



**CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED
SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA**

HUNGARY

BIENNIAL REPORT

2005-2006

Ministry of Environment and Water
European Community Law and Coordination Department
Biodiversity Section
CITES Management Authority

A. General information

Party	HUNGARY
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2005 to 31 December 2006
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (partly) <input 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: • Brief description of contents:																																																	
3	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention?	Yes <input 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.	legislation attached <input 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																																																	
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Additional comments	<p>The national legislation requires the declaration of all specimens of App. I. (EU Annex A) vertebrate species and all live specimens of App. II. (EU Annex B) listed mammals, birds (with certain exemptions) and tortoises. These specimens must be individually marked and accompanied by a breeding certificate if the specimen was bred in captivity in Hungary or a document that verifies the origin for animals that were introduced from outside of Hungary. Keeping of specimens is prohibited without these documents, See attachment for details.</p>
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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 type="checkbox"/>
	Clarity of legal obligations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Control over CITES trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implementing regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coherence within legislation	<input 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: The legislation was reviewed by the CITES Secretariat under the NLP and was put to Category 1				
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 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 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:				
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"/>	<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. Annex attached		
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If information available: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations <input type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.	Number <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	– Public zoos or botanical gardens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	– Designated rescue centres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	– Approved, private facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Euthanasia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<p>Comments: Confiscated live specimens are usually placed at rescue centers. The central rescue center is a separate quarantine station at the Budapest Zoo and Botanical Garden. A new center was built near the Serbian border of Hungary at the Szeged Zoo for rehoming confiscated live animals. Other municipal zoos also function as rescue centers if necessary.</p> <p>In several cases confiscated live tortoises were sent back and released in the country of origin in cooperation with the management and scientific authorities of the countries concerned. 24 live <i>Testudo hermanni</i> were returned to Romania in 2004. 320 live <i>Testudo hermanni</i> were returned to Greece in 2002 and in 1997, 184 live <i>Testudo graeca</i> to Turkey.</p> <p>Confiscated dead specimens are stored in the collection of the Hungarian Natural History Museum, used for training or for public awareness purposes, such as exhibition at Ferihegy International Airport.</p> <p>Euthanasia of live specimens is provided in the legislation as a last option, that have been used only in cases, where there were health implications with regard to the specimen.</p> <p>Sale of confiscated specimens is not allowed according to the law.</p>		
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: The Secretariat was informed on a case by case basis in relation to significant cases		
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: see attachment on significant cases		
14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

	in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	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:		

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	<p>If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.</p> <p>Management Authority</p> <p>Ministry of Environment and Water European Community Law and Coordination Department Biodiversity Section</p> <p>Address: H-1011 BUDAPEST Fő u. 44-50.</p> <p>Phone: +361 3956857</p> <p>Fax: +361 2754505</p> <p>Email: rodics@mail.kvvm.hu korosil@mail.kvvm.hu cites@mail.kvvm.hu</p> <p>Internet: www.cites.hu</p>			
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	<p>If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory.</p> <p>The MA is the Ministry of Environment and Water, EU and International Department, Biodiversity Section, which is indicated box 2. There are regional enforcement authorities (10 inspectorates and 2 branch offices for environment, nature and water) responsible for the regional inspections and registration. The list of inspectorates is attached to the report.</p>			
5	<p>How many staff work in each MA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the leading MA: 4 persons deal with CITES issues, 2 in full time, 1 in 80 %, 1 in 50 % (altogether 330 %) At regional inspectorates: 12 staff deal with CITES enforcement in the 10 inspectorates (1 at each + 2 at branch offices). They are responsible for CITES enforcement only in part time. The percentage dealt with CITES largely differs by region. 			

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: see answer to question 5			
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):	<input 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	<p>If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.</p> <p>Please find attached the list of research activities that involves CITES species in Hungary, lead by nature conservation agencies in cooperation with scientific institutions and NGOs. These researches are not “CITES-related” in the strict sense, but related with CITES species occur in Hungary and protected by national legislation. These species are not allowed to be traded at all, they can only be caught, collected or kept exclusively for the interest of nature conservation or other public interest purposes.</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	<p>If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.</p> <p>Scientific Authority</p> <p>Ministry of Environment and Water State Secretariat for Nature and Environmental Protection</p> <p>Address:: H-1011 BUDAPEST Fő u. 44-50. Phone: +361 3956857 Fax: +361 2754505 Email: navratil@mail.kvvm.hu cites@mail.kvvm.hu</p>	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	<p>How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? 1 staff.</p> <p>Individual experts give scientific support occasionally, particularly in identification (eg.: timber, caviar, DNA tests)</p>	
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	If yes, please give estimation: 80%	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Zoology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species? See 8-9 in D1 (23 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.						
	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	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). CITES Management Authority (contact details in box D1 point 2)	
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: CITES Management Authority	
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 type="checkbox"/>
	– Permit issuance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify): registration of CITES specimens - the database is placed on the server of the Ministry, and all inspectorates have access through intranet to it. This means Internet connection is needed and that it is secure due to being an inner system. Management Authority is the supervisor of the system and have the right to determine the level of access to the database. Designated inspectors are entitled to add data on the specimens, keepers etc., to the system, but certain data can only be included or amended by the central MA.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– see details on the registration requirement in the attachment on stricter domestic measures	

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inspectorates and customs officers have unrestricted access to the Internet. Police officers have access only to the Intranet service of the Police. Therefore the Management Authority compiled CITES relevant information (regulations, general information, information on species, sanctions, contact details to CITES MA and other enforcement authorities) that was published on the police Intranet site and accessible to all officers.
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"/>
	The Green Parrot Project is available and used by the MA, inspectorates, customs and police						
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)? Identification						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Is it available through the Internet:						Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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			
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Identification Manual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	CITES Handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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: <div> <div>– Mortality in transport?</div> <div>– Seizures and confiscations?</div> <div>– Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded?</div> </div> Comments: If there are more specimens in the shipment than permitted, the additional specimens are reported and seized.	Tick if applicable <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div>	
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements? If Yes, please give the URL: <u>www.cites.hu</u> Basic information on CITES, contact details, legislation and downloadable documents (such as application forms) are currently available, however the new CITES website is under construction and will be available at the same address soon.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
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? <div> <div>– Press releases/conferences</div> <div>– Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances</div> <div>– Brochures, leaflets</div> <div>– Presentations</div> <div>– Displays</div> <div>– Information at border crossing points</div> <div>– Telephone hotline</div> <div>– Other (specify): CITES public awareness campaigns</div> </div> Please attach copies of any items as Annex. See Annex about CITES public awareness campaigns	Tick if applicable <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div>	
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? If no, please provide details of any: Changes in permit format: Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?	Tick if applicable																
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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 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	243	44	6		
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	0	0	0		
	Year 2					
	How many documents were issued?	175	20	6		
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	0	0	0		
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Suspected fraud			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify): EU import suspensions, SRG negative opinions and domestic legislation on nature conservation			<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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments					
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? CITES species native to Hungary are not allowed to be exported. The MA occasionally requests opinion from the SA in case of imports and determining or approving housing facilities of live specimens before import.					
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): issuance of internal documents (breeding certificates, cert. of origin and EC certificates)					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. The administrative fee for					

	export, import permits and re-export certificates is 10000 HUF (about 40 EUR), and 2000 HUF (about 8 EUR) for EC certificates and internal documents.	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? – Entirely: – Partly: – Not at all: – Not relevant: Comments: The revenues goes to the Ministry's and the inspectorates' budget and indirectly used also for the implementation of CITES	Tick if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>	Computerisation			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	– Other (specify): Training					<input checked="" 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.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	Target group						
	Staff of Management Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other MAs and SAs, CITES Secretariat, enforcement bodies
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other SAs, EU Commission
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	German CITES MA, UK Customs CITES Team - Heathrow, Norwegian Police, RSPCA, TRAFFIC
	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.		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"/>
Staff of Scientific Authority		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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	
	Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consultations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Daily coordination with inspectorates through a CITES mailing list, personal cooperation with SA on a daily basis, frequent contact to customs and police				
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"/>	Inspectorates, customs and police authorities
	Local authorities or communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Indigenous peoples	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Trade or other private sector associations	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NGOs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RSPCA,TRAFFIC, WWF, REX Foundation
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Police		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other border authorities (specify)	Border police	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

