

A. General information

Party	Federal Republic of Germany
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004	
Details of agency preparing this report	Federal Agency for Nature Conservation Konstantinstraße 110 D – 53179 Bonn Germany
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	1. Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety Robert-Schuman-Platz 3 D – 53175 Bonn Germany 2. The Federal States ‘Bundesländer’ of the Federal Republic of Germany

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	<p>Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.</p>	<p>Yes (fully) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes (partly) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information/unknown <input type="checkbox"/></p>
2	<p>If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following details:</p> <p>Title and date: Status:</p> <hr/> <p>Brief description of contents:</p> <p>A revised version of the Federal Nature Conservation Act <<i>BNatSchG</i>> was promulgated on 3rd April 2002 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 1193) and has been in force since 4th April 2002. Part Five is concerned with the protection of wild fauna and flora. The Federal Nature Conservation Act also grants powers to impose further more detailed rules which are laid down in the Federal Ordinance on the Conservation of Species (<<i>BArtSchV</i>>, Federal Law Gazette I p. 258) which was revised with effect from 25th February 2005. The national instruments of protection ensure effective enforcement of the international and European rules on the conservation of species. Guidelines and conventions of relevance to species conservation are implemented. As far as transposition of the EC Birds Directive (removal, possession, keeping) is concerned, the Federal Game Conservation Ordinance <<i>BWildSchV</i>> (Federal Law Gazette I, 1985, p. 2040) contains provisions in respect of the species governed by hunting law (Annex 1 to the Federal Game Conservation Ordinance).</p> <p>Specifically, the Federal Nature Conservation Act contains the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The placing under protection of species listed in Annex A and Annex B of the EC Regulation on species conservation as specially protected species under national law; • The placing under protection of species listed in Annex IV of the Habitat Directive 92/43/EEC and those European bird species protected under the Bird Directive 79/409/EEC; • The placing under protection of indigenous species (Annex 1 of the Federal Ordinance on the Conservation of Species); • General protection of all wild species (Art. 41 of the Federal Nature Conservation Act: prohibition of removal, access and disturbance; introduction); • Prohibition of possession of specially protected species (Art. 42 para. 2 no. 1 of the Federal Nature Conservation Act); • National prohibition on the marketing of species not covered by the EC Regulation (Art. 42 para. 2 no. 2 of the Federal Nature Conservation Act); • Duty to furnish evidence of legal acquisition (Art. 49 of the Federal Nature Conservation Act); • Information and access rights (Art. 50 of the Federal Nature Conservation Act); • Prohibition on ownership (Art. 7 of the Federal Ordinance on the Conservation of Species <<i>BArtSchV</i>>, Art. 3 of the Federal Game Conservation Ordinance <<i>BWildSchV</i>>), and animal holding permits under <i>Länder</i> legislation; • Book-keeping and notification obligations (Art. 6 and Art. 7 para. 2 of the Federal Ordinance on the Conservation of Species); • Marking obligations (Art. 52 para. 7 no. 2 of the Federal Nature Conservation Act, Art. 12 ff. of the Federal Ordinance on the Conservation of Species). 	

On 25th February 2005 Germany's new Federal Ordinance on Species Conservation came into force. The most important revised new regulations relate but are not limited to following issues:

- Provisions to regulate and restrict the breeding, keeping and training in the wild of hybrids of birds of prey;
- Revision of the provisions on marking of wild animals e. g. by extending the marking regulations to further bird species and by explicitly naming the organisations which are authorized by the federal government to provide the respective marks, labels or transponders. In addition, owned to welfare aspects keepers of animals especially reptiles have the right to choose between marking by transponder or identification by photo documentation.
- For alien invasive species new regulations were established which prohibit the keeping, transfer and sale of live animals of such species.

