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& NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
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& GAME MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

GREECE

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PART 1 - CITES QUESTIONS

Note: Part 1 is composed exclusively of the questions included in the CITES Biennial Report format, approved at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, October 2004.

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A. General information

Party	GREECE
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2006	
Details of agency preparing this report	LEAD MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY OF GREECE
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 33RD DIVISION OF CUSTOMS LAW ENFORCEMENT 2. REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS OF WEST MACEDONIA, DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS OF PREFECTURE OF KASTORIA • REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS OF CENTRAL MACEDONIA • REGION OF ATTICA* • REGION OF STEREA HELLAS* • REGION OF THESSALIA* • REGION OF WESTERN GREECE* • REGION OF EPIRUS* • REGION OF EASTERN MACEDONIA & THRACE* • REGION OF PELOPONNESUS* • REGION OF CRETE* • REGION OF IONIAN ISLANDS* • REGION OF NORTHERN AEGEAN * • REGION OF SOUTH AEGEAN * <p>* THESE AUTHORITIES WILL START ISSUING PERMITS & CERTIFICATES IN 2007</p>

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.	Yes (fully) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (partly) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information/unknown <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following details:	
	Title and date:	Status:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JOINT MINISTERIAL DECISION No 104853/4953nε/06-02-2006 'POSSESSION AND MOVEMENT OF SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND INDIGENOUS FLORA AND THEIR SPECIMENS, MANUFACTURED OR NOT, USED FOR LOANS OR EXCHANGES BETWEEN RECOGNIZED SCIENTISTS AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS-AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF THE JOINT 	

MINISTERIAL DECISION 331794/12-03-1999 'TRADE OF SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND INDIGENOUS FLORA, OF THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE AND OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD

(PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE No 198/B'/ 13-02-2006)

2. JOINT MINISTERIAL DECISION
No 98533/4846/21-08-2006

' REPRICING OF THE FEES FOR GRANTING PERMITS FOR THE TRADE OF SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND INDIGENOUS FLORA OF THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE AND OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD (PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE No 1332/B' /14-09-2006)

3. JOINT MINISTERIAL DECISION
No 99098/5881/16-10-2006 ' TRADE OF SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND INDIGENOUS FLORA' OF THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE AND OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD (PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE No 1570/B' /26-10-2006)

Brief description of contents:

1. **THIS DECISION SETS THE CONDITIONS AND THE PROCEDURES OF REGISTRATION OF SCIENTISTS AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS (ARTICLE 7 PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE REG. 338/97) AS WELL AS THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND THE USE OF LABELS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF SPECIMENS BETWEEN REGISTERED SCIENTISTS AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS.**
2. **NEW FEES APPLY TO THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES:**
 - **40 EUROS FOR CITES PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES**
 - **15 EUROS FOR CITES PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED WITH PURPOSE CODE 'P' (PERSONAL)**
 - **20 EUROS FOR PERMITS FOR NON-CITES SPECIES (REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL LEGISLATION)**
3. **THIS DECISION LIES DOWN PROVISIONS ON THE TRADE OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA UNDER THE COUNCIL REGULATION 338/97 ' ON THE PROTECTION OF THE SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA BY REGULATING TRADE THERE IN ', COMMISSION REGULATION 1332/2005 ' REGARDING THE AMENDMENT OF THE COUNCIL REGULATION 338/97' AND COMMISSION REGULATION 865/2006 ON ' LAYING DOWN DETAILED RULES CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL REGULATION 338/97' AS WELL AS PROVISIONS ON THE PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND INDIGENOUS FLORA REFERRED INTO ARTICLE 2 OF THE DECISION.**

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|---|---|---|
| 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"/> |
|---|---|---|

COMMENT: ONLY THE JOINT MINISTERIAL DECISION No 99098/5881/16-10-2006 ' TRADE OF SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND INDIGENOUS FLORA' OF THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE AND OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT IN AN ENGLISH VERSION

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| 4 | If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted. | legislation attached <input type="checkbox"/>
provided previously <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
not available, will send later <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 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 |
|---|--|---------------------|