14	If Yes, please give a brief description. As the Biodiversity Department of the Ministry of Environment and Water is responsible for all the multilateral agreements on nature conservation signed by Hungary (except the Ramsar Convention), the duplication of activities is excluded.
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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Computerisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 Not available Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed Not available Not relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <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"/>
	Comments	Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>

Stricter domestic measures

1. Domestic legislation for the implementation of CITES and EC Wildlife Trade Regulation

According to the national CITES regulation (*Government Decree 271/2002. (XII. 20.)*) registration is required for all Annex A specimens and for live specimens of mammal, bird and tortoise species listed in Annex B (with some exceptions). Thus, the Management Authority registers and follows the way from one owner to another, on case by case for all registered specimens and issues a breeding certificate for the animals that were born at a Hungarian breeder. In case of specimens originating from outside Hungary, a certificate of origin is issued. Thus the owner and location of all specimens are known, and each specimen bred in captivity has a certificate (breeding certificate, certificate of origin or an EC certificate in case of Annex A listed species). The specimens are registered by the regional inspectorates. They include the data in a central database managed by the Management Authority and accessible via the Ministry's Intranet. The database is restricted, only designated officers have access to it and they can include and modify only certain data.

With this system, internal trade can easily be controlled since every specimen is covered by a document that functions as an "identity card". If it was bred or born in captivity in Hungary it has a breeding certificate (or EC cert. for Annex A species), if it came from abroad it has a certificate of origin (or EC certificate for Annex A species).

According to the regulation, all specimens (not only annex A) that have to be registered must also be marked with seamless closed rings and/or microchip transponders (other methods can also be permitted if they are in line with EC Regulations). In case of juvenile tortoises, photo-identification is used.

Sanctions:

Nature conservation penalty in case of any incompliance with the Convention, EC Wildlife Trade Regulations or the domestic CITES legislation

Criminal liability in case of illegal purchase, possession, sale, import to, export from or transit through the territory of Hungary, trade in, damage or kill of species listed in Annex A and B of the EU WTR up to 3 years imprisonment

(re-)export, and import may not be permitted if the applicant:

- has been validly convicted for committing a criminal act in relation with environmental protection or nature conservation, until exemption from prejudicial consequences related to the previous conviction, but at least until 5 years following the validity date,
- is validly held responsible for breaching the rule of environmental protection or nature conservation, until two years following the validity of the decision,
- is fined by nature conservation penalty, until three years following the validity date of the decision.

2. Permission requirements for protected and strictly protected species:

According to *Act no. 53 of 1996 on nature conservation*, the authorization of the inspectorates for environment, nature and water (as the regional nature conservation authorities) shall be required for:

- any population control
- the collection, capture, killing, possession and training of any individual
- the breeding in captivity of any individual
- the taxidermal preparation and preservation or the possession of such preparations of any individual
- the keeping of any individual in live animal collections
- the supplementing of any population with individuals from foreign populations
- the artificial exchange of genetic matter between populations
- the exchange or sale and purchase of any individual
- the exportation from, importation to or transportation through the Republic of Hungary of any individual
- the reintroduction or introduction of any individual
- the application of alarming methods in order to prevent any damage caused by them
- the transfer of the nest of any individual
- the domestication of any individual of protected species.

In case of strictly protected species, the National Chief Inspectorate for Environment, Nature and Water is responsible for the above authorization.

It means, that if a specimen of a species is listed on the Annexes and at the same time is protected in Hungary, two documents are required for export or import. However after Hungary's accession to the European Community CITES export/import documents are not applicable within the community, however the authorization of import into, and export from Hungary of protected species is still required..

The list of protected species was promulgated by *Decree of the Minister of Environment no. 13/2001 (V. 9.) KöM on the protected and strictly protected plant and animal species, strictly protected caves as well as on the plant and animals species of Community importance* (see attached sheet).

According to *Government Decree no. 348/2006 (XII.23.) on the Detailed Rules on protection, keeping, display and utilisation of protected species*, protected and strictly protected species are not allowed to be kept, displayed or utilized only for nature conservation or other public interest purposes. Exemption was set for the following species of birds of prey for falconing purposes:

- *Accipiter gentilis*
- *Accipiter nisus*
- *Aquila chrysaetos*
- *Falco peregrinus*
- *Falco biarmicus*
- *Falco rusticolus*

In case of *Aquila chrysaetos*, *Falco peregrinus*, *Falco biarmicus* and *Falco rusticolus*, as a further condition, the law requires, that the specimens must be originated to a legally

operated and permitted breeding operation. All birds must be marked with seamlessly closed footring or microchip transponder.

Hybridization and keeping of hybrids is prohibited (except for those specimens that had already been in the possession of the falconer before 1998).

Falconers have to pass a special exam on nature conservation law (including CITES and EU Wildlife Trade Regulations) before a permission for keeping is granted and the number of specimens that can be kept by one person is limited (maximum 2 birds for falconry and 2 pairs for breeding purposes).

Native species in Hungary that are listed on CITES Appendices / EU Wildlife Trade Regulation Annexes				
Latin name	English name	Protection status in Hungary	CITES Appendix	EU Annex
<i>Sternbergia colchicifolia</i>	Sternbergia	protected	II	B
<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>	Snowdrop	protected	II	B
<i>Orchidaceae spp.</i>	Orchids	protected/strictly protected	II	A/B
<i>Cyclamen purpurascens</i>	Cyclamen	protected	II	B
<i>Adonis vernalis</i>	Yellow adonis	protected	II	B
<i>Arnica montana</i>	Mountain arnica	protected		D
<i>Lycopodium clavatum</i>	Stagshorn clubmoss	protected		D
<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	Bogbean	protected		D
<i>Canis aureus</i>	Golden jackal	game species	III	C
<i>Canis lupus</i>	Wolf	strictly protected	II	A
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Brown bear	protected	II	A
<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Otter	strictly protected	I	A
<i>Felis silvestris</i>	Wildcat	protected	II	A
<i>Lynx lynx</i>	Lynx	strictly protected	II	A
<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Dalmatian pelican	strictly protected	I	A
<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Cattle egret	protected		A
<i>Casmerodius albus</i>	Great white egret	strictly protected		A
<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Little egret	strictly protected		A
<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Black stork	strictly protected	II	A
<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Spoonbill	strictly protected	II	A
<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	Greater Flamingo	protected	II	A
<i>Anas acuta</i>	Pintail	protected		C
<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Shoveler	protected		C
<i>Anas crecca</i>	Teal	game species		C
<i>Anas penelope</i>	Wigeon	protected		C
<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Garganey	game species		A
<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Ferruginous duck	strictly protected		A
<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	Red-breasted goose	strictly protected	II	A
<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	White-headed duck	strictly protected	II	A
<i>Falconiformes</i>	Birds of Prey	protected/strictly protected	I/II	A