3	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>			
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted. see Attachment 1	legislation attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	provided previously <input type="checkbox"/>	not available, will send later <input type="checkbox"/>			
5	Which of the following issues are addressed by any stricter domestic measures that your country has adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention)?	Tick all applicable					
		The conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
	Trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Taking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Possession	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Transport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Additional comments						
	1) EU regulation (EC) No. 338/97 provides for stricter measures for the trade in endangered specimen; Conditions for trade and transport are also harmonized within the EC by that regulation						

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items? Tick all applicable				
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information
	Powers of CITES authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Clarity of legal obligations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Control over CITES trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implementing regulations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coherence within legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please provide details if available:					
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
				No <input type="checkbox"/>	
			No information <input type="checkbox"/>		
Please provide details if available:					
8	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Convention? Tick all applicable				
	Subject	Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natural resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Harvesting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Transporting of live specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handling and housing of live specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Please provide details if available:					
Revision on the Federal Ordinance on Species Conversation (only in force since 25 th February 2005)					
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:				

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	No information
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?			
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	see Attachment 2
	Border controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex. see Attachment 3			
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If information available: <input type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations <input type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex. see Attachment 4	Number		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex. see Attachment 5			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex. see Attachment 6			
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?			Tick if applicable
	– Return to country of export			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Public zoos or botanical gardens			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Designated rescue centres			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Approved, private facilities			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Euthanasia			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				
11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Comments:				

12	<p>Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
13	<p>If Yes, please give a brief description:</p> <p>Cooperation with institutions</p> <p>During the reporting period partially significant preparatory input and cooperation was provided to the CITES Enforcement Working Group of the European Union, the Interpol Wildlife crime Working Group, the WCO Working Group on CITES issues and the Europol Project Group on CITES matters.</p> <p>During the reporting period the two first meetings (11th November 2002 and 24th February 2003) of a new established enforcement body, the European CITES Group, were convened at the EUROPOL headquarters in The Hague, Netherlands. Both meetings were attended by representatives from national police and other CITES enforcement authorities from Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. One major objective of the new formed group is to strengthen the straight forward cooperation in specific investigation cases of fraud against the provisions of CITES.</p> <p>Bilateral cooperation</p> <p>During the reporting period numerous exchanges of intelligence with different countries occurred such as with</p> <p>Belgium, Luxemburg and Poland on several cases on illegal shipments of caviar;</p> <p>Belgium, Netherlands, France, United Kingdom and the Czech Republic on several cases on illegal trade in live reptile in particular tortoises;</p> <p>New Zealand and the Czech Republic on the illegal transaction of parrots;</p> <p>Uganda on the illegal shipment of reptiles in particular chameleons; and</p> <p>South Africa on the illegal shipment of reptile in particular tortoises.</p>		
14	<p>Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
15	<p>If Yes, please describe:</p>		
16	<p>Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?</p> <p>Comments: Regular review by MA and Customs Investigations Agency</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
17	<p>Please provide details of any additional measures taken:</p>		

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.		
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory. Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety Robert-Schumann-Platz 3 D – 53175 Bonn Germany		
5	How many staff work in each MA?		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
	If yes, please give estimation		
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if applicable	
	– Administration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Biology		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Economics/trade		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Law/policy		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify) Veterinary		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved. Development of biochemical methods for determining the age and origin of beluga, sevruga and osietra caviar The purpose of the project was to test examination methods for determining the age, type and origin of the three main caviar species traded, namely beluga (<i>Huso huso</i>), sevruga (<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>) and osietra (<i>Acipenser güldenstaedti</i>), since it was not known whether – and if so, which – biochemical methods were suitable for determining the age or type of caviar. The results of the project to test various examination methods to determine age, type and origin of the respective three caviar species were published both in German and in English in 2003 (LEHMANN, I., MEYER, C.; REHBEIN, H. & R. SCHUBRING (2003): Biochemical Investigations into the Ageing and Origin of the Caviar Sorts Beluga, Sevruga and Osietra – BfN-Skripten 88; Bonn-Germany). Copies had been provided to CITES Management Authorities within and outside of the European Union but also to other interested bodies or individuals. The results received great public attention leading to the fact that the publication is now out of print.		

