

STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS FOR IMPLEMENTING CITES
(UPDATED OCTOBER 2020)

PARTIES WITH LEGISLATION IN CATEGORY 1
Parties in bold have been added since CoP18

Albania	Kuwait	United States of America
Angola	Latvia	Uruguay
Argentina	Liechtenstein	Vanuatu
Australia	Lithuania	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Austria	Luxembourg	Viet Nam
Bahamas	Madagascar	Yemen
Barbados	Malaysia	Zimbabwe
Belgium	Malawi	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Malta	
Brazil	Mauritania	
Brunei Darussalam	Mauritius	
Bulgaria	Mexico	
Cambodia	Monaco	
Cameroon	Morocco	
Canada	Namibia	
Chile	Netherlands	
China	New Zealand	
Colombia	Nicaragua	
Costa Rica	Nigeria	
Croatia	Norway	
Cuba	Panama	
Cyprus	Papua New Guinea	
Czech Republic	Paraguay	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Peru	
Denmark	Poland	
Dominican Republic	Portugal	
Egypt	Qatar	
El Salvador	Republic of Korea	
Equatorial Guinea	Republic of Moldova	
Estonia	Romania	
Ethiopia	Russian Federation	
European Union	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
Fiji	San Marino	
Finland	Saudi Arabia	
France	Senegal	
Georgia	Serbia	
Germany	Singapore	
Greece	Slovakia	
Guatemala	Slovenia	
Guinea-Bissau	South Africa	
Guyana	Spain	
Honduras	Sweden	
Hungary	Switzerland	
Iceland	Thailand	
Indonesia	Turkey	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Ukraine	
Ireland	United Arab Emirates	
Israel	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
Italy		
Jamaica		
Japan		

Table 1: Parties, except recently acceded Parties, with legislation in Category 2 or 3¹

	Party	Entry into force of the Convention	Cat.	Progress summary	Next steps	Last update
1	Afghanistan	28.01.1986	3	Enabling legislation (environmental) enacted; implementing regulations have been prepared and submitted to the Secretariat for analysis (in national language only)	Finalization and submission of draft revised legislation and implementing regulations	CoP18
2	Algeria	21.02.1984	2	Comments provided by the Secretariat on comprehensive revised draft legislation. Submitted to Secretariat General of the Government for consideration.	Adoption and promulgation. Agreement between Algeria and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	July 2020
3	Antigua and Barbuda	06.10.1997	2	Comprehensive enabling legislation adopted in 2019 and submitted to the Secretariat. Legislation placed in Category 2, pending the finalization of the implementing regulations	Finalization and submission of implementing regulations. Agreement between AG and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	June 2020
4	Armenia	21.01.2009	3	Some CITES legislation in place and some provisions translated and submitted to the Secretariat. Discussions are ongoing	Agreement between Armenia and the Secretariat on the legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Jan. 2020
5	Azerbaijan	21.02.1999	2	CITES legislation enacted; English translation provided to the Secretariat. Discussions are ongoing.	Agreement between AZ and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	May 2018
6	Bahrain	17.11.2012	3	Comprehensive draft legislation prepared and under internal discussion. Participated in online meeting in July 2020	Finalization and submission of draft legislation	July 2020
7	Bangladesh	18.02.1982	2	Enabling legislation enacted and submitted to the Secretariat national language. Implementing regulations are being developed but have not yet been submitted to the Secretariat.	Finalization and submission of implementing regulations. Agreement between BD and the Secretariat revised legislative analysis	April 2019
8	Belarus	08.11.1995	2	Enabling and implementing legislation enacted and submitted in national language. Draft of the legislative analysis provided by the Secretariat is under consideration by Belarus.	Agreement between BY and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	Nov. 2018
9	Belize	21.09.1981	3	Comprehensive draft legislation prepared. Finalization of the draft incorporating the Secretariat's on the previous version is under way.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation to Belize's House of Representatives for consideration and approval expected end of 2020. Agreement between BZ and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including	July 2020