Native species in Hungary that are listed on CITES Appendices / EU Wildlife Trade Regulation Annexes				
Latin name	English name	Protection status in Hungary	CITES Appendix	EU Annex
<i>Gruidae</i>	Cranes	protected	II	A/B
<i>Otididae</i>	Bustards	strictly protected	II	A
<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i>	Slender-billed curlew	strictly protected	I	A
<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Turtle dove	protected		A
<i>Strigiformes</i>	Owls	protected/strictly protected	II	A
<i>Vipera ursinii</i>	Meadow viper	strictly protected	I	A
<i>Acipenser gueldenstaedti</i>	Russian sturgeon	protected	II	B
<i>Acipenser nudiiventris</i>	Ship sturgeon	protected	II	B
<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>	Stellate sturgeon	protected	II	B
<i>Acipenser ruthenus</i>	Sterlet	fishable with closed season and size limit	II	B
<i>Huso huso</i>	Beluga	protected	II	B
<i>Hirudo medicinalis</i>	Medicinal leech	protected	II	B

Significant cases and sanctions in 2005 and 2006

In February 2005, 30 Pancake Tortoises (*Malacochersus tornieri*) and 20 Hermann's Tortoises were seized at Röszke (Serbian-Hungarian) border point. The tortoises were hidden on a Serbian tourist bus. The driver intended to transport the shipment to Switzerland. The



Seized pancake tortoise (photo: Levente Kőrösi)

animals were seized by customs and placed to a rescue center. The smuggler found guilty by the court and had to pay a 300.000 HUF fine.

In September 2005, 37 Hermann's, 1 Spur-thighed and 1 Marginated tortoises were seized at Tompa (Serbian-Hungarian border point). The animals were transported in a sport bag hidden on a Polish tourist bus. The specimens were seized and placed in a rescue center. No one of the passengers claimed to be the owner of the bag.

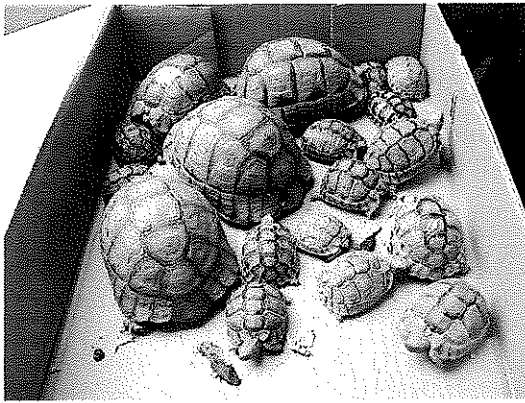
In June 2005, customs officers, during making checks at the internal border between Austria and Hungary, found 14 live falcons chicks (9 *Falco peregrinus* and 5 hybrids) in a car transported in carton boxes. The birds were claimed to be bred in captivity in Hungary, however some of them were marked by rings with Austrian numbers. Keeping, breeding and movement of this species and hybrids needs a preliminary permission according to the act on nature conservation that was not granted. Additionally keeping and breeding of hybrids is prohibited by law. The birds were seized, the offender was fined by the inspectorate to 6.000.000 HUF (approximately 24.000 EUR). The criminal procedure has not yet been finished.

Following an information received from the German CITES MA at the end of 2005, the National Investigation Agency of the police started an investigation. In February 2006, investigators of the Agency seized more than 400 tins of caviar from a company's warehouse and from other small delicate shops. The company offered for sale and sold caviar in original Russian tins and also repacked caviar in the EU without the necessary documents. Criminal procedure was started and the investigation is still in process.



Seized caviar (photo: Levente Kőrösi)

In April 2006, customs officers at the Romanian border found 34 tins of Russian caviar hidden in the patrol tank of a car. The shipment was smuggled from the direction of Romania without any document and has been seized. Criminal procedure is in process against the offender.



Egyptian tortoises after seizure(photo: Levente Kőrösi)

In April 2006, airport customs officers discovered a shipment of 18 live Egyptian Tortoises (*Testudo kleinmannii* (App. I.)) and 36 spiny-tailed lizards (*Uropastix* sp.). The animals were smuggled by a Slovakian citizen arriving from Egypt and were hidden in spice and tea boxes in his personal luggage. An advertisement of a Reptile Fair held on the same weekend in St. Pölten, Austria was also found at him. Austrian colleagues have been informed about the seizure. Criminal investigation has not yet been finished.

201 Hermann's Tortoises (*Testudo hermannii*), smuggled by a Czech citizen from the direction of Serbia were seized by customs in June 2006. The animals were hidden in the petrol tank of a car which was specially reconstructed for smuggling. While customs officers were examining the vehicle, the offender disappeared and went back to Serbia by foot using another passport. The offender was sentenced by the court to 8 months imprisonment suspended for 2 years. The animals were confiscated as well as his vehicle used for smuggling. The Czech MA and the Environmental Inspectorate was immediately informed of the case.

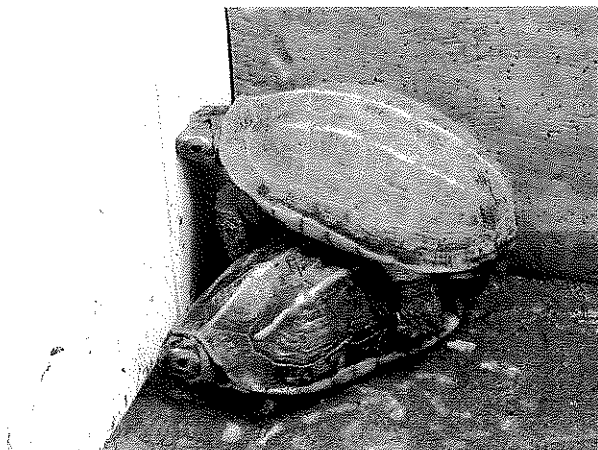
181 Hermann's Tortoises (*Testudo hermannii*) were seized in June 2006 from a Serbian tourist bus driver at the Serbian-Hungarian border. He was entrusted by a German dealer to transport the shipment to Germany. The animals were confiscated and placed in a rescue center. The Hungarian Management Authority contacted to the Serbian MA relating to the possible reintroduction of the tortoises. The Serbian environmental inspectorate transported the animals back to Serbia and replaced them in their natural habitat. The smuggler was sentenced to five months imprisonment suspended for two years and was fined both by the court and the nature conservation inspectorate.

In July 2006, 55 Pancake Tortoises (*Malacochersus tornieri*), 48 Radiated Tortoises (*Geochelone radiata*) and 68 Leopard Tortoises (*Geochelone pardalis*) smuggled by a Serbian truck-driver were seized at the Serbian-Hungarian border. 4 pancake tortoises were dead on arrival. The driver was to transport the animals to Rotterdam, where the shipment was to be collected. He was convicted by the court and fined by the wildlife inspectorate.



Seized leopard and radiated tortoises (photo: Levente Kőrösi)

In October 2006, 230 tins of Russian caviar were seized at Ferihegy International Airport from a Mongolian woman, who arrived from Ulanbator via Moscow to Budapest. After the examination of the product it turned out that the caviar is fake, it does not contain any derivative from Acimenseriformes, although the packaging was the same as of the original from Astrakhan.



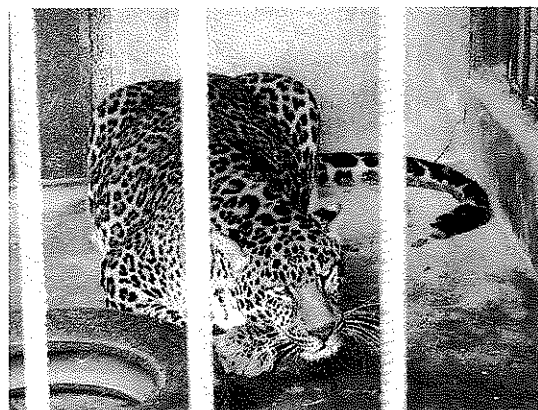
Tricarinate hill turtles after seizure (photo: Levente Kőrösi)

In November 2006, 6 Tricarinate turtles (*Melanochelys tricarinata*), 12 pancake tortoises (*Malacochersus tornieri*), 1 elongated tortoises (*Indotestudo elongata*), 20 leopard tortoises (*Geochelone pardalis*) and additionally 3 Hermann's tortoises (*Testudo hermannii*) was found in a car arriving from Serbia. The offender was a Czech citizen, who was convicted to 4 months imprisonment suspended for 2 years and got a 100.000 HUF fine.