	<p>Data analysis and evaluation of literature on transport losses of CITES protected animal species</p> <p>The research project which started in 1999 was continued until the end of 2001. The study involved compiling and analysing data from 19 different sources comprising a total of 7,450,703 individuals in 38,815 entries. Most of the information related to birds (89% of the entries), 9% to reptiles and only 2% to other groups of animals. 742 of the entries related to CITES protected species. The total number of species included was 2,132. The average mortality rate on arrival after transport was 1.53%. This ranged from 0.56% for mammals to 5.99% for arthropods, with the broad data basis for birds yielding the most reliable results. In all animal groups the mortality of CITES protected species was found to be lower than for non-CITES species.</p> <p>An extensive statistical analysis of the data was conducted. It proved possible to test a total of 73 families and 198 species for significant differences. Of these, 7 families and 23 species were classified as transport sensitive.</p> <p>The results of the study were published in 2003 in English (SCHÜTZ, C (2003): Transport losses of CITES-protected and non-protected animal species – BfN-Skripten 90; Bonn-Germany). Both copies of the printed publication and a CD-rom version were provided to the CITES-Secretariat, CITES Management Authorities, NGO's as well as any other interested bodies or individuals. Free copies are available at Germany's CITES Management Authority, i.e. the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation in Bonn.</p>
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																																			
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.																																				
3	Has your country designated a Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																																			
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country? Tick if applicable																																				
	- Government institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- Academic or research institution	<input type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- Permanent committee	<input type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- Pool of individuals with certain expertise	<input type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>																																			
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues?																																				
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																																			
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)? Tick if applicable																																				
	- Botany	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- Ecology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- Fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- Zoology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- Other (specify) Geography	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																																			
	- No information	<input type="checkbox"/>																																			
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																																			
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.																																				
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	<p>Development of an express species identification method for the plant genus <i>Galanthus</i>, based on species specific DNA-PCR marker</p> <p>In October 2003 the Botanical Garden of the University of Osnabrück started a Federal Government funded research project on the development of a DNA-quick test for all species of <i>Galanthus</i> spp. (snow drops). The project is expected to end in mid 2005. By means of molecular methods typical DNA-markers (primer) are to be developed with the aim to identify all traded <i>Galanthus</i> species quickly and at all seasons, i.e. even if in non-budding condition. In the event of a positive outcome, the enforcement authorities within the plant conservation sector would for the first time have a workable identification method at hand and at low costs which could possibly even be extended to other plant groups. Yet, to this end more considerable field studies are necessary. Furthermore, the study is supposed to produce phylogenetical findings on related species within the <i>Galanthus</i> genus.</p>																																				

Trade in and Conservation of two Shark Species, Porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) and Spiny Dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*)

For the 13th Conference of the Parties, Germany had prepared and submitted as an information document the outcome of an in-depth investigation into the trade and conservation of two commercially fished shark species. The publication served also as an additional background paper to a working document brought on the CoP agenda by the CITES Animals Committee (CoP 13 Doc. 35) concerning non-sustainable shark fishing (FOWLER, S., RAYMAKERS, C. % U. GRIMM (2004): Trade in and Conservation of two Shark Species: Porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) and Spiny Dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) – BfN Skripten 118; Bonn-Germany).

Documentation of the Development of Individual-specific Characters in Juvenile Tortoises

The research project on the individual identification of juvenile land tortoises listed in Annex A to EC Regulation 338/97 which is carried out by the German Herpetological Society (DGHT) was already initiated in 2001. It aims at to develop methods on identification of individual specimens with the aid of photo documentation. Taking account of the results obtained from a previous project concerned with adult animals this project is designed to investigate in particular the ontogenetic development of the individual features in young animals. This research project is likewise intended to develop individual animal passports including photo documentation to permit unambiguous identification of a specific individual. The aim is to draw up recommendations for time intervals for photo documentation during the growth phase, and to test the suitability of the young animal passports for implementation purposes. This project had already been mentioned in Germany's previous 2001/2002 CITES biennial report. However the project has been extended until end of May of 2005.