Issue	The conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
Trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional comments						

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Clarity of legal obligations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Control over CITES trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Implementing regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Coherence within legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Harvesting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Transporting of live specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Handling and housing of live specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Please provide details if available:				
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	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.			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.	Number 2 15		
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.			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex.			
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?	Tick if applicable		
	– Return to country of export			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Public zoos or botanical gardens			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Designated rescue centres			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Approved, private facilities			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Euthanasia			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: THE WAY OF DISPOSAL IS DECIDED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS			
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 type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with other countries	Yes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE WITH SWITZERLAND			
14	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?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
15	If Yes, please describe:			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRAINING OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS ON CITES ENFORCEMENT • INFORMING CUSTOMS OFFICERS FOR 'ALERTS' ON ILLEGAL TRADE 			

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. LEAD MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY Ministry of Rural Development and Food General Directorate for the Development and Protection of Forests and Natural Environment Dir. of Aesthetic Forests-National Parks & Game Management Department of International Conventions 31 Halkokondili Street, GR-101 64 Athens.	
5	3. How many staff work in each MA? <u>LEAD MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY: 4 PERMANENT EMPLOYEES.</u> EVERY YEAR TEMPORARY STAFF IS HIRED FOR FACILITATING THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT <u>REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS OF WEST MACEDONIA, DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS OF PREFECTURE OF KASTORIA: 2 • REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS OF CENTRAL MACEDONIA: 5 • REGION OF ATTICA*: 2 • REGION OF STEREA HELLAS*: 2 • REGION OF THESSALIA*: 3 • REGION OF WESTERN GREECE*: 3 • REGION OF EPIRUS*: 3 • REGION OF EAST ERN MACEDONIA & THRACE*: 2 • REGION OF PELOPONNESUS*: 2 • REGION OF CRETE*: 2 • REGION OF IONIAN ISLANDS*: 2 • REGION OF NORTHERN AEGEAN *: 2 • REGION OF SOUTH AEGEAN *: 2 * THESE AUTHORITIES WILL START ISSUING PERMITS & CERTIFICATES IN 2007	

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 type="checkbox"/>	
	– Economics/trade		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Law/policy		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Other (specify)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	– No information		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other: Forest Engineers			
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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.			
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 type="checkbox"/>			
	– Academic or research institution			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Permanent committee			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Pool of individuals with certain expertise			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	– Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>			
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? STAFF: 10. IT IS NOTED THAT THERE IS THE OPTION OF THE USE OF ADDITIONAL SPECIALISTS (CONSULTANTS) WHEN IT IS NEEDED.						
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	If yes, please give estimation COMMENTS: THE TIME ALLOCATED TO MATTERS DIRECTED TO THE SA DEPENDS ON THEIR NATURE AND COMPLEXITY.						
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?		Tick if applicable				
	– Botany			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Ecology			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Fisheries			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	– Forestry			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	– Welfare			<input type="checkbox"/>			
	– Zoology			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	– Other (specify)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	OCEANOGRAPHY, ICHTHYOLOGY, VETERINARY, ORNITHOLOGY, ICHTHYOPATHOLOGY, PHYTOPATHOLOGY						
	– No information			<input type="checkbox"/>			
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>			
			No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>			
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.						
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
	No information						
	<input type="checkbox"/>						

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	<p>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?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>FOR CUSTOMS AUTHORITY: 33RD DIVISION OF CUSTOMS LAW ENFORCEMENT SECTION A', MISS V. BARKI (TEL. NO: 0030 210 7224770, E-MAIL: d33-a@otenet.gr) SECTION E', MISS G. VELANA (TEL. NO: 0030 210 3238252, E-MAIL: d33eltel@otenet.gr) FOR POLICE: HELLENIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS/GENERAL POLICING DIVISION POLICE CAPTAIN: MR. CHRISTOS MANOURAS POLICE CAPTAIN: MR. CHRISTOS PLATIS TEL: 0030 210 6926908 FAX: 0030 210 6977374 E-MAIL: genpoldi@mopo.gr ADDRESS: 4, KANELLOPOULOU STREET 101 77, ATHENS GREECE</p>
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).
3	<p>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)?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under consideration <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	<p>To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized? Tick if applicable</p> <p>– Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Permit issuance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Not at all <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Other (specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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**THE TARIC IS COMPUTERIZED AND FOR CUSTOMS TARIFFS,
REGARDING CITES SPECIES, THERE IS A WARNING THAT CITES
PERMITS ARE NECESSARY TO BE SUBMITTED.**