In November 2006, a 12 years old leopard was confiscated from a private property. The animal was kept in a 3 X 3 m cage for 12 years without any permission. After the owner had died in a car accident, his mother reported and asked the Management Authority to remove and rehome the leopard.



Facility used for leopard keeping (photos: Levente Kőrösi)



SEIZURES IN 2005-2006

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Scientific name	Specimen code	Description	Quantity	Shipment arrived from	Date of seizure	Place of seizure
<i>Chamaeleo chamaeleon</i>	LIV		1	SYRIA	2005.01.03	FIA
<i>Cibotzium barometz</i>	MED	name of product: bushen qianshen pian	3	CHINA	2005.01.03	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: zhuanggu shexiang zhitonggao	5	CHINA	2005.01.03	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: jing zhi hai ma zhui gfeng gao	1	CHINA	2005.01.03	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: nongsuowan guipu wan	2	CHINA	2005.01.03	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	tube	17	CHINA	2005.01.03	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: yinger jianpi san	40	CHINA	2005.01.03	FIA
<i>Cibotzium barometz</i>	MED	name of product: bushen qianshen jiaonang	5	CHINA	2005.01.04	FIA
<i>Cibotzium barometz</i>	MED	name of product: zhuagyao jiansen wan	20	CHINA	2005.01.04	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: yxiaoe qingrening keli	10	CHINA	2005.01.04	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: fufang chenxiangweipian	4		2005.01.04	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: jie bai wan	2		2005.01.04	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: jingzhi zhufeng gao	1	CHINA	2005.01.04	FIA
<i>Cibotzium barometz</i>	MED	name of product: zhuagyao jiansen wan	2	CHINA	2005.01.04	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: shenma	1		2005.01.04	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhentong gao	5	CHINA	2005.01.05	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: fufang chenxiangweipian	1		2005.01.06	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao jiaonang	1		2005.01.06	FIA
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	MED	name of product: xiongdan wan	1			
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: zhuanggu shexiang zhitonggao	10		2005.01.06	FIA
<i>Moschus sp. & Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: zhanchong shisanwei wan	2		2005.01.06	FIA
<i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR	necklace	1	NIGERIA	2005.01.07	FIA
<i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR	medal	6			
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: shenma	3		2005.01.07	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: shenma	2	CHINA	2005.01.08	FIA
<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	4		2005.01.10	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: fenyouding	1		2005.01.11	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i>	MED		3	CHINA	2005.01.11	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao jiaonang	5		2005.01.11	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao jiaonang	1	CHINA	2005.01.11	FIA
<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	DER	head preparation	1	SOUTH AFRICA	2005.01.15	FIA

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<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	5	VIET-NAM	2005.01.17	FIA
<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	2		2005.01.22	FIA
<i>Boa constrictor</i>	DER	Hilt covered by skin	1		2005.01.24	FIA
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	DER	Sheath decorated with carapax	1			
<i>Chelonia mydas</i> & <i>Tayassuidae</i> sp.	DER	sheath decorated with carapax and tooth	1		2005.01.24	FIA
<i>Testudinidae</i> sp.	DER	Sheath with carapax	1			
<i>Orchis mascula</i>	MED	name of product: spur-m	1	INDIA	2005.01.27	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		1	USA	2005.02.02	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		1	USA	2005.02.07	FIA
<i>Malacochaersus tornieri</i>	LIV		30		2005.02.08	Police Szeged
<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		20			
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		6		2005.02.10	FIA
<i>Elephantidae</i>	LPS	wallet 95*170mm	14			
<i>Elephantidae</i>	LPS	wallet 95*110mm	11			
<i>Elephantidae</i>	LPS	wallet 70*110mm	5			
<i>Naja naja</i>	LPS	wallet 100*190mm	1		2005.02.12	FIA
<i>Naja naja</i>	LPS	wallet 95*110mm	7			
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	wallet 95*175mm	1			
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	Belt	3			
<i>Elephantidae</i>	LPS	belt	5			
<i>Crocodylia</i> sp.	LPS	belt	1			
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao pian	5	CHINA	2005.02.14	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		12	TANZANIA	2005.02.15	FIA
<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	2	THAILAND	2005.02.17	FIA
<i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	ROO		1		2005.02.18	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: xiangsha yangwei wan	5	CHINA	2005.02.18	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: qantianma jiaonang	4	CHINA	2005.02.18	FIA
<i>Python sebae</i>	LPS	bag	1		2005.02.21	FIA
<i>Tridacnidae</i>	SHE		2	INDONESIA	2005.02.22	FIA
<i>Tridacnidae</i>	SHE		3	EGYPT	2005.02.22	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		12	USA	2005.02.24	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		10		2005.02.28	FIA
<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	2		2005.03.01	FIA
<i>Hippocampus</i> sp.			1			
<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	2		2005.03.01	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	SKI	Skin of whole body	2	GABON	2005.03.02	Post
<i>Varanus niloticus</i>	DER	preparation	1	SUDAN	2005.03.09	FIA
<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i> & <i>Python sebae</i>	DER	Bowl decorated with python's skin and crocodile's head	2	SUDAN	2005.03.09	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		4		2005.03.09	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		1	TAHITI	2005.03.17	FIA
<i>Tridacnidae</i>	SHE		4			

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<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: longhu rendan	20		2005.03.19	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: zhuanggu shexiang zhitonggao	3		2005.03.19	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: shenma	2		2005.03.19	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: shenma	3		2005.03.19	FIA
<i>Dendrobium spp</i>	MED	name of product: jinsangzhi houpian	12		2005.03.19	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao jiaonag	6		2005.03.19	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao pian	6		2005.03.19	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyangjiao jiaonang	2		2005.03.19	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: zhuanggu shexiang zhitonggao	10		2005.03.19	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: longhu rendan	10		2005.03.19	FIA
<i>Hippocampus sp.</i>	BOD	dried	2	PUERTO RICO	2005.03.21	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		2			
<i>Strombus gigas</i>	SHE		2			
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		5	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	2005.03.22	FIA
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	DER	head preparation	1	USA	2005.03.22	FIA
<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		1		2005.03.31	BCP Röscke
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	DER	head preparation	1	USA	2005.04.04	FIA
<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	2	THAILAND	2005.04.05	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		1		2005.04.05	FIA
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	DER	head preparation	1	USA	2005.04.07	FIA
<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	8		2005.04.13	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR	Pectinia sp	1			
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	DER	head preparation	1	USA	2005.04.20	FIA
<i>Buteo buteo</i>	BOD		1		2005.04.29	BCP Röscke
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	DER	head preparation	3		2005.05.02	FIA
<i>Bletilla striata</i>	MED		1		2005.05.19	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingquiao jiedu wan	2		2005.05.19	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao pian	2		2005.05.19	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: intestine-fitting tablet	1		2005.05.19	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: shugan wan	50		2005.05.19	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: renshen jianpi wan	20			
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao pian	1		2005.05.19	FIA