Development of Morphological and DNA-based Standard Methods for Identifying Individuals and Tissues from Different Urial Subspecies

The Urial (*Ovis vignei*) is an endangered Asian wild sheep. The Ladakh Urial (subspecies: *Ovis vignei vignei*) has been listed in CITES Appendix I since 1975, while all other subspecies were included in Appendix II at the 11th Conference of the Parties in April 2000 in response to a German proposal. This results in the necessity to develop identification aids at the subspecies level to enable staff of the customs offices and other management authorities to identify trophies – which are virtually the only traded parts of this species. At subspecies level this is only possible for the Urial by including “microsatellite DNA fingerprinting”.

The project which was carried out from November 2001 till December 2004 by Dr. G. Luikart, Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble, France had following objectives:

- To collect tissue samples, photos and morphological descriptions of each subspecies in the countries of origin concerned.
- To identify and analyse suitable markers (polymorphic microsatellite loci, base pairs of mitochondrial (mt) DNA).

To develop a database with standards for reliable identification of each Urial subspecies and publish this database (including photos, complete instructions and guidelines for performing laboratory analyses and statistical tests) by placing it on the web site of the IUCN/SSC Caprinae Specialist Group.

10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	To date, has your country advised the Secretariat of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).	
3	Has your country established a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement: Federal Agency for Nature Conservation Division Z 3.3 "Legal Affairs and Enforcement" Konstantinstrasse 110 D – 53179 Bonn Germany	
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized? Tick if applicable						
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	– Permit issuance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	– Not at all <input type="checkbox"/>						
– Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/>							
2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet? Tick if applicable						
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted access	Yes, but only through a dial-up connection	Yes, but only through a different office	Some offices only	Not at all	Please provide details where appropriate
	Management Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Scientific Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Enforcement Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on CITES species? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	No <input type="checkbox"/>						
	No information <input type="checkbox"/>						
4	If Yes, does it provide information on: Tick if applicable						
	– Legislation (national, regional or international)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	– Conservation status (national, regional, international)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	– Other (please specify)? Import restrictions, statistics ets. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

5	<p>Is it available through the Internet:</p> <p>Please provide URL:</p> <p>www.bfn.de</p> <p>General information on CITES and relevant regulations and laws including information on permits and specific provisions for tourist souvenirs and hunting trophies</p> <p>www.bmu.de</p> <p>General and up-to-date political information on CITES and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements.</p> <p>www.artenschutz-online.de</p> <p>Special information for tourists only with information on protected species in the relevant tourist regions of the world</p> <p>www.cites-online.de</p> <p>Online platform for applications for CITES permits</p> <p>www.zeet.de</p> <p>Information on all decisions taken by the European Union on import restrictions and other stricter domestic measures regarding international trade in CITES species</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>																						
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7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?																							
8	<p>Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mortality in transport? - Seizures and confiscations? - Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded? <p>Comments:</p>		<p>Tick if applicable</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>																					
9	<p>Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?</p> <p>If Yes, please give the URL: www.bfn.de</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>																						