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"/>	SOME REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE ACCESS ONLY THROUGH DIAL-UP CONNECTION
	Scientific Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Enforcement Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, does it provide information on: Tick if applicable						
	– Legislation (national, regional or international)? <input type="checkbox"/>						
	– Conservation status (national, regional, international)? <input type="checkbox"/>						
	– Other (please specify)? <input type="checkbox"/>						
5	Is it available through the Internet: Yes <input type="checkbox"/>						
	No <input type="checkbox"/>						
	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>						
	No information <input type="checkbox"/>						
	Please provide URL:						
6	Do the following authorities have access to the following publications? Tick if applicable						
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority			
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species</i> (book)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices</i> (CD-ROM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	<i>Identification Manual</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	<i>CITES Handbook</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?						
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on: Tick if applicable						
	– Mortality in transport? <input type="checkbox"/>						
	– Seizures and confiscations? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	– Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded? <input type="checkbox"/>						
	Comments:						
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its Yes <input type="checkbox"/>						

	requirements?	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If Yes, please give the URL:		
10	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?	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Displays		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Information at border crossing points		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Telephone hotline		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex.		
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: – THE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL MACEDONIA ORGANISED PRESENTATIONS REGARDING CITES CONVENTION FOR SCHOOLS IN THE FRAME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME, FOR MUNICIPALITY POLICE, FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & SMALL INDUSTRY AS WELL AS FOR PET SHOPS OWNERS – THE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF STEREA HELLAS, EASTERN MACEDONIA & THRACE AND EPIRUS RELEASED TO THE PRESS AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE TRADERS OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA TO REGISTER. – LEAFLETS AND POSTERS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED AND DISSEMINATED TO THE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES, REGIONAL FOREST SERVICES AND CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES FOR INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE CITES CONVENTION (SPECIMENS ARE ATTACHED)		

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:		
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?	Tick if applicable	
		Yes	No
	Permit issuance/acceptance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Registration of traders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Registration of producers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<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).					
	Year 2005	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	639	8	366		
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?					
	Year 2006					
	How many documents were issued?	797	1	264		
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	1				
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of severe omissions or mis-information?					Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
5	If Yes, please give the reasons for this.					
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other (specify) REJECTION DUE TO SUSPENSION OF IMPORTS IN THE COMMUNITY [ACCORDING TO (EC) REGULATIONS]	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: CHECKING THE VALIDITY OF EXPORT QUOTAS BEFORE OF THE ISSUANCE OF AN IMPORT PERMIT					
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? 32					
9	Has the Management Authority 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 type="checkbox"/>
	– Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:					<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Importing of CITES-listed species:					<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify):					<input type="checkbox"/>
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 EUROS FOR CITES PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES • 15 EUROS FOR CITES PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED WITH PURPOSE CODE 'P' (PERSONAL) 					
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or					Tick if applicable

	wildlife conservation? – Entirely: <input type="checkbox"/> – Partly: <input type="checkbox"/> – Not at all: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> – Not relevant: <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:
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 type="checkbox"/>			
	Hiring of more staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computerisation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	– Other (specify) MICROCHIP READING DEVICES WERE PURCHASED AND DISSEMINATED TO ALL THE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR FACILITATING CONTROLS					<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?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity. Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	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?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.					Details	
	Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training		Other (specify)
	Staff of Management Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TRAINING SEMINARS TO THE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT CITES REGULATIONS & PERMITTING SYSTEM ISSUANCE OF CIRCULARS ON LEGISLATIVE STATUS OF CITES SPECIES & PHOTOS
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CIRCULARS ON LEGISLATIVE STATUS OF CITES SPECIES & PHOTOS
	Traders	<input checked="" 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"/>	ORAL & WRITTEN GUIDANCE WHEN ASKED PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLS
Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other parties/International meetings	<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"/>		
4	Please provide details of any additional measures taken						

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?		

