6** | Has your country encountered any challenges in disposing of confiscated pangolin specimens?  Yes  No  If yes, please provide details. If no, we encourage you to share any best practices that you would like to highlight? |
| **A.7** | Is illegal trade in pangolins and/or their derivatives on the internet common in your country?  Yes  No  If your answer is “Yes”, please elaborate providing as much detail as possible. |
| **A.8** | Does your country face any law enforcement challenges with regard to preventing poaching, illegal trade and other illegal activities concerning pangolins?  Yes  No  If ‘Yes’, please elaborate providing as much detail as possible. |
| **A.9** | Do you experience any technical resource-related (e.g., equipment) enforcement challenges in your country with regard to preventing poaching, illegal trade and other illegal activities concerning pangolins?  Yes  No  If ‘Yes’, please elaborate providing as much detail as possible. |
| **A.10** | Do you experience any human-resource-related enforcement challenges in your country with regard to preventing poaching, illegal trade and other illegal activities concerning pangolins?  Yes  No  If ‘Yes’, please elaborate providing as much detail as possible. |
| **A.11** | Do you experience any budgetary-related enforcement challenges in your country with regard to preventing poaching, illegal trade and other illegal activities concerning pangolins?  Yes  No  If ‘Yes’, please elaborate providing as much detail as possible. |
| **A.12** | Are there any enforcement best practices in your country with regard to preventing poaching, illegal trade and other illegal activities directly concerning, or inadvertently benefiting, pangolins that you would like to highlight?  Yes  No  If ‘Yes’, please elaborate providing as much detail as possible. |
| **A.13** | Has your country participated in or initiated any domestic law enforcement operation(s) targeting poaching and illegal trade in pangolins?  Yes  No  If your answer is ‘Yes’, please provide a brief summary including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties. |
| **A.14** | Has your country collaborated with other countries or participated in any international operation (e.g., under INTERPOL, WCO, Wildlife Enforcement Networks, etc.) aimed at combating the poaching and illegal trade in species which has specifically or inadvertently included pangolins?  Yes  No  If your answer is ‘Yes’, please describe these activities including any lessons learned which might be helpful for other Parties. |
| **A.15** | Decision 18.242 states “Parties, intergovernmental organizations, international aid agencies and non-governmental organizations that develop tools or materials that could assist Parties in the implementation of Resolution Conf. 17.10, are invited to bring such tools or materials to the attention of the Secretariat.”  Has your country developed any tools or materials as envisaged by Decision 18.242 that could assist Parties in the implementation of [Resolution Conf. 17.10](https://cites.org/sites/default/files/document/E-Res-17-10_0.pdf) on *Conservation of and trade in pangolins*?  Yes  No  If your answer is “Yes”, please elaborate providing as much detail as possible. |
| **A.16** | Has your country successfully identified and dismantled any organised crime groups involved in the poaching and/or trafficking of pangolins and their derivatives in the last 5 years?  Yes  No  If your answer is “Yes”, please elaborate providing as much detail as possible, for example detail of the number of groups identified and dismantled, modus operandi identified, enforcement techniques deployed and considered to have been exceptionally effective, and any other information deemed appropriate and informative: |
| **A.17** | Has your country detected any new methods being used by organised crime groups involved in the poaching and/or trafficking of pangolins and their derivatives in the last 5 years?  Yes  No  If your answer is “Yes”, please elaborate providing as much detail as possible. |
| **A.18** | Are there any known or suspected instances in which corruption affected the ability of your country to enforce laws affording protection to pangolins from poaching and/or trafficking?  Yes  No  If your answer is “Yes”, please elaborate providing as much detail as possible. |

**B. STOCKS AND STOCK MANAGEMENT – ALL PARTIES TO COMPLETE**

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| **B.1** | Do stocks of pangolin specimens (including scales, medicines containing scales, meat, skins, other) currently exist in your country (government or privately held)?  Yes  No  If ‘Yes’, go to questions B.1.1, B.1.2, and B1.3. If ‘No’, go to question B.2. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **B.1.1** | If your answer to B.1 is ‘Yes’, please include as much information as possible in the columns below (add more rows if necessary). | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Species** | **Part or Derivative** **(e.g., scales, meat, processed, medicinal products)** | | **Quantity / Volume** | | **Source (seized/confiscated/ /legally acquired)** | | **Age (i.e. when the stock was constituted)** | | **Privately or government held.  (If government, please indicate if federal, regional, or local and name the agency responsible for managing the stockpile)** | | **Status  (e.g seized/confiscated/legally acquired)** | | **Intended use of stock (e.g., domestic commerce, education, research, destruction)** |
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| **B.1.2** | Do you consider that your country has any system to in place to record and keep record of stocks of pangolin products as recommended in [Resolution Conf. 17.10](https://cites.org/sites/default/files/document/E-Res-17-10_0.pdf) on *Conservation of and trade in pangolins* (e.g., written records or electronic database, registration and/or certification systems, etc…)?  Yes  No  If yes, please explain in as much detail as possible: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **B.1.3** | Do you consider that your country has adequate control measures in place to secure stocks of parts and derivatives of pangolins as recommended in [Resolution Conf. 17.10](https://cites.org/sites/default/files/document/E-Res-17-10_0.pdf) on *Conservation of and trade in pangolin*? (e.g., designated secure storage facility, etc…)  Yes  No  If ‘Yes’, please describe these systems in as much detail as possible: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **B.2** | Did your country dispose of any of pangolin specimen stocks in the period 2016–2020?  Yes  No  If ‘Yes’, go to question B.2.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **B.2.1** | If your answer to B.2 is ‘Yes’, please include as much information as possible on the stocks that were disposed of in the columns below. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Species** | | **Part or Derivative (e.g., scales, meat, processed, medicinal products)** | | **Quantity / Volume** | | **Source (seized/confiscated/ /legally acquired)** | | **Age (i.e. when the stock was constituted)** | | **Privately or government held.  (If government, please indicate if federal, regional, or local and name the agency responsible for managing the stockpile)** | | **Method of disposal** | |
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| **B.3** | Do you consider identification materials available to law enforcement agents for distinguishing between different pangolin species and their parts and derivatives in your country to be:   * Adequate * Inadequate * Other   Please elaborate: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**C. NATIONAL CONSERVATION STATUS – PANGOLIN RANGE STATES ONLY TO COMPLETE**