10	<p>Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public?</p>	Tick if applicable
	- Press releases/conferences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Brochures, leaflets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Presentations	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Displays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Information at border crossing points	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Telephone hotline	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>- On 20th July 2004 Germany's Federal Minister for the Environment, Jürgen Trittin, at a press conference introduced to the public 'CITES-online', a pilot scheme launched by the 'e-Government-Initiative' of the German Federal Government and designed to make electronically available all the federal governmental services by 2005. Front-ranking field of action by the 'Bund-Online 2005'- Initiative has been the enforcement sector of the "Washington Convention" (CITES). The electronic system, officially launched on 20th July 2004 makes it possible to optionally apply for a permit or a certificate at the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation via the world wide web through the CITES Management Authority's homepage https://www.cites-online.de. Offering services via the Internet considerably facilitates administrative procedures not only for applicants but also for the Management Authority at the Federal Agency, eventually resulting in an even wider acceptance by the public.</p> <p>- As in recent years, the conservation of species threatened by international trade and overseas travelling was again an issue during a press and information campaign. On 11th August the new species protection exhibition of the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation was launched at a press conference and presented to the media by the Customs Authorities at Munich Airport and the Federal Agency. The exhibition with its numerous exhibits not only attracted large a number of visitors but also had a remarkable response in the media.</p> <p>- Sufficient reason to raise awareness of the major problem of tourists returning home from their holiday with live specimens or unscrupulous traffickers smuggling exotic animals was the relocation of seven long-tailed green monkeys to the South African Zoo in Johannesburg on the 16th November 2004. For many of those animals it will be unreasonable to be introduced again into the wild because of their lengthy stay captivity. It is often enormously difficult for national authorities to find a home for those animals and the problem can sometimes only be solved through international cooperation. Those monkeys recently repatriated to South Africa with the kind help of 'Lufthansa' were found in May 2001 at Frankfurt Airport in the luggage of a Nigerian lady passenger. Having been temporarily located at the Leipzig Zoo the still young green monkeys grew together as a homogeneous group and after intensive efforts the whole group eventually found with the cooperation of the respective Authorities of South Africa their shelter at the Johannesburg Zoo.</p> <p>- On 21st August 2003 during the high season of summer vacations the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation presented its comprehensively revised Internet data bank WISIA-online. The webpage www.wisia.de provides information on CITES protected animals and plants not only for professional conservationists but also for the general public. Whoever intends to acquire and exotic souvenir, which often have been manufactured by means of protected species can find through WISIA-online besides information on the protection status many further useful hints.</p> <p>- By means of a press release during christmas time in December 2003 the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation called upon the public to exercise restraint when taking into consideration of buying exotic live animals as a christmas present before not having obtained the necessary information on the conservation status and the specific needs required to allow for the proper housing and care of the respective animal species. The Federal Agency called on the public to refrain from buying live animals as Christmas present if no insurance can be given that the intended recipient has significant interest in the care of such an animal and has the necessary knowledge on how to proper handle, care and house such an exotic species.</p>	
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex.	
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit format or the designation and signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the Secretariat?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>			
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>				
If no, please provide details of any:							
Changes in permit format:							
Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials:							
<p>Within the reporting period 3 changes referring to persons competent to sign CITES documents for Germany were made. Four new executive officers were authorized to sign documents. Two officers left the authority and their authorization was therefore withdrawn and their names were deleted from the list. All changes have been notified to the Secretariat immediately and original samples of the respective new signatures were provided to the Secretariat.</p>							
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?			Tick if applicable			
		Yes	No	No information			
	Permit issuance/acceptance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Registration of traders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Registration of producers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued or denied in the two year period? (Note that actual trade is normally reported in the Annual Report by Parties. This question refers to issued documents).						
	2003	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
			5.658	1.054	5.260	1.443	see Attachment 7
		How many documents were issued?					
		How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?					no information
		2004	Year 2	6.281	1.038	5.619	1.097
	How many documents were issued?						
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?					no information	
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of severe omissions or mis-information?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>			
5	If Yes, please give the reasons for this.						
	<p>There was only one case in which an import permit had been cancelled. This import permit for several specimens of the succulent plant species <i>Pachypodium rossulatum</i> (Annex II, wild taken from Madagascar) had been withdrawn because the permit had been issued by mistake in contradiction to an import ban decision of the European Union.</p>						