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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MEETINGS ARE ARRANGED WHEN THERE ARE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED
	Consultations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Customs							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Police							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other border authorities (specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other government agencies							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Private sector bodies							<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGOs							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>
THE CO-OPERATION IS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL LEGISLATION								
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?							Tick if applicable
	Workshops							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Meetings							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to the Convention?					Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
						No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
						No information	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
						No information	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
13	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)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Improvement of national networks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?			
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 type="checkbox"/>	No information <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input checked="" 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,	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments		

ANNEX - PROPOSED BIENNIAL REPORT FORMAT

PART 2 - SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Note: Questions in Part 2 are additional to those in Part 1, and relate to information on the provisions of the Regulation that fall outside the scope of CITES.

PART 2 SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

The numbering of this section reflects that in Annex 2, Part 1, with the addition of (b) to distinguish the two. New questions that do not correspond to questions in Annex 2, Part 1 are marked "new". Unless otherwise stated, the legislation referred to below is Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97.

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

2b	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any additional Regulation -relevant legislation, other than that reported under question B (2), please provide the following details:						
	Title and date:			Status:			
	Brief description of contents:						
5b	Has your country adopted any stricter domestic measures, other than those reported under question B(5), specifically for non CITES-listed species ¹ ?						
	Tick all applicable categories below that these categories apply to.						
	Issue	The conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
		Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
	Trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Additional comments		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuance of permits for Greek endangered species of indigenous flora and endemic, migratory and sedentary wild fauna, as specified in the relevant legislative acts of the Administration for non-cites species (species that are not included in the Appendices of the Convention or the EU Annexes) • Import, export, possession and keeping of live animal species listed in Annex A and Appendix I are prohibited when the purpose of the aforementioned actions is either the trade or distribution in the Greek market for personal purposes, or the possession and keeping for personal purposes. 				
8b	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Regulation?						
		Yes	No	No information			
	Introduction of live Regulation-listed species into the Community that would threaten the indigenous fauna and flora (in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2 (d)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Marking specimens to facilitate identification (in accordance with Article 19, paragraph 1 (iii)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Please provide details if available,						
9b	Please provide details of maximum penalties that may be imposed for Regulation-related violations, or any other additional measures taken in relation to implementation of the Regulation not reported on in question B (9).						

¹ In this questionnaire, "non CITES-listed species" refers to species that are listed in the Regulation Annexes, but not in the CITES Appendices. They include some species in Annexes A and B and all those in Annex D.

Law 2637/1998 - Provisions for Sanctions, Seizures and Confiscation

The most significant articles of Law 2637/1998 are the following Article 57 of Law 2637/1998 By decision of the Secretary General of each Prefecture, published in the Government Gazette, bans, limits or conditions may be placed on fishing, farming, pasture, woodcutting and the use of protected plant products as well as the collection and cutting for commercial purposes of aromatics, dyestuffs, spices, honey and plants for flowers and decoration.

Article 253 of Legislative Decree 86/1969 is amended as follows:

Case .g. of par. 3 of article 258 is repealed once this law enters into force after par. 5 of Article 258, with the addition of par. 3 of Article 7 of Law 177/1975 (Government Gazette 205/A/1975) a new paragraph 6 is added as follows:

6.a) the following are prohibited without a license:

The exportation, importation, re-exportation, re-importation, transportation, sale, purchase, advertising, rental, commercial exploitation, competition and generally the holding, marketing keeping, exhibiting, transporting, dispatching and transfer of:

i) species of wild flora and fauna and samples thereof, whether living or dead and whether processed or not.

ii) species of wild flora and fauna and samples thereof born and are being raised and still raised in captivity or artificially produced, processed or not, and species or samples which constitute part of personal or domestic articles.