***Please provide as much information as possible in answer to the questions below – the information should cover at least the last five years***

***For Parties that submitted questionnaire responses on pangolins as a response to Notification to the Parties No. 2017/035, please do not report the same data again,   
but please add any additional new data and information.***

***For Parties in West Africa that submitted data to the USAID WA BiCC pangolin conservation planning initiative in 2020, please do not report the same data again,   
but please add any additional new data and information that has become available since March 2020.***

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| **C.1** | Does recent information (i.e., generated in the last 5 years) exist about the conservation status of each pangolin species in your country?  Yes No  If ’Yes’, please provide a link, reference or elaborate on the additional information that exists. |
| **C.2** | Please complete the below table for species native to your country. Based on the best available information, did the wild pangolin population(s) in your country over the last 5 years:   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | Increase | Remain stable | Decline | Data Deficient | | **African Species** |  |  |  |  | | White-bellied Pangolin (*Manis tricuspis*) |  |  |  |  | | Black-bellied Pangolin (*Manis tetradactyla*) |  |  |  |  | | Temminck’s ground Pangolin (*Manis temminckii*) |  |  |  |  | | Giant Pangolin (*Manis gigantea*) |  |  |  |  | | **Asian Species** |  |  |  |  | | Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) |  |  |  |  | | Chinese Pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*) |  |  |  |  | | Philippine Pangolin (*Manis culionensis*) |  |  |  |  | | Indian Pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*) |  |  |  |  |   Please indicate what source of information your answer is based on (e.g. indicate the reference and the date of reference). Or, if your estimate is based on unpublished data, anecdotes from the field, or personal experience, please provide as much detail as possible below: |
| **C.3** | If available, please provide further details on the status of each species of pangolin in your country (e.g., declining in specific areas/provinces, present in specific protected areas, etc). This question is designed to provide further information following C.2. |
| **C.4** | If available, please provide data or information on the impact of (international and domestic) illegal trade and, where relevant, legal domestic trade, on the wild pangolin population in your country. If possible, and where relevant, please specify to which species your remarks apply. |
| **C.5** | Are *in situ* conservation programmes being implemented in your country by, or with, local communities to sustainably manage pangolin populations?  Yes No  If ’Yes’, please provide a link or reference, or provide as much detail as possible on these programmes (e.g. location, communities involved, type of programme).  If “No”, are there plans to develop such conservation programmes in your country? |
| **C.6** | Is domestic trade in pangolin(s) of any species or any specimen type(s), including derivative products (e.g., medicinal), legally permitted in your country?  Yes No  If ’Yes’, please provide details of the measures, including but not limited to legislation and enforcement, in place to regulate this trade: |

**ANNEX – Illegal trade reporting format[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Please note that data already provided in CITES annual illegal trade reports do not need to be included in this table.**

***Please add additional rows as necessary to this table.***

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| **National reference number** | **Date of seizure** | **Species** | **Description of specimen** | **Quantity** | **Unit** | **Location of incident** | **Detecting agency1** | **Reason for seizure2** | **Method of detection** | **Reason for seizure3** | **Mode of transport4** | **Method of concealment** | **Alleged country of origin** | **Country(ies) of transit** | **Alleged final destination** | **Estimated value in country\* (amount and currency)** | **Nationality of offenders\*** | **Law under which charges were brought (desirable)** | **Sanction (desirable)** | **Disposal of confiscated specimens5 (desirable)** |
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1Please select from the following options: Police; Customs; Wildlife Agency; Other (please specify)

2Please select from the following options: Scanning images; Risk Assessment; Random check; Sniffer dog; Third-Party information; Physical inspection; Other (specify)

3Please select from the following options: No CITES Permit; Mis-declared; Illegal crossing; Other (please specify)

4Please select from the following options: Air, Land, Sea, Post

5Please select from the following options: Returned to country of export; Public zoos or botanical gardens; Designated rescue centres; Approved private facilities; Euthanasia; Storage; Safekeeping; Educational purposes; Other (please specify)

\*means that it is optional to provide the information, even if it is available

1. See question A.2 of this questionnaire. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)