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					possible Category 1 status	
10	Benin	28.05.1984	2	Some legislation is in place and a draft CITES law has been finalized but not yet adopted. SSFA with the Secretariat in place but delayed due to Covid-19	Submission and adoption of legislation expected before the end of 2020	July 2020
11	Bhutan	13.11.2002	3	Comments by the Secretariat provided on draft legislation	Finalization and submission of draft legislation –may occur before the end of 2019	Nov. 2019
12	Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.04.2009	2	Legislation enacted and published. Submitted in English for analysis by the Secretariat. Placed in Cat. 2 as the adopted legislation does not fulfil all four requirements	Identified gaps in national legislation to be addressed by BA.	Nov. 2018
13	Botswana	12.02.1978	2	CITES legislation for terrestrial wildlife including plants enacted; draft amendments to wildlife act, covering fish species under way.	Submission and adoption by Parliament. Agreement by BW and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	June 2020
14	Burkina Faso	11.01.1990	2	Commitment at ministerial level to prepare draft legislation in the form of a decree; formal request for assistance	Preparation of draft legislation	August 2020
15	Burundi	06.11.1988	2	CITES enabling legislation enacted in 2011 and submitted to the Secretariat in 2016. Certain gaps identified by the Secretariat need to be addressed. A consultant was hired in Burundi to work on the legislation.	Gaps in legislation needs to be addressed.	CoP18
16	Cabo Verde	08.11.2005	3	Strong commitment to prepared legislation. Legislative plan in place but progress is slow	Preparation of draft legislation; drafting assistance needed	CoP18
17	Central African Republic	25.11.1980	3	Draft legislation prepared and comments provided by the Secretariat.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation	Dec. 2019
18	Chad	03.05.1989	2	Draft amendment law and specific CITES regulation to be prepared.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation; drafting assistance possibly needed	CoP18
19	Comoros	21.02.1995	3	SSFA with the Secretariat in place. Observations on draft legislation provided by the Secretariat. Delays in the validation of the draft due to Covid.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation	May 2020
20	Congo	01.05.1983	2	Identified as priority Party at SC69. Observations on draft legislation provided by the Secretariat in early 2019.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation	Jan. 2019
21	Côte d'Ivoire	19.02.1995	3	SSFA with the CITES Secretariat in place. Comments by the Secretariat provided on revised draft law and implementing regulations. Draft legislation submitted to the Secretary general	Finalization and submission of draft legislation	May 2020

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22	Djibouti	07.05.1992	3	Subject to a recommendation to suspend trade since 30 April 2004. Letter sent by the Secretariat to the Minister in March 2019. No response and no progress.	Preparation of draft legislation. Request for assistance from the Secretariat.	Feb. 2017
23	Dominica	02.11.1995	3	Draft legislation prepared; existing and draft legislation reviewed by DM and Secretariat; formal request for assistance. Second formal warning issued at SC71.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation; drafting assistance needed	CoP17
24	Ecuador	01.07.1975	2	Identified as priority Party by SC67. Legislation enacted but gaps have been identified by the Secretariat and need to be addressed	Finalization of implementing legislation. Agreement between Ecuador and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	Nov. 2019
25	Eritrea	22.01.1995	2	SSFA with UNEP completed. Draft legislation prepared with comments by the Secretariat and translated into local languages	Finalization and submission of draft legislation; agreement between Eritrea and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	March 2019
26	Eswatini	27.05.1997	3	Comprehensive draft and revised draft legislation finalized and submitted.	Adoption and enactment of legislation.	May 2019
27	Gabon	14.05.1989	2	Commitment to draft legislation; comments provided by the Secretariat on draft legislation in January 2017. Revised draft submitted to the Secretariat in July 2018.	Finalization and submission of revised legislation.	Sep. 2019
28	The Gambia	24.11.1977	2	SSFA with the UNEP completed. Draft Bill finalized and validated by all CITES Stakeholders	Cabinet approval and submission of legislation	January 2020
29	Ghana	12.02.1976	3	Bill has been through second reading in Parliament.	Enactment, and submission to the Secretariat for analysis. Agreement between GH and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including the need for implementing legislation	CoP18
30	Grenada	28.11.1999	3	Draft legislation prepared; existing and draft legislation reviewed by GD and Secretariat; formal request for assistance. Second formal warning at SC71 but no response.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation; drafting assistance needed	CoP17
31	Guinea	20.12.1981	2	Subject to a recommendation to suspend trade since 2013. Several decrees adopted in 2019 and 2020. Observation by the Secretariat provided in July 2020.	Finalization and submission of further implementing legislation; agreement between Guinea and the Secretariat on revised analysis	Oct. 2020
32	India	18.10.1976	2	Identified as priority Party by SC69. Revised draft legislation in preparation but delayed due to Covid 19.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation.	July 2020