iii) species of wild flora and fauna and samples thereof, whether processed or not, which are loaned or exchanged for commercial reasons between recognized scientists and scientific research institutes.

b) Decisions by the Minister of Agriculture, published in the Government Gazette, shall specify those species of wild flora and fauna covered by the above points, the limits and conditions for granting licenses pursuant to the above point and the type of these licenses as well as any other details necessary for the implementation of the previous point.

c) In order for the above license to be granted, a fee must be paid which will be considered as State Budget Revenue. The amount of this fee shall be determined and readjusted by decision of the Ministers of Finance and Agriculture published in the Government Gazette.

d) Importers, exporters and associations thereof as well as companies marketing and transporting the species specified in the above subparagraph b, shall be entered in a special register for the issue of the above-mentioned license. The Minister of Agriculture shall publish a decision in the Government Gazette specifying the conditions for entry in this register and any other details required for implementation of this point.

.....f) The Minister shall make a decision, published in the Government Gazette, specifying the criteria and procedure for the recognition and supervision of legal persons who receive, keep and look after species of wild fauna in Protection centres for species of wild fauna and any other details for the application of this point. The above legal entities are recognized as Protection Centres for species of wild fauna, provided that their operation is not contravening the provisions in effect for public health.

Article 265 of Legislative Decree No 86/1969 is amended as follows:

At the end of point .a. of paragraph 4 of Article 265 the following phrase is being added: and the works carried out and implemented by the Forest Service, in order to maintain, rehabilitate and manage the species of wild fauna and flora and their biotopes. At the end of point .g. of paragraph 4 of Article 265, points .h. until .id. were added as follows:

The preparation of studies and the execution of specially formed programmes of research and management of species of wild flora and fauna and their biotopes The implementation of public awareness campaigns on matters of protection of species of wild fauna and flora and their biotopes

ia) The implementation of programmes for reception, preservation and care of species of wild fauna

ib) The repatriation, re-dispatching, re-exporting expenses in the country of species of wild fauna

ic) The transportation, reception and hospitalisation expenses of the impounded species of wild fauna and flora and their samples (living or dead, processed or not, as well as the feeding of the live samples of wild fauna).

id) The Minister of Agriculture shall issue a decision, published in the Government Gazette, for the implementation of this paragraph to lay down rules and conditions on signing contracts between the Minister and other persons, who provide guarantee and adequate scientific experience in all relevant matters under the co-ordination of the central forest service of the Ministry of Agriculture

III Penalties

In Article 287 of Legislative Decree 86/1969, amended and completed subsequently, paragraphs 22, 23 and 24 were added as follows concerning the imposed penalties:

22. Whoever keeps, imports, transports and trades in any way, species of Article 258 paragraph 6 point .b. without license or with a falsified license is sent to prison from two (2) months up to one (1) year and if relapsed, for two (2) years.

23. Whoever denies or obstructs or holds the inspection by the Auditing Authorities of species of Article 258 paragraph 6, point .b. or denies information or gives false information, is sent to prison from one (1) month up to six (6) months.

24. The sentences of paragraph 22 and 23 are charged against of all who are responsible, such as businessmen in personal companies, partners in general partnership, administrators in limited liability companies and whoever is in charge of cooperatives and Anonymous Companies or in lack or the above the members of the board of Directors.

After article 288 a new article 288a is added as follows:

This article deals with the administrative sanctions as follows:

Persons infringing paragraph 6 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (f) of Article 258 shall be fined with an amount between 200,000 and 5,000,000 Greek Drachmas. The species of wild flora and fauna and the samples of them, whether alive or dead, processed or not, shall be seized by the forest or customs authorities and they shall be given to the nearest Forest Service for further procedures with responsibilities of which shall be:

Returned or re-exported to their country of origin or disposed of or kept, taken care of and looked after. When the forestry authority seizes them, the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article 288 of legislative decree 86/1969 shall apply.

If it is discovered that there has been a forgery in license accompanying the species or has been falsified, the sanctions in the previous paragraph shall apply. For subsequent offences the fine shall be doubled.