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<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	50		2005.05.19	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	50		2005.05.19	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: shibawei ouquwan	12		2005.05.19	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang baoxin wan	1 +10 vials		2005.05.19	FIA
<i>Moshus & Panthera pardus & Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: tongren dahuoluo wan	50		2005.05.19	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: renshen jianpi wan	28			
<i>Cercopithecus sp.</i>	SKI		1			
<i>Cercopithecus sp.</i>	SKI	head's skin	1		2005.05.20	FIA
<i>Cercopithecus sp.</i>	SKU	skull	2			
<i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR	necklace	3			
<i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR	bracelet	2	NIGERIA	2005.05.22	FIA
<i>Bletilla striata</i>	MED	name of product: jiuhua zhichuang shuan	3		2005.05.22	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: tinaqi tongjing jiaonang	2		2005.05.22	FIA
<i>Python sebae</i>	LPS	belt	3			
<i>Varanus sp.</i>	LPS	belt	7		2005.05.24	
<i>Varanus sp.</i>	LPS	bag	15			
<i>Varanus sp.</i>	LPS	wallet	15			
<i>Python sebae</i>	LPS	bag	6			
			2			FIA
<i>Python sebae</i>	LPS	shoes	pairs		2005.05.31	
<i>Python sebae</i>	LPS	wallet	1			
<i>Varanus sp.</i>	LPS	wallet	2			
<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		63		2005.06.06	BCP Tompa
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: renshen jianpi wan	2	CHINA	2005.06.09	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: caoxiang weikang jiaonang	10	CHINA	2005.06.09	FIA
<i>Testudinidae sp</i>	MED		10	CHINA	2005.06.09	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: tianqi tongjing jionang	1	CHINA	2005.06.09	FIA
<i>Dendrobium spp</i>	MED	name of product: shihu mingmu wan	5		2005.06.20	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingquiao jiedu wan	3			
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhentong gao	2		2005.06.20	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: zhuanggu shexiang zhitonggao	10		2005.06.20	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED		4			
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: yinger jianpi san	1			
<i>Ptyas mucosus & Naja naja</i>	MED	name of product: futeling ruangao	1		2005.06.20	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: jingzhi goupai gao				
<i>Manis pentadactyla</i>	MED	name of product: jin wan hong				

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<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LIV	Ring no: A2B és A1L	1	INTERNAL	2005.06.27	BCP Kópháza
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LIV	2-3 weeks old, no ID	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LIV	ring no:A2A	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LIV	ring no:A13-01-L549	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LIV	ring no:A13-01-L550	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LIV	ring no:A13-00-L233	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LIV	ring no:A13-00-L234	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LIV	ring no:A13-00-L238	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LIV	ring no:RÖK A-03-05088-01-0004	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus x rusticolus</i>	LIV	ring no:A13.00L241	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus x rusticolus</i>	LIV	ring no:A1300L240 és GJ 14-05 H00 1128	1	INTERNAL	2005.06.27	BCP Kópháza
<i>Falco peregrinus x rusticolus</i>	LIV	ring no:A13-01-L-540	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus x rusticolus</i>	LIV	ring no:A13-01L538	1			
<i>Falco peregrinus x rusticolus</i>	LIV	ring no:A13-99-T546	1			
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: shisanxiang	2	CHINA	2005.06.28	FIA
<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	LIV		1		2005.07.02	BCP Méhkerék
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	SKI		1		2005.07.05	BCP Nagylak
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	SKI		1		2005.07.05	BCP Nagylak
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	DER/C LA	head and claw	1		2005.07.12	FIA
<i>Moschus sp. & Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: zhanchong shisanwei wan	1 pack (6/pack)	CHINA	2005.07.13	FIA
<i>Pericopsis elata</i>	SAW	sawn wood	4 pieces	GAMBIA	2005.07.14	
<i>Hippocampus sp & Gastrodia elata.</i>	MED		4		2005.07.27	FIA
<i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	ROO	root	1		2005.07.27	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: sanjiu weitaí jiaonang	3	CHINA	2005.07.27	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: ru pi xiao pian	6	CHINA	2005.07.27	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	10	CHINA	2005.07.27	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao pian	20			
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	10	CHINA	2005.07.27	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	7	CHINA	2005.08.12	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	55	CHINA	2005.08.12	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: wuji gao	1	CHINA	2005.08.12	FIA

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<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		5		2005.08.13	BCP Rösztke
<i>Testudo graeca</i>	LIV		2		2005.08.15	BCP Rösztke
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	SKI	skin	1		2005.08.24	BCP Nagylak
<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	LIV		1		2005.08.28	BCP Rösztke
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: shan shi wu wei chen xiang wan	4	CHINA	2005.08.30	FIA
<i>Dendrobium hybrid</i>	LIV		1		2005.08.31	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: xiaozhong zhitong ding	1	CHINA	2005.09.01	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: fuke desheng wan	2	CHINA	2005.09.01	FIA
<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		2		2005.09.02	BCP Nagylak
<i>Moschus spp</i>	MED	name of product: musk hemorrhoids suppository	1 & 2 tubes	CHINA	2005.09.05	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moschus</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	10	CHINA	2005.09.05	FIA
<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		37		2005.09.07	BCP Tompa
<i>Testudo marginata</i>	LIV		1			
<i>Testudo graeca</i>	LIV		1			
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: xiang gui huo xue gao	5	CHINA	2005.09.09	FIA
<i>Moschus spp</i>	MED	name of product: musk hemorrhoids suppository	1	CHINA	2005.09.09	FIA
<i>Bletilla striata</i>	MED	name of product: pipa zhike keli	1	CHINA	2005.09.09	FIA
<i>Bletilla striata</i>	MED	name of product: weikang jiaonang	6	CHINA	2005.09.09	FIA
<i>Moschus sp. & Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: tibetanmd	6	CHINA	2005.09.19	FIA
<i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	ROO	root	1	CHINA	2005.09.21	FIA
<i>Aquilaria sp.</i>	MED	name of product: qinghou liyan keli	28	CHINA	2005.09.21	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: tianqi tongjing jionang	5	CHINA	2005.09.21	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao pian	4	CHINA	2005.09.21	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: qiangli li ding xuan pian	3	CHINA	2005.09.22	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moschus</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	2	CHINA	2005.09.27	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: ru pi xiao pian	600	CHINA	2005.09.27	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	HOR		1	CHINA	2005.09.27	FIA

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<i>Bletilla striata</i>	MED	name of product: jilinzixin	2	CHINA	2005.09.28	FIA
<i>Bletilla striata</i>	MED		3	CHINA	2005.09.28	FIA
<i>Cibotium barometz</i>	MED	name of product: tiagou pian	3	CHINA	2005.09.28	FIA
<i>Bletilla striata</i>	MED		3	CHINA	2005.09.28	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang qutong chaji	1	CHINA	2005.09.29	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: shenma	7	CHINA	2005.09.29	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: qiangli tianma duzhong jiaonang	5	CHINA	2005.09.30	FIA
<i>Cibotium barometz</i>	MED	name of product: gentongping pian	12			
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: nongsuowan xiangsha yangwei wan	5	CHINA	2005.09.30	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: liugan wan	4	CHINA	2005.10.04	FIA
<i>Psittaciformes sp.</i>	LIV	<i>P.eximius, P. adsicutus, P.elegans, P.venustris, P. icterotis, P. haematonotus, P. anthopeplus, C. novaezzelandiae,</i>	265		2005.10.06	FIA
<i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	ROO	root	1	CHINA	2005.10.11	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: baoji wan	1	CHINA	2005.10.11	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: sanjiu weitai keli	60	CHINA	2005.10.11	FIA
<i>Varanus sp.</i>	LPS	watchstrap	1		2005.10.12	FIA
<i>Crocodylia sp.</i>	LPS	watchstrap	12			
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: tianma jiaonang	21	CHINA	2005.10.13	FIA
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	páncél		1		2005.11.04	FIA
<i>Testudo graeca</i>	LIV		1		2005.11.07	BCP Röske
<i>Cercopithecus mona</i>	LIV		1		2005.11.15	INTERNAL
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	belt	1		2005.11.15	FIA
<i>Strombus gigas</i>	SHE		1			
<i>Ara macao</i>	FEA	head-dress decorated with feather	1		2005.12.06	FIA
<i>Ara macao</i>	FEA	bow decorated with feather	1			
<i>Ara macao</i>	FEA	arrow decorated with feather	4			
<i>Dendrobium sp.</i>	MED	name of product: jinsangzhi houpian	50	CHINA	2005.12.20	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	2	CHINA	2005.12.20	FIA
<i>Crocodylia sp.</i>	LPS	watchstrap	1		2005.12.20	FIA
<i>Tupinambis sp.</i>	LPS	watchstrap	2			
<i>Cacatua pastinator</i>	LIV		1		2005.	
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	Name of product: tianma pian	2	CHINA	2006.01.06	FIA
<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	DER	Stuffed head	1	CANADA	2006.01.16	Budapest
<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		4		2006.01.20	INTERNAL