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33	Jordan	14.03.1979	2	CITES legislation enacted and submitted to the Secretariat.	Agreement between JO and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis.	July 2020
34	Kazakhstan	19.04.2000	2	Enabling and implementing legislation enacted and submitted in English to the Secretariat in July 2016. KZ is preparing revised legislation to address gaps identified by the Secretariat.	Revisions of existing legislation. Agreement between KZ and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	Jan. 2019
35	Kenya	13.03.1979	2	Wildlife legislation enacted, but amendments underway to address concerns raised by the Secretariat.	Gazetting and submission revised implementing regulations. Agreement between KE and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including Category 1 status	January 2020
36	Kyrgyzstan	02.09.2007	2	CITES legislation enacted and submitted to the Secretariat for analysis. KG revising legislation to address identified gaps.	Finalization and submission of revised legislation. Agreement between KG and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	July 2018
37	Lao People's Democratic Republic	30.05.2004	3	Some legislation in place but significant gaps. Comprehensive legislative analysis completed. Identified as priority Party by SC69. Assistance available.	Develop CITES implementing legislation and amend provisions of existing national laws	Oct. 2020
38	Lesotho	30.12.2003	3	Enabling legislation (environmental) enacted. Comments provided by the Secretariat on revised draft implementing legislation. SSFA with UNEP completed.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation.	Sep. 2019
39	Liberia	09.06.1981	3	Subject to a recommendation to suspend commercial trade since SC66. New wildlife legislation enacted by Parliament and submitted to the Secretariat. A draft amendment to the National Wildlife Conservation and Protected Area Management Law which meets the minimum requirements has been submitted to the Secretariat.	Agreement between LR and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis including possible Category 1 status	Oct. 2020
40	Libya	28.04.2003	3	Draft legislation prepared but no translation into a working language provided to Secretariat. Second formal warning at SC71.	Upon receipt of English translation, LY and Secretariat should review draft and agree on any revisions needed to finalize it for submission	CoP17
41	Mali	16.10.1994	2	Legislation provided to the Secretariat for analysis. Draft analysis indicates some gaps in legislation to be addressed.	Agreement between Mali and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	CoP18
42	Mongolia	04.04.1996	2	Formal warning sent after SC69. Comments provided by the	Finalization of draft and submission for enactment.	CoP18

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				Secretariat on draft revision of legislation	Adoption and submission to the Secretariat.	
43	Montenegro	03.06.2006	2	CITES enabling legislation enacted in 2016. Revised implementing legislation.	Agreement between ME and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	July 2018
44	Mozambique	23.06.1981	2	CITES-specific legislation enacted. A comprehensive implementing regulation has been adopted as well and submitted to the Secretariat.	Agreement between Mozambique and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	Dec. 2019
45	Myanmar	11.09.1997	2	Revised CITES legislation enacted in May 2018. Implementing rules and regulations have been submitted for adoption by the Government	Finalization, adoption and submission of implementing rules; agreement between MM and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	July 2020
46	Nepal	16.09.1975	2	Legislation enacted in April 2017 and in force; recently submitted to the Secretariat for analysis. Implementing rules are being developed.	Development of implementing rules; agreement between Nepal and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Cat. 1 status	March 2019
47	Niger	07.12.1975	3	Comprehensive legislation adopted by Parliament.	Promulgation and submission to the Secretariat for revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Oct. 2020
48	North Macedonia	02.10.2000	2	CITES legislation enacted and submitted in English to the Secretariat who provided its observations in August 2016. Support available. Formal warning after SC70	Agreement between MK and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	Feb. 2020
49	Oman	17.06.2008	3	Second formal warning at SC71. Draft legislation received in Feb. 2020. Observation provided by the Secretariat in March 2020. Participated in online meeting in July 2020	Finalization and submission of draft legislation	July 2020
50	Pakistan	19.07.1976	2	CITES law enacted at federal level; Secretariat's preliminary analysis of the legislation shared with Pakistan	Agreement between PK and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	July 2020
51	Palau	15.07.2004	3	Secretariat provided comments on comprehensive draft legislation in December 2014.	Enactment and agreement between PW and the Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	April 2019
52	Philippines	16.11.1981	2	CITES enabling and implementing legislation enacted. Observations on the draft legislation provided in Feb. 2020. New timetable of activities to finalize the Fisheries Administrative Order (FAO) on Introduction from the Sea sent by the Philippines in July 2020.	Agreement between PH and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	July 2020
53	Rwanda	18.01.1981	3	Final draft law and implementing regulations are in the Cabinet of Ministers for approval	Completion and submission of draft to Parliament for adoption.	Oct. 2020