6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from other countries.			Tick if applicable		
	Reason			Yes	No	No information
	Technical violations			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Suspected fraud			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
				No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Comments:						
As a CITES party which has no exports of wild taken specimen but is a major importing country Germany has a special responsibility in thoroughly checking the export documents in particular if these refer to export quotas. Because of the special requirement to obtain import documents also for Annex II specimen this check can be done in a proper and effective way prior to the importation of every single shipment.						
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions?					
Germany is mainly an importing country. Exports took only place regarding specimen which were either bred in captivity or artificially propagated. In such cases the Scientific Authorities are requested to provide advice whether the conditions for artificial propagation or breeding in captivity have been met. Referring to imports of CITES Appendix II species import permits are necessary in accordance with the EU regulations. To optimise and harmonize the application procedure the CITES Scientific Review Group (SRG) of the EU discusses regularly special import cases and concludes on basic scientific statements which either ends in a positive opinion to allow imports or comes to a negative opinion which leads to the restriction of respective imports. However besides the decision harmonized through the CITES SRG in general it is assessed that for 60 – 70% of permits issued a special scientific opinion has been requested from Germany's Scientific Authorities.						
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities?			Tick if applicable		
– Issuance of CITES documents:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
– Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species:				<input type="checkbox"/>		
– Harvesting of CITES-listed species :				<input type="checkbox"/>		
– Use of CITES-listed species:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
– Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:				<input type="checkbox"/>		
– Importing of CITES-listed species:				<input type="checkbox"/>		
– Other (specify):				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.			See Attachment 8		

11	<p>Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entirely: <input type="checkbox"/> - Partly: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not at all: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not relevant: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>Comments: centralized budget; annual budget of CITES authorities is fixed more than one year in advance based on applications as occasion demands</p>	<p>Tick if applicable</p>
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level?					Tick if applicable	
	Increased budget for activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improvement of national networks			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Development of implementation tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computerisation			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
– Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/>							
2	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>recipient</i> of any of the following capacity building activities provided by external sources?					What were the external sources?	
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training		Other (specify)
	Target group						
	Staff of Management Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Traders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?					Details	
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training		Other (specify)
	Target group						
	Staff of Management Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Traders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
NGOs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other parties/International meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

1. Both Germany's CITES Scientific Authority for Botany together with the Management Authority convened from 16th – 17th October 2003 a training seminar on Medical and Aromatic Plants (MAP's) and CITES. The seminar was primarily intended to increase awareness on legal and conservation problems among major German importing and manufacturing companies dealing with MAPs or their commodities. Furthermore during the meeting current enforcement problems were identified and where a furthering of the understanding of the level and kind of the medical plant trade at the local CITES Authorities and German customs level could improve enforcement and implementation. During the seminar strong emphasis was put on those MAP's listed either in the Appendices of CITES or the Annexes of the EU Council Regulation which implements CITES within the EU.
2. Both, Germany's Scientific and Management Authorities are using a scientific information system for international species conservation which has been developed by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (FANC) as an important reference system for dealing with scientific and management related aspects of species conservation. The system which is accessible in both German and in English contains comprehensive information on the protected plant and animal species such as on taxonomy, protection status and distribution. The system provides at present 85 000 data sets for protected animal and plant species. Since 2001 the internet database WISIA-online was made available to a broad public for the first time as a service database of the FANC. Under www.wisia.de answers to questions about conservation of animals and plants and the regulation they are subject to. In addition to information on the scientific or local names, the user is given a synoptic overview of the various species conservation regulations that provide for special or strict protection of a species. Users of this database include not only competent government authorities but also nature conservation organisations, companies trading in plants or animals, breeders, nurseries, universities and museums, tour operators, journalists, teachers and interested members of the general public. The actual version of WISIA-online which had been entirely and more user friendly revised was presented in early August 2003 to the public just before the beginning of the main holiday season.
3. Within the scope of an EU-Commission funded Twinnig-project with a CITES implementation component both officials from Germany's CITES Management and its Scientific Authorities contributed as lecturers to a CITES training seminar for national customs officers, enforcement officials, national NGO's and representatives from the CITES Management and Scientific Authority held from 21st – 30th November 2004 in Antalya, Turkey.
4. From 20th – 24th April 2004 Germany's Federal Agency for Nature Conservation had invited to it's Nature Conservation Academy on the Island of Vilm participants from 23 countries around the world for an international workshop to discuss possibilities and limits for closer collaboration between the two most important multilateral environmental agreements, CITES and the CBD. During the workshop participants identified several potential and rather specific field of actions which if implemented could strengthen and intensify already existing cooperations and synergy between the two conventions. The proceedings of the workshop (*„Promoting CITES-CBD Cooperation and Synergy“* - BfN Skripten 116; Bonn-Germany 2004) had been published and additionally also made available in an electronic form as an information document (CoP 13 Inf.16) for all attendants of the 13th Conference of the Parties.