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<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		5		2006.01.27	INTERNAL
<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	LIV		1		2006.01.31	INTERNAL
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	LIV		2		2006.02.02	INTERNAL
<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	1		2006.02.08	FIA
<i>Strombus gigas</i>	SHE		1		2006.02.17	FIA
<i>Hippocampus sp.</i>	BOD	dried		VIET-NAM	2006.02.17	FIA
<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	1	VIET-NAM	2006.02.18	FIA
<i>Crocodylia sp.</i>	LPS	watchstrap	1371		2006.02.21	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus</i> & <i>Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: zhunaggu shexiang zhitonggao			2006.02.22	FIA
<i>Osteolamus tetraspis</i>	LPS	Bag	1	NIGERIA	2006.02.26	FIA
<i>Crocodylia sp.</i>	LPS	bag	18			
<i>Crocodylia sp.</i>	LPS	wallet	9			
<i>Crocodylia sp.</i>	LPS	belt	19			
<i>Python sebae</i>	LPS	bag	2			
<i>Python sebae</i>	SKI	383 cm long	1			
<i>Varanus sp.</i>	LPS	bag	1			
<i>Varanus sp.</i>	LPS	wallet	2			
<i>Varanus sp.</i>	LPS	Oval shape wallet	14			
<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	CAR	medal	1			
<i>Naja naja</i>	BOD	wine	2	VIET-NAM	2006.02.27	FIA
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	DER	head	1	USA	2006.03.02	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: lingyang ganmao jiaonang	3	CHINA	2006.03.03	FIA
<i>Naja naja</i>	LPL	Men's jacket	2	THAILAND	2006.03.07	FIA
<i>Accipenser sp</i>	CAV		34 tins		2006.04.01	BCP Nagylak
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: shugan pian	3	CHINA	2006.04.10	FIA
<i>Testudo kleinmanni</i>	LIV		18	EGYPT	2006.04.12	FIA
<i>Uromastyx sp</i>	LIV		36			
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	Key-case	2		2006.04.29	BCP Nagylak
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	bracelet	5			
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	necklace	1			
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	wallet	2			
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	belt	3			
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	Ring decorated with skin	20			
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	Bracelet decorated with skin	53			
<i>Python reticulatus</i>	LPS	key decorated with skin	7			
<i>Tridacnidae</i>	SHE		2	EGYPT	2006.05.15	FIA
<i>Naja sp.</i>	LPS	belt	6	MEXICO	2006.05.15	FIA
<i>Alligator sp.</i>	DER	head	1		2006.05.29	FIA
<i>Alligator sp.</i>	FOO		1			
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	DER	head	2	USA	2006.05.29	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: kaixiong xiaoshi pian	1	CHINA	2006.05.30	FIA
<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	BOD	wine	3	CANADA	2006.06.11	FIA
<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		200	SERBIA	2006.06.14	BCP Tompa

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<i>Ursidae sp</i>	MED		1	CHINA	2006.06.16	FIA
<i>Canis lupus</i>	SKI		1		2006.06.16	Eger
<i>Naja sp.</i>	BOD	wine	1	VIET-NAM	2006.06.20	FIA
<i>Malaxis acuminata</i> , <i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i> , <i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: dhanvantaram kwatham	6	CHINA	2006.06.23	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: angongh niuhunang wan	3		2006.06.23	FIA
<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		181	SERBIA	2006.06.26	BCP Röscke
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: musk hemorrhoids suppository	4		2006.06.27	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: anti hemorrhoids suppository	4			
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED		1		2006.06.27	FIA
<i>Bletilla striata</i>	MED	name of product: died wanhua you	15			
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: huoluo you	1			
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: dongfang huoxue gao	6		2006.06.27	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	5		2006.06.29	FIA
<i>Hirudo medicinalis</i>	LIV		20 kg		2006.07.12	BCP Röscke
<i>Malacochaersus tornieri</i>	LIV		55	SERBIA	2006.07.17	BCP Röscke
<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>	LIV		68			
<i>Geochelone radiata</i>	LIV		48			
<i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR	sculpture	2			FIA
<i>Crocodylia sp.</i>	LPS	bag	2			
<i>Crocodylia sp.</i>	LPS	belt	2			
<i>Genetta genetta</i>	LPS	bag	1	NIGERIA	2006.07.21	
<i>Struchio camelus</i>	LPS	bag	1			
<i>Struchio camelus</i>	LPS	wallet	2			
<i>Panthera pardus</i> & <i>Moshus</i>	MED	name of product: shexiang zhuanggu gao	95		2006.07.23	INTERNAL
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	SKI		1			FIA
<i>Leptairulus serval</i>	SKI		2			
<i>Crocodylia sp.</i>	LPS	bag	1	NIGERIA	2006.07.26	
<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	LPS	bag	1			
<i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	LPS	wallet	1			
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: tanqi tongjing jiaonang	4	CHINA	2006.07.27	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: tianqi tongjing jiaonang	4	CHINA	2006.07.27	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: lingyuan wanying cha	3	CHINA	2006.07.27	FIA
<i>Bletilla striata</i>	MED	name of product: died wanhua you	10	CHINA	2006.07.27	FIA

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<i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR	sculpture	1		2006.08.01	BCP Herczegszántó
<i>Cibotium barometz</i> <i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: zhuanggu guanije wan	10	CHINA	2006.08.22	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: naoxueshuan pian	9			
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: yuanshen'an pian	10			
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: tingli jiangxuezhhi jiaonang	5			
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: ru pi xiao pian	4			
<i>Tridacnidae</i>	SHE		2 pairs	BALI	2006.08.29	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: gu jin wan pian	6	CHINA	2006.08.30	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED		1	CHINA	2006.08.30	FIA
<i>Panthera pardus & Moshus</i> <i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	MED ROO	name of product: zhunaggu shexiang zhitonggao sliced root	5 1	CHINA	2006.08.30	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED		2	CHINA	2006.08.30	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: lingyuan wanying cha	2	CHINA	2006.08.30	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: xiaoyan zhentong gao	2	CHINA	2006.08.30	FIA
<i>Scleratinia</i>	COR		1		2006.09.	BCP at Nagykanizsa
<i>Elephantidae</i> <i>Elephantidae</i> <i>Elephantidae</i> <i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR CAR CAR CAR	necklace bracelet comb chopsticks	8 4 1 20	ANGOLA	2006.09.25	FIA
<i>Tridacna crocea</i> <i>Tridacmna squamosa</i>	LIV LIV		10 15			
<i>Python sebae</i> <i>Python sebae</i> <i>Varanus sp.</i>	LPS LPS LPS	wallet 13*9,5 cm wallet 21*10 cm wallet	6 2 7			
<i>Aquilaria sp.</i>	MED		1		2006.10.02	FIA
<i>Moshus spp</i>	MED	name of product: zhuanggu shexiang zhitonggao	4		2006.10.02	FIA
<i>Saiga tatarica</i> <i>Saussurea costus</i> <i>Moshus & Panthera pardus & Gastrodia elata</i> <i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED MED MED MED	name of product: niuhuang jiangya wan name of product: shugan wan name of product: tongren dahuoluo wan name of product: chai hu shugan wan	450 28 24 43		2006.10.02	FIA
<i>Ursidae sp</i>	MED	name of product: yichen brand changbai bear gall powder	1		2006.10.17	FIA