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54	Saint Lucia	15.03.1983	2	Comments by the Secretariat provided on draft legislation	Finalization and submission of draft implementing legislation.	Oct. 2019
55	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	28.02.1989	2	CITES legislation enacted and submitted to the Secretariat for analysis. Observations provided by the Secretariat in Nov. 2019	Agreement between VC and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	Feb. 2020
56	Samoa	07.02.2005	3	Draft legislation prepared but needed revision; drafting assistance provided by NZ	Finalization and submission of draft legislation;	Oct. 2020
57	Sao Tome and Principe	07.11.2001	3	Commitment to prepare draft legislation; no recent information on status. Second formal warning at SC71	Preparation of draft legislation; drafting assistance needed	CoP17
58	Seychelles	09.05.1977	3	Draft enabling legislation prepared with input from the Secretariat.	Submission of draft legislation for adoption and enactment.	Oct. 2018
59	Sierra Leone	26.01.1995	3	Wildlife Policy and Forest Policy adopted; amendments to related laws and regulations underway. Expected to be adopted by end of 2017.	Finalization and submission of draft legislation	Feb. 2017
60	Solomon Islands	24.06.2007	2	Amendments to legislation recently adopted. SSFA completed. Implementing regulations finalized	Gazetting of implementing regulations agreement between LK and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	March 2019
61	Somalia	02.03.1986	3	Subject to a recommendation to suspend trade since 30 April 2004. Observations provided on revised draft in Nov. 2019	Finalization and submission of draft legislation	CoP18
62	Sri Lanka	02.08.1979	3	Draft and comprehensive revised draft legislation prepared and submitted for enactment. Implementing regulation underway	Finalization of implementing regulations and agreement between LK and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	April 2019
63	Sudan	24.01.1983	2	Draft revised legislation submitted to parliament several years ago; formal warning at SC70. Existing bill is insufficient	Review by SD and Secretariat and possible revision/updating of revised legislation to facilitate its enactment	Jan. 2020
64	Suriname	15.02.1981	2	CITES legislation enacted and submitted to the Secretariat for analysis – discussions on how to address remaining gaps are ongoing	Revised legislation to be developed to address identified gaps.	CoP18
65	Syrian Arab Republic	29.07.2003	3	Comprehensive draft legislation prepared and submitted to Prime Minister for discussion; English translation provided to Secretariat. Formal request for assistance. Participated in online mtg in July 2020	Review/revision of draft legislation by SY and Secretariat; finalization and submission of draft legislation	July 2020
66	Togo	21.01.1979	2	SSFA in place with the CITES Secretariat. Observations on draft bill provided by the Secretariat	Finalization and submission of draft legislation	August 2019
67	Trinidad and Tobago	18.04.1984	2	Comprehensive draft legislation prepared; existing and draft legislation reviewed by TT and	Finalization and submission of draft legislation; drafting assistance needed	July 2018

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				Secretariat; formal request for assistance		
68	Tunisia	01.07.1975	2	Comprehensive draft and revised draft legislation prepared; text reviewed by TN and Secretariat; government legal advisor now reviewing text. Formal warning after SC69. Sec provided observations on revised draft. Draft submitted to the Assembly of people's representatives for consideration	Submission of draft legislation to the Assembly of people's representatives for approval	June 2020
69	Uganda	16.10.1991	3	Enabling legislation adopted by the Parliament in late 2019. Implementing regulations drafted and observations provided by the Secretariat in Jan. 2020	Finalization of implementing regulations and submission to the Secretariat, followed by agreement between UG and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis	January 2020
70	United Republic of Tanzania	27.02.1980	2	Implementing regulation for United Republic of Tanzania in place. Regulations for Zanzibar have also been adopted.	Agreement between TZ and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status.	Nov. 2019
71	Uzbekistan	08.10.1997	2	Identified as priority Party by SC69. Draft revised legislation prepared and additional observations by the Secretariat provided in July 2018.	Finalization and submission of revised legislation	CoP18
72	Zambia	22.02.1981	2	CITES legislation enacted; observations on draft implementing rules provided by Secretariat in January 2018	Finalization and submission of draft supplemental legislation	January 2018