5. Germany's Scientific Authority for Plants contracted and published in 2003 the 2nd edition of a checklist on succulent Euphorbias (Carter, S. & U. Egli (2003): *The CITES Checklist of Succulent Euphorbia Taxa (Euphorbiaceae)*, 2nd Edition. Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Bonn, Germany). A revision of this checklist had become overdue as many new species had been described since the publication of the 1st edition of the list. The new Euphorbia checklist which had been accepted at the 14th meeting of the CITES Plants Committee had finally been adopted at the 13th Conference of the Parties of CITES (see conference document CoP 13 Doc. 9.3.1) in October 2004 in the scope of an amendment to CITES Resolution Conf. 12.11 on 'Standard Nomenclature'. The new checklist which contains information on more than 900 Euphorbia species shall in particular support CITES implementation agencies by providing a guideline when making reference to the names of species of succulent Euphorbias

6. Other CITES training activities
 - a. On bilateral level 2 training courses (10th - 12th June 2003 and 15th - 17th September 2004) were held together with the respective national CITES authorities in Slovenia.
 - b. EU Commission-funded CITES twinning projects: Germany's CITES authorities participated during the reporting period in training courses for various stakeholders in Bulgaria (26th - 28th January 2003 & 4th October 2003), the Czech Republic (1st April 2003, 14th - 28th April 2004 & 19th October 2004) and Turkey (1st May 2004 & 22nd - 29th November 2004).
 - c. In early 2004 Germany's CITES Management Authority together with TRAFFIC and the European Commission conducted again a CITES training seminar for all EU accession countries on the implementation of the EU regulations for the uniform implementation of CITES in the Community.

7. The Federal Ministry provided for financial assistance (travel cost) for participants from Eastern European countries in the European Regional Meeting In Brussels in January 2004

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
2	<p>If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?</p> <p>Species Conservation Advisory Committee for the implementation of CITES</p> <p>Following a decree by the Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry dated 25th August 1977, an advisory committee for the implementation of CITES was set up at the Federal Agency for Food and Forestry. The principle task of this advisory committee is to advise the Federal Agency on the implementation of CITES, particularly in relation to its role as a Scientific Authority. After its dissolution in 1994, a new advisory committee on "Species Conservation for Imports and Exports" was set up at the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation in May 1995 (Federal Gazette No. 94, amended on 29th March 1999, Federal Gazette No. 67). Its task is to advise the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation on the implementation of species conservation provisions, and also to advise the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety <BMU> on the development of species conservation legislation relating to imports and exports. It is composed of a total of 14 representatives drawn from scientists, nature conservation organisations and representatives from the industry, trade or consumer associations. The advisory committee meets at least once a year. The day-to-day business of this body and its working committees are managed by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation. In 2003 the committee was constituted again for its 3rd term of office. The Species Conservation Advisory Committee met four times during the reporting period 2003/2004. The major focus of his work during this time was laid on the preparation for the 13th Conference of the Parties of CITES, held in October 2004 in Bangkok, Thailand.</p>		
3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the MA to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SA(s), Customs, police, others):		
		Daily	Weekly
		Monthly	Annually
		None	No information
		Other (specify)	
Meetings		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultations		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	At the national level have there been any efforts to collaborate with:	Tick if applicable	Details if available
Agencies for development and trade		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Provincial, state or territorial authorities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Local authorities or communities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Indigenous peoples		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trade or other private sector associations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
NGOs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>	