When determining the level of the administrative sanctions in this article, account shall be taken to the severity of the infringement and whether it is a second offence.

The fine, which is referred to in this article, shall be imposed by decision of the head of the regional administration responsible in accordance with the supporting information submitted. A decision shall be made according to the provisions of Articles 56 and 57 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The person affected by the decision to impose a fine shall have the right to appeal to the three-member administrative court within thirty (30) days. This period is commencing on the day following the issuing of the decision. The appeal shall not suspend the application of the decision. However, the chairman of the court could make a decision to suspend the application of the decision, in accordance to the provisions of Article 2, Law No 820/1978 [(Government Gazette 174/A/1978) as replaced by Article 27 of Law 1406/83 (Government Gazette 182/ A/1983)].

The suspension of the decision can be accepted in part or in full if the judge ascertains from specific information that the claimant is unable to pay or considering that errors have been committed.

Against the decisions of the administrative courts, it is possible to raise legal means according to the provisions of the Legal Taxation Procedure Code. The amount of the fine specified in this article may be adjusted by decision of the Minister for Agriculture, which shall be published in the Government Gazette. The fines collected under this article shall be considered as state revenue and collected under the State Revenue Collection Code. The Forest Service Regional Directorates shall undertake this procedure.

Article 58 of Law 2637/1998 Article 36 of Law No 1845/1989 is amended as follows:

Point .b. of paragraph 1 is amended as follows:

The protection of wild fauna and their biotopes, the inspection on maintaining game rules, the guarding and inspection in game areas, the protection of wild life shelters and game breeding stations, as well as the protection of fisheries resources of mountain streams and the carrying out of inspection while fishing into them.

b) In paragraph 1, after point .f., a new point .g. is added as follows:

The carrying out of inspections into the import, movement, placing on the market and holding of all general protected species of wild fauna and flora and samples thereof, whether living or dead, processed or not and the application of any measures required to prevent and suppress offences Paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 39, Law 1845/1989 are replaced as follows:

Under article 36 of this law, the protection of forests is carried out by the office, that work in the Forest Service, with the exception of case .f. where only forest engineers, foresters and forest guards can proceed with the inspections.

In the framework of forest protection, forest officers and officers of categories a, b, c, e, f of paragraph 1 of article 39 of this law, are obligated and responsible to draw up charging documents against any offence to the forestry laws, to impound forest products and generally all the protected species of wild fauna and flora, the samples thereof, whether living or dead, processed or not, collected, caught, traded or placed on the market or kept illegally. In addition, they are obligated to impound all games and fishes caught in offence against the provisions on game and mountain fishery. Finally they are responsible for impounding every device used in offences and to arrest, transfer and surrender any offender to the nearest police station.

The cost of transportation and feeding, along with every necessary cost until the transportation of the offenders is stated in the budget of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Ministers of Finance and Agriculture shall decide regarding the daily feeding expenses of all the above - mentioned surrenders.

Paragraph 9 of article 38 of law 1845/1989 is replaced as follows:

9. Whoever passes through forests or forest grasslands, biotopes and particularly wetlands neighbouring with forests and partially forested lands, either as a stroller or a camper or professional forest profiteer or shepherd and anyone who hunts or collects or catches or transfers in any direction, is obliged to show the relevant hunting license or CITES license or license for transport of forest goods and so on. Any suspicious vehicle

could possibly be under inspection for possession of illegal forest goods, games or species of wild flora and fauna, samples thereof, whether living or dead, processed or not, as well as hazardous materials that may cause damage or pollution to the wild flora and fauna. Proper display of the identity of the forest officer should take place prior to any inspection. The inspection is carried out in any place where species of wild flora and fauna and samples thereof, whether living or dead, processed or not are being kept, transferred, looked after, exhibited or traded, if necessary in cooperation with officials of other departments.

Infringements shall be notified by the departments carrying out these inspections in writing to the person who committed the violation, who then has 15 days after notification to appeal at the inspection authority, giving their opinion or objection. This document is returned to the person committing the infringement with proof of receipt.