Table 2: Recently acceded Parties²

	Party	Entry into force	Cat.	Progress summary	Next steps/needs	Last update
1	Iraq	06.05.2014	P	National committee for the preparation of national CITES legislation has been established. Draft legislation under consideration and submitted to the Secretariat for observations. Participated in online meeting in July 2020	Finalization and submission of draft legislation	July 2020
2	Lebanon	26.05.2013	P	Consultations between LB and Secretariat are in early stages; possible Secretariat technical assistance mission for new Party.	Review by LB and Secretariat of existing CITES-related legislation and agreement on legislative analysis	CoP17
3	Maldives	12.03.2013	P	SSFA with the Secretariat completed. Draft legislation prepared and ready to be submitted for enactment, once review by the Attorney General is completed	Enactment and agreement between MV and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	Sep. 2017
4	Tajikistan	30.03.2016	P	Consultations between TJ and Secretariat are in early stages. Formal request for assistance.	Review of existing CITES-related legislation and preparation of draft to fill possible gaps	May 2018
5	Tonga	20.10.2016	P	Consultations between TO and Secretariat are in early stages. Formal request for assistance	Review of existing CITES-related legislation and preparation of draft to fill possible gaps	Sep. 2020

Table 3: Dependent territories

Dependent territory	Cat.	Dep.	Progress summary	Next steps/needs	Last update
American Samoa	1	US			CoP17
Anguilla	1	GB			CoP17
Aruba	2	NL	CITES legislation enacted	Documents in English to be submitted to the Secretariat for review. Agreement between NL and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	July 2020
Bailiwick of Guernsey	1	GB			April 2019
Bailiwick of Jersey	1	GB			CoP17
Bermuda	2	GB	Draft bill is near completion	Finalization, submission and enactment of amended legislation. Agreement on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	July 2020
British Indian Ocean Territory	1	GB			CoP17
British Virgin Islands	2	GB	Final draft legislation has been prepared and is passing through the legislature	Adoption and entry into force of legislation. Agreement between GB and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including likely Category 1 status	July 2020
Caribbean Netherlands	2	NL	CITES legislation enacted	Documents in English to be submitted to the Secretariat for review. Agreement between NL and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	July 2020
Cayman Islands (CIG)	1	GB			March 2017
Curacao	2	NL	CITES legislation enacted.	Documents in English to be submitted to the Secretariat for review. Agreement between NL and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	July 2020
French Guiana	1	FR			CoP17
French Polynesia	1	FR			July 2019
Gibraltar	1	GB			CoP17
Greenland	2	DK	Comprehensive CITES legislation enacted; review by Greenland and Secretariat identified important gaps; comments by the Secretariat provided on draft revised legislation	Agreement by Greenland and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including Category 1 status	March 2020
Guadeloupe	1	FR			CoP17
Guam	1	US			CoP17
Hong Kong SAR	1	CN			CoP17
Isle of Man	1	GB			CoP17
Macao SAR	2	CN	Comprehensive legislation and implementing regulation adopted and entered into force. Recently submitted to the Secretariat	Agreement between Macao SAR and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	Oct. 2017
Martinique	1	FR			CoP17

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Montserrat	2	GB	Amended Trade in Endangered Species Act passed but not yet commenced.	Formal approval of the designation of MA and SA and update of the schedule of species. Commencement of legislation and agreement on revised legislative analysis, including Category 1 status	July 2020
New Caledonia	1	FR			July 2019
Northern Mariana Islands	1	US			CoP17
Pitcairn Islands	1	GB			CoP17
Puerto Rico	1	US			CoP17
Réunion	1	FR			CoP17
Saint Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha	2	GB	<p>St Helena's Ordinance entered into force in February 2016 and achieved Category 1 status, subject to MA and SA designation. MA appointed in 2017. SA designation is in progress.</p> <p>Tristan da Cunha has drafted and submitted to the Secretariat a Trade in Endangered Species Ordinance based on the legislation of Ascension Island. Legislation of Ascension Island has been placed in Category 1.</p>	For St Helena, establishment of the Scientific Authority under the provisions of the Ordinance. Agreement that the legislation can be placed in Category 1 as soon as the SA is operational. For Tristan da Cunha, comments on the draft ordinance by the Secretariat are underway.	July 2020
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	1	FR			CoP17
Sint Maarten	2	NL	CITES legislation enacted. Division of tasks/separation of duties between the CITES MA and CITES SA arranged in 2020.	Documents in English to be submitted to the Secretariat for review. Agreement between NL and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	July 2020
Virgin Islands of the United States	1	US			CoP17
Wallis and Futuna Islands	2	FR	CITES legislation enacted	Agreement between FR and Secretariat on revised legislative analysis, including possible Category 1 status	July 2019

Dep.: two-letter ISO code of the State of which the territory is a dependency