5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the MA and the following agencies?	Tick if applicable
	SA	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Customs	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Police	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other border authorities (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other government agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Private sector bodies	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?	Tick if applicable
	Workshops	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>1. With the technical support of TRAFFIC Eastern Europe and the EU-Commission the CITES Management Authority of Germany convened from 19th – 23rd May 2003 at the International Nature Conservation Academy of the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (FANC) a training seminar for the 10 EU accession countries from Central and Eastern Europe. The main objective of the seminar was to explain the differences of the provisions of CITES versus the regulations implementing and transposing the Convention into uniform applicable legislation in all EU-Member States. This was the last of a series of CITES training seminars of the FANC for the EU accession countries which also bears witness to the political importance attached by Germany to its immediate eastern neighbouring countries in this field.</p> <p>2. Norway, the Czech Republic and Germany with the technical and financial support of the European Commission had convened on 30th January 2004 in Brussels a European regional meeting. The meeting which focused mostly on issues of major importance to be discussed and decided at the 50th meeting of the Standing Committee and the 13th Conference of the Parties.</p>	
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to the Convention?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?	
9	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance to another country in relation to CITES?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided?	
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>

12	<p>If Yes, please give a brief description.</p> <p>During the reporting period 2003/2004 the Scientific Authority for Zoology provided identification sheets for the butterfly genus <i>Atrophaneura</i> spp. which was listed in the Appendices at the 12th Conference of the Parties in 2002.</p>
13	<p>Has your country taken measures to achieve co-ordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>
14	<p>If Yes, please give a brief description.</p> <p>In order to stop illegal, virtually unhampered trade with Saiga antelope products a discussion document was prepared by Germany for the 13th CITES Conference of the Parties which took place from 1st to 14th October 2004. On the basis of this document a comprehensive CITES Decision was adopted in Bangkok to protect the Saiga antelope. This Decision is in so far of fundamental significance as in the context of already existing synergies an even more intensive cooperation between CITES and the 'Bonn Convention' (Convention on Migratory Species – CMS) is envisaged. The 'Memorandum of Understanding' agreed upon between four range states (Russia, Kasachstan, Turkmenistan, Usbekistan) envisaged to improve the protection of this migrant species was not yet ratified by the parties involved. The Decision which was adopted by consensus in Bangkok, calls upon all CMS-parties concerned to take all appropriate steps and measures that the MoU will come into force as soon as possible as agreed upon by the Bonn Convention.</p>
15	<p>Please provide details of any additional measures taken:</p>

D8 Areas for future work

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority?			
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Improvement of national networks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Computerisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	<p>If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?</p> <p>Germany has encountered problems referring to the implementation of the requirements laid down in Res. Conf. 12.10 on 'Guidelines for a procedure to register and monitor operations that breed Appendix-I animal species for commercial purposes'. Within Germany there are several operations which breed animals in a commercial way. Some of them applied for a CITES registration and were either registered or even rejected for registration. Furthermore as an importing country Germany is very often confronted with animals which originate from commercial operations not included in the register of the CITES Secretariat. Therefore the MA of Germany has been supporting since years the idea and the work on reviewing the registration guidelines. In this context Germany contributed also to CITES Notification No. 2003/071 by providing written comments to the Secretariat on its experiences and views for consideration of the Animals Committee (AC20 Doc. 11, Annex 2) and supported several working groups on that issue.</p>			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.			
6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

E. General feedback

Please provide any additional comments you would like to make, including comments on this format.

Thank you for completing the form. Please remember to include relevant attachments, referred to in the report. For convenience these are listed again below:

Question	Item		
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes, Comments	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>