After the expiration of the deadline and irrespective of whether or not the person concerned has submitted comments, the inspection authority shall notify the forest directorate, which is responsible for all the information related to the infringement.

Article 59 of Law 2637/1998 In Article 15 of law 998/1979, a new paragraph 7 is added as follows:

7. By decision of the Secretary General of each Region, all Forest Service Regional Directorates can prohibit the access of cars through forest roads so as to protect wild fauna and flora and their biotopes. By this decision, time and place of the prohibition are specified as well as every exception with relation to farmers, shepards and so on.

In article 68 of law 998/1979, a new paragraph 3 is added as follows:

3. All persons who have committed the infringements of the provisions of decision 7 of article 15 are fined from 50.000 GRD. up to 150.000 GRD. and sent to prison from two (2) up to six (6) months.

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

2b	Have any actions, in addition to those reported in C (2-9) above, been taken for Regulation-related violations?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
16b	Has there been any review or assessment of Regulation-related enforcement, in addition to that reported under C (16) above?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comments:		
17 new	Have specimens been marked to establish whether they were born and bred in captivity or artificially propagated? (In accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1808/2001 Article 36),	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comments:		
18 new	Have any monitoring activities been undertaken to ensure that the intended accommodation for a live specimen at the place of destination is adequately equipped to conserve and care for it properly? (In accordance with Article 4 paragraph 1 (c)).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comments:		

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

8b	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to non CITES-listed species or technical issues (e.g. species identification) not covered in D2 (8) and D2 (9)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
10 new	Has the Commission and the CITES Secretariat (if relevant) been informed of the outcomes of any investigations that the Commission has considered it necessary be made? (In accordance with Article 14 paragraph 2),	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

8b	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to non CITES listed species?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																																										
9b	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Species name</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Populations</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Distribution</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Off take</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Legal trade</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Illegal trade</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Other (specify)</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">etc.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="6" style="text-align: right;">No information</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>		Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)	1							2							3							etc.							No information						<input type="checkbox"/>
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11 new	How many Scientific Review Group (SRG) meetings have the SA attended? Indicate any difficulties that rendered attendance to the SRG difficult:																																											
	Number 8																																											

D3 Enforcement Authorities

6 new	Has a liaison officer/focal point for CITES been nominated within each relevant enforcement authority in your country?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Under consideration	<input type="checkbox"/>
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1b	Is Regulation-related information in your country computerized on?	Tick if applicable
	– Annex D listed species	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other matters not reported on in question D4 (1) (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3b	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on Regulation-listed species?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

9b	Has the Management Authority charged fees for any Regulation-related matters not covered in question D5 (9)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>

D8 Areas for future work

2b	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific suspensions or negative opinions adopted by the European Commission? (In accordance with Article 4 (6)).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4b	Have any constraints to implementation of the Regulation, not reported under question D8(4) , arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>
7 bis new	Can you indicate the percentage of permits/certificates issued that are returned to the MA after endorsement by customs?	Number: 87%

ANNEXES

ANNEX I

DETAILS ON SEIZED-CONFISCATED OR FORFEITED SPECIMENS FOR THE PERIOD 2005-2006

Species involved	Protection status	COUNTRIES	Offence	LAW	PENALTY	Date of seizure and date of first report of offence	Details
One (1) Monkey Capuchin, Family <i>Cebidae</i> <i>Primates</i> <i>spp.</i>	Appendix II Annex B	Bulgaria country of export.	Illegal possession and trade of wild animal in a pet shop without export and import permits.	Regulation (E.C.) 338/97, Law 2637/98 Article 57/58	No court decision yet. Administrative penalty 600,00 euros imposed to the trader and 600,00 imposed to the owner of the specimen on 12-01- 2007.	1-3-2005	The specimen was seized in a pet shop in the city of Thessaloniki by the officers of the regional forest service after denunciation made by citizens.
Two (2) Carved walking sticks made of horns of antelope		South Africa	No application for import permit for these specimens.	Law 2637/97 Article 57 Common Ministerial Decisions 331794/99, and 261554/1985 Articles 3,4,5,6,7. Greek Penal Code	No import permit was issued.	27-7-2005	The specimens were seized by the E' Customs Office at the International Airport Macedonia in