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<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: toutongning jiaonang	13		2006.10.17	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: gastrodin tablets	15		2006.10.17	FIA
<i>Ursidae sp</i>	MED	name of product: yicheng brand changbai bear gall powder	1			
<i>Ursidae sp</i>	MED	name of product: yicheng brand changbai bear gall powder	2		2006.10.17	FIA
<i>Acipenser güldenstaedtii</i>	CAV	fake caviar in original tins	230 tins	MONGOLIA	2006.10.21	FIA
<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	BOD	Stuffed	2	SYRIA	2006.10.24	FIA
<i>Testudo graeca</i>	LIV		7		2006.11.03	BCP Röske
<i>Crocodylus acutus</i>	BOD	Stuffed	1	CUBA	2006.11.03	FIA
<i>Melanochelys tricarinata</i>	LIV		6			
<i>Malacochaersus tornieri</i>	LIV		12			
<i>Geochelone pardalis</i>	LIV		20	SERBIA	2006.11.06	BCP Röske
<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV		3			
<i>Indotestudo elongata</i>	LIV		1			
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: niuhuang jiangya wan	239			FIA
<i>Aquilaria sp. & Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: shugan wan	15		2006.11.06	
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: chai hu shugan wan	11			
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	MED	name of product: niuhuang jiangya wan	1		2006.11.06	FIA
<i>Saussurea costus</i>	MED	name of product: ru pi xiao pian	1		2006.11.06	FIA
<i>Gastrodia elata</i>	MED	name of product: donfang huoxue gao	3		2006.11.06	FIA
<i>Crocodylia sp.</i>	LPS	wallet	10	NIGERIA	2006.12.12	FIA
<i>Testudo graeca</i>	LIV		2		2006.12.15	FIA
<i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR	bracelet	2			FIA
<i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR	Earring/key-case	2			
<i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR	Sculpture	1			
<i>Elephantidae</i>	CAR	envelope knife	1			
<i>Platycercus eximius</i>	LIV		32	from SLOVAKIA to UKRAINE	2006.	BCP Sátorajaujhely
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	LIV		1		2006.	Internal
<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	LIV	female	1		2006.	Internal
<i>Papio hamadryas</i>	LIV	female,	1		2006.	Internal
<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	LIV		1		2006.	Internal

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<i>Macaca arctoides</i>	LIV	female	1		2006.	internal

FIA= Ferihegy International Airport

BCP= Border Crossing Point

Capacity building and public awareness activities

Capacity building activities:

According to our national legislation, environment, nature conservation and water inspectorates are responsible for regional enforcement issues, such as keeping registration, inspections and issuing domestic CITES documents. One officer in each inspectorate is assigned to deal with CITES. These officers have been educated several times – on CITES, EU Wildlife Trade Regulations and national provisions with regard to protection of and trade in plants and animals.

In April 2005 a conference on environmental crime was organized by the Ministry of Environment and Water in cooperation with the Police Headquarters to strengthen co-operation in this field. The Management Authority gave a presentation about CITES and wildlife trade issues at the conference.

On 16-17 June 2005, a regional workshop was held in Budapest on EU Wildlife Trade regulations in Central and Eastern Europe. The workshop was organized by RSPCA International and its aim was developing regional collaboration in fighting against wildlife crime. Participants were police, customs officers, wildlife inspectors and members of CITES Management Authorities from 13 countries. The representatives of the CITES Secretariat and EU Commission were also participated.

In January 2006, Hungarian CITES Management Authority launched a training programme for customs, border police, veterinary and phytosanitary officers on CITES and EU wildlife trade regulations. In the frame of the project, the MA visited all border points designated as entry points for CITES specimens and internal headquarters where the staff of the different authorities have been trained together on the legislation relating to wildlife trade and their role in enforcement. MA visited 14 places and trained altogether 578 officers. Ministry of Environment and Water signed bilateral cooperation agreements with Hungarian Customs

and Finance Guard and with the Border Police. According to these contracts customs and border police officers are being trained occasionally, but such large scale training programme with the participation of 3 different authorities has never been organized before. This project was a good example of the cooperation of 4 different ministries for the protection of endangered species.



Border police officers during ID exercise

On 7-9 June, a 3-days training seminar was held for police officers in Hungary. The course was facilitated by RSPCA and coorganized by the CITES Management Authority and RSPCA. Participants were criminal investigators from the 19 county headquarters, from the National Investigation Agency, Airport Police, Motorway Police and from the central office. These officers are responsible coordinators for environmental and wildlife crime issues within the police. Beside Hungarian speakers, foreign trainers with great experience in CITES trade controls and investigation wildlife crime were invited from Germany, Norway and the UK. The program contained information on the most important regulations relating to wildlife crime, investigation techniques, case studies and a lot of practical exercises. The project was followed by a one-day follow-up seminar in February 2007, where the same participants had the opportunity to report their cases, experiences, discuss problematic issues. A prosecutor and a judge, who have experience on the field of wildlife crime were also participated in the discussion and made useful suggestions with regard to the investigation of such cases.

A member of the Hungarian CITES MA got a full scholarship from the International University of Andalucia and attended the 5th Master's Degree Course on "Management, Access, Conservation and Trade in Species: The International Framework".

Public awareness activities:

After aiming at the tourists and the general public, in the years 2005 and 2006 the Management Authority initiated a campaign with the objective of raising awareness among children in schools. For this occasion we have launched our webpage (www.cites.hu) and printed posters which were sent to all - more than 3000 - primary and secondary schools in the country. From March 2006 till the end of the year the visitors of the webpage counted ca. 10 000. Tenders were invited among students to prepare boardgames and computerized games regarding CITES issues – from which the winner boardgame will be realized. Two NGO-s, WWF Hungary and REX Animal Welfare Foundation have helped our work.

PR campaign aiming tourists in autumn 2006 was continued separately. Leaflets were produced with games for children and distributed through tourist offices. A special CITES-game, called 'Catch the smuggled goods!' was translated into Hungarian and put on the Hungarian CITES website as well. Additionally a 70.000 suitcase lockets were published in the frame of the campaign.



The CITES campaign poster for schools

CITES-Related Research Projects in Course in Hungary

Most of the populations of animal species listed on CITES appendices and native to Hungary have been monitored by nature conservation authorities and NGOs. These include, *inter alia*, Great White Egret (*Casmerodius albus*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Pintail (*Anas acuta*), Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*), Teal (*Anas crecca*), Wiegong (*Anas penelope*), Garganey (*Anas querquedula*), Red-breasted Goose (*Branta ruficollis*) and Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*).

Wolf (*Canis lupus*) and Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*)

LIFE project: 'Establishing the Longterm Protection of Lynx and Wolf in Hungary'

2002-2006

Ministry of Environment and Water, Szent István University, Gödöllő

Eurasian Lynx and the Wolf disappeared from Hungary in the 1930's. Neither of the species were detected in the Hungarian fauna until 1970. In the following period there was not any reliable information about the occurrences or recolonisation, except for some occasional observations.

Recently small, but possibly breeding populations of Wolves have been found in the Northeastern region of the country. Youngs have also been recorded. However, little is known about reproduction or the site and the stability of the occurrences.



Eurasian lynx (photo: Levente Körösi)

The aims of the project are the monitoring of the spontaneous recolonisation of large carnivores, the establishment of a unified national database and the collection of reliable data on the occurrences.

Furthermore, the elaboration of the protection policy of these species based on the information obtained is also

included among the aims of the project in order to ensure the establishment of stable and reproductive populations of Wolf and Lynx.

First, the protection plans have been processed, which help standardize their management. A complete national database including all earlier occurrence records (skulls and furs) and registering future observations has been established. A biomonitoring system to analyse the recent status of these species has been launched. 15-20 specialists with charter have been trained for this monitoring. European countries, such as Slovakia, have been contacted where stable populations of these species have been recently studied in order to use these experiences in the training of field-experts and to harmonise monitoring methods.

In parallel, the assessment methods of the damages will be elaborated which will ensure that specialists can assess the possible wildlife damages caused by large carnivores. This will lay the grounds for the compensation system.

The characteristics of the habitat use of Lynx and Wolf was planned to be studied by radiotelemetry and GIS techniques. Due to the lack of successful trapping of individuals for telemetry study a new method, namely the analysis of hair collected from songbirds nest was developed for establishing the habitat use. Food preference is also researched by excrement analysis. Genetic analysis of the collected hair was planned to enable the tracking of movements of the specimens and the establishment of a genetic database. Based on the results, agreements will hopefully be made with the three large forestry companies of this region in order to form such model areas where natural forest management will be pursued that is favourable for these carnivores.

This project was implemented between 2001 and 2006.

Eurasian Otter (*Lutra lutra*)

- Monitoring along the Tisza River and its tributaries (Hungarian Foundation for Otter Protection)
- Monitoring at Hungarian fish farming ponds and reservoirs (Hungarian Foundation for Otter Protection)
- Investigating the effects of extensive and intensive farming on the feeding practices of Otters (University of Kaposvár)
- Investigating the effects of heavy metal and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) pollution on the Eurasian Otter (University of Kaposvár)
- Research on food preference at Lake Balaton

Great Bustard (*Otís tarda*)

The Great Bustard is a strictly protected species in Hungary. According to Act no. LIII of 1996 on Nature Conservation in Hungary, collection, capture, killing, possession, training, exchange or sale and purchase of any individual is prohibited. Authorization shall only be granted out of nature conservation or other public interest. No exemption is granted. Some specimens of Great Bustard are kept in captivity at Dévaványa Great Bustard Rescue Station and some in zoos in Hungary. No specimen is in private possession.

Most of the leks and breeding areas of the Great Bustard are legally protected however a significant extent of the habitats, mostly arable lands important for the species, are not included in the traditional protected area system.

Research has been carried out in the following areas to ensure the longterm protection of the species:

- Captive breeding centre
- Monitoring the success of release programs
- Monitoring the population size and trends
- Monitoring the effects of habitat management
- Carrying out comparative ecological studies
- Investigating factors limiting breeding



Great bustard (photo: Béla Motkó)

success

- Studying migration

LIFE project has been started in 2004 (involves comprehensive monitoring programme – population, habitat, mortality data collection, predator monitoring).

Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*)

Duna-Dráva National Park, BirdLife Hungary and other local NGO's

- Country-wide monitoring
- Migration research (colour marking)
- Habitat preference
- Further research should focus on factors affecting breeding and breeding success

Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*)

- Monitoring
- Colour marking
- Habitat use
- Dispersion
- Survival

Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*)

BirdLife Hungary

- Monitoring of distribution
- Further research should focus on habitat preference, nesting, threats, the significance of lead poisoning and the effect of other species on the Ferruginous Duck

Imperial Eagle (*Aquila heliaca*)

- Habitat use (Evaluate habitat quality in relation to land-use practices and develop habitat management guidelines)
- Researching wintering areas (by radiotelemetry, satellite tracking)
- Nest monitoring
- Genetic identification from feathers

LIFE project was implemented (2002-2005)

White-tailed Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*)

- Colour marking to track migration route, to gather information on feeding and to identify the origin of wintering birds (earlier no ring marking was carried out due to the sensitiveness of the species)
- Monitoring wintering and nesting population and breeding success
- Population-dynamics

Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*)

LIFE project has been started in 2006:

- Intensive monitoring to obtain data on nesting, food preference, behaviour and distribution (marking by rings, and using satellite telemetry)
- Monitoring of *Spermophilus citellus*
- Further research is necessary to investigate the effects of pesticides used against rodents, the prey of the species (chemical analysis of addled eggs is involved in the LIFE project).

Red-footed Falcon (*Falco vespertinus*)

LIFE project has been started in 2006:

- Research on the biology of its breeding

- For the protection of the species the continuous monitoring of Rook (*Corvus frugilegus*) populations is essential since Red-footed Falcons breed in Rook nests
- Integrated population monitoring and data analysis

Eagle Owl (*Bubo bubo*)

- Reintroduction programme
- Monitoring

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)

- Genetic studies to investigate dispersion, the movement of males and females
- Investigating the effectiveness of artificial nest boxes

Common Crane (*Grus grus*)

- Monitoring of major resting areas during migration (

Meadow Viper (*Vipera ursinii rakosiensis*)

- Distribution mapping
- Population genetics
- Preparing the vegetation map of the habitat
- Investigating sex-ratio, age-pattern and food basis
- Radiotelemetry to investigate temperature regulation and home range
- Wintering of youngs
- Establishing the Meadow Viper Centre
 - semi-natural habitat (fencing parts of original habitat)
 - breeding specimens taken from the wild to ensure high breeding success
 - release
 - release-capture monitoring

LIFE project has been started in 2004 (Kiskunság National Park Directorate, Birdlife Hungary):

- Ex-situ protection (Establishment of Viper Conservation and Breeding Centre)
- Captive breeding programme
- Habitat restoration and protection
- Monitoring of habitats of the species

Sterlet (*Acipenser ruthenus*)

- Reintroduction programme by WWF Hungary since 2002, restocking approximately 10.000 specimens each year into the Hungarian stretch of the Danube
- Investigating population dynamics in the Tisza River (Institute of Fish Farming, Szarvas)
- The possibilities for preserving endangered Sturgeons by the method of sperm deep freezing (Szent István University, Gödöllő)

Population monitoring and mapping have been carried out by national park directorates for the following native plant species listed in the CITES appendices:

Arnica montana*, *Cypripedium calceolus*, *Menyanthes trifoliata*, *Ophrys insectifera*, *Ophrys sphegodes*, *Orchis coriophora*, *Sternbergia colchiciflora*, *Hammarbya paludosa*, *Himantoglossum adriaticum*, *Himantoglossum caprinum*, *Spiranthes aestivalis*, *Traunsteinera globosa*, *Liparis loeselii

Conservation Action Plans were set up in 2005 for the following 2 species: Lady's Slipper orchid (*Cypripedium calceolus*) and Fen orchid (*Liparis loeselii*):

Lady's Slipper orchid (*Cypripedium calceolus*)

- Monitoring of habitats of the species
- Certain populations were fenced and guarded by national park rangers
- Reproductive and pollination mechanism is going to be studied by Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest



Lady slipper orchid (photo: Levente Kőrösi)

Fen orchid (*Liparis loeselii*)

- Monitoring of habitats of the species (the Hungarian occurrences of *L. loeselii* are unique in Europe, since it lives on floating mats, in contrary to the rest of Europe, where the species lives on plain fens and temporary marshes)
- Study at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest has been focused on reproductive and pollination mechanism, which has been driven by a need to cultivate orchids in order to aid re-introduction programmes
 - Asymbiotic in vitro and symbiotic in situ germination
 - Fungal partner were identified by the DNA-based method ITS sequence analysis
 - Investigation of symbiotic fungi diversity in case of terrestrial and floating mats
 - In-situ study of the 1st transmitted self-pollination

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