(<i>Oryx gazella</i>), Gembok, and tusks of common warthog (<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>) One (1) bone necklace made by pieces of bones of buffalo and teeth of common warthog (<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>)				177/1975 Article 7			Thessaloniki.
Two (2) pairs of horns		Georgia	No permit	National Law 2637/98		18-08-2005	The specimens were confiscated by the Customs of the Athens International Airport 'El. Venizelos'. They were in the possession of a tourist

Items made of snake leather	Singapore	No permit	National Law 2637/98		07-09-2005	The specimens were confiscated by the Customs of the Athens International Airport 'El. Venizelos'. They were in the possession of a tourist
One (1) ashtray made of crocodile	Qatar	No permit	National Law 2637/98		28-10-2005	The specimen was confiscated by the Customs of the Athens International Airport 'El. Venizelos'. It was in the possession of a tourist
Reptile and <i>Arachnida</i> spp. specimens		No permit	National Law 2637/98	No Court decision yet	15-11-2005	Confiscated by a CITES regional authority.
Two (2) specimens of <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> and one (1) specimen of <i>Amazona amazonica</i>	United Arab Emirates	No permit	National Law 2637/98		2005	The specimen was confiscated by the Customs of the Athens International Airport 'El. Venizelos'.

Two (2) skins tanned <i>Ursidae spp.</i>	Appendix II Annex B	Country of export Russian Federation, Karachay - Cherketsia and for the other one unknown	Illegal possession and transportation of wild animal	Regulation (E.C.) 338/97 Law 2637/97 Article 57/58	The specimens had been remained unclaimed at the International Airport Macedonia in Thessaloniki	15-6-2006	The specimens were seized by the E' Customs Office at the International Airport Macedonia in Thessaloniki.
One (1) pair of horns <i>Cervidae spp.</i>		Unknown	Illegal possession and transportation of wild animal	Law 2637/97 Article 57/58		15-6-2006	They were seized by the E' Customs Office at the International Airport Macedonia in Thessaloniki.
2 walking sticks made of antelope horns		South Africa	No permit	National Law 2637/98		29-06-2006	The specimens were seized by the E' Customs Office at the International Airport Macedonia in Thessaloniki.

Two (2) pairs of horns from antelope species. One (1) pair of Kudu horns (<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>) or Nyala horns (<i>Tragelaphus angasi</i>), and One (1) pair of blesbok (<i>Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi</i>) or red Hartebeest horns (<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>)		South Africa	Illegal possession and transportation of wild animal parts & derivatives	Law 2637/97 Article 57/58	The specimens had remained unclaimed at the International Airport Macedonia in Thessaloniki	31-8-2006	The specimens were seized by the E' Customs Office at the International Airport Macedonia in Thessaloniki.
140 wallets made of wild animal leather		Senegal	No permit	National Law 2637/98, 2960/01	This case was announced to prosecutor's office (23-05-2007) for penal	25-09-2006	The specimens were confiscated by the D' Customs of Piraeus responsible for mail parcels

1 stuffed head of reptile (<i>Crocodylia spp</i>)		Switzerland	No permit	National Law 2637/98, 2960/01		punishment	1-06-2006	The specimen was confiscated by the D' Customs of Piraeus responsible for mail parcels
One (1) pair of horns of Blesbok One (1) pair of Kudu horns (<i>Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi</i>), Twenty (20) kitchen openers and six (6) salt-cellsars from Kudu horns (<i>Tragelaphus strepsicerus</i>), Twenty (20) eight necklaces and five (5) Bracelets, fifteen (20)		South Africa	Illegal possession and transportati on of wild animal parts and derivatives	Law 2637/97 Article 57/58		The specimens had been remained unclaimed at the International Airport Macedonia in Thessaloniki	5-12-2006	The specimens were seized from the E' Customs Office at the International Airport Macedonia in Thessaloniki.

