

A. General information

Party	BULGARIA
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2007 to 31 December 2008
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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 type="checkbox"/> Yes (partly) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information/unknown <input type="checkbox"/>				
2	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following details: Title and date: _____ Status: _____ Brief description of contents: Since 1 January 2007 Bulgaria has become party of European Union and implements EU Regulation 338/97 on protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein. In november 2007 an amendment akt to the Biological Diversity Act was enacted in order to harmonise the national legislation with the EU Regulation 338/97.					
3	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>				
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted.	legislation attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> provided previously <input type="checkbox"/> not available, will send later <input type="checkbox"/>				
5	Which of the following issues are addressed by any stricter domestic measures that your country has adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention)?	Tick all applicable				
	The conditions for:	The complete prohibition of:				
Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
Trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possession	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional comments	Complete prohibitions exists for protected native species and Appendix I species taken from the wild. Prohibition has been imposed for keeping of wild species of Felines and Primates outside the zoos and Rescue Centers.					

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?		Tick all applicable		
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information
	Powers of CITES authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Clarity of legal obligations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Control over CITES trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implementing regulations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coherence within legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please provide details if available:					
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			No	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please provide details if available: Since 2003 a Regulation for minimum requirements of keeping animals in zoos is in place. The regulation serves as a base for evaluation of the existing facilities in the zoos. It is a base also for the decisions about issuance of import permits for Appendix I animals. An amendment regulation was prepared in the end of 2008 and will be enacted in 2009.					
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:				

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	No information
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?			
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Border controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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	<p>If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.</p> <p>In 2008 a penalty was imposed for trade with illegally imported and traded on the domestic market parrots and monkies (See line 5 below).</p>			
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	<p>If information available:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations</p> <p>If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.</p>	<p>Number</p> <p>4 cases</p> <p>See Annex 1</p>		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex.			
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?	Tick if applicable		
	- Return to country of export			<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Public zoos or botanical gardens			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Designated rescue centres			<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Approved, private facilities			<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Euthanasia			<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Other (specify)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Both specimens of Gray Parrot (<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>) described in line 5 were sold by the Government according to the national legislation.			
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:			
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
15	If Yes, please describe:			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input checked="" 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	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. See Annex 2	
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory.	
5	How many staff work in each MA? 4 experts	
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation: The percentage of the time spend on CITES issues depends of the number of cases arised.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.	
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken	

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.	
3	Has your country designated a Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country?	Tick if applicable
	- Government institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Academic or research institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Permanent committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Pool of individuals with certain expertise	<input type="checkbox"/>

	- Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? Since 2003 a special CITES Scientific council with 14 experts has been working to support the CITES MA in implementation of the Convention.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?		Tick if applicable
	- Botany		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Ecology		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Fisheries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Forestry		<input 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?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).	
3	Is there 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: Biodiversity Division, 'National Nature protection Service' Directorates in the Ministry of Environment and Water and 'Tariff Policy' Division in the National Custom Agency	
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized?	Tick if applicable																												
	- Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
	- Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
	- Permit issuance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																												
	- Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>																												
	- Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>																												
2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet?	Tick if applicable																												
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3	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on CITES species?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																												

4	If Yes, does it provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislation (national, regional or international)? - Conservation status (national, regional, international)? - Other (please specify)? 	Tick if applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Is it available through the Internet: Please provide URL: http://www.moew.government.bg/ and http://www.chm.moew.government.bg/	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Do the following authorities have access to the following publications? Tick if applicable		
	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority
2005 Checklist of CITES Species (book)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2005 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identification Manual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CITES Handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?		
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mortality in transport? - Seizures and confiscations? - Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded? Comments: The Customs are obliged by law to report of any seizures and confiscations. The Minister of Environment and Water is empowered to decide about the final disposal of the confiscated specimens.		Tick if applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements? If Yes, please give the URL: http://chm.moew.government.bg/nnps/IndexDetails.cfm?vID=5	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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press releases/conferences - Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances - Brochures, leaflets - Presentations - Displays - Information at border crossing points - Telephone hotline - Other (specify) Please attach copies of any items as Annex.		Tick if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D5 *Permitting and registration procedures*

1	Have any changes in permit format or the designation and signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the Secretariat?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
			Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>			
If no, please provide details of any:						
Changes in permit format:						
Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials:						
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?		Tick if applicable			
			Yes	No	No information	
	Permit issuance/acceptance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Registration of traders		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Registration of producers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued or denied in the two year period? (Note that actual trade is normally reported in the Annual Report by Parties. This question refers to issued documents).					
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	41	16	3	33	No permits for introduction from the sea were issued.
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?					
Year 2	How many documents were issued?	251	16	2	10	No permits for introduction from the sea were issued.
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	2			1	
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of severe omissions or mis-information?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5	If Yes, please give the reasons for this. The usual reason of cancellation and replacement of CITES documents is the change of the importer (in case of export) or expired validity of the import permits because of late issuance of the (re-) export documents from the country of (re-) export.					
6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from other countries.		Tick if applicable			
	Reason	Yes	No	No information		
	Technical violations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Suspected fraud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Comments: Only for export of caviar harvested from the wild						

8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? 16 times for each application for import of Appendix I listed species and some application for import of Annex II species where the stricter domestic measures of the EU legislation are applicable.	
9	Has the Management Authority charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issuance of CITES documents: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Harvesting of CITES-listed species : <input type="checkbox"/> - Use of CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Importing of CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> 	Tick if applicable
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. 1. Issuance of CITES import or export permits or re-export certificate for native species for Bulgaria - 30 BG leva (Appr. 15 Euro) for each species. 2. Issuance of CITES import permits for non native species for Bulgaria - 45 BG leva (Appr. 23 Euro) for each species. 3. Issuance of CITES import or export permits or re-export certificate the zoos, botanical gardens, circuses, delphinariums, expositions of plants and animals and for specimens museums and scientific institutions - 25 BG leva (Appr. 12,80 Euro) for the permit. 4. Registration of breeding operation for Appendix – I species and caviar processing and exporting plants – 300 BG leva (App. 154 Euro).	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entirely: <input type="checkbox"/> - Partly: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Not at all: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not relevant: <input type="checkbox"/> Comments: The revenue comes into the Enterprise for Management of Environmental Protection Activities (EMEPA) in the Ministry of Environment and Water. EMEPA finances the running cost of the designated CITES Rescue Centers.	Tick if applicable
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 type="checkbox"/>
	- Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Party to accede to the Convention?	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	Have measures been taken 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. 'National Nature Protection Service' Directorates in the Ministry of Environment and Water is only the body authorised to administrate the implementation of the biodiversity -related Conventions.		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Improvement of national networks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.			
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been identified within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
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E. General feedback

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

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

Question	Item		
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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D4 (10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes, Comments	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ANNEX 1

Confiscations

One case was recorded in 2007:

- a) a package received by parcel post. It was contained 10 bracelets made from Black Corals *Antipathes* sp., origin U.S.A. Action taken: confiscated, no penalties had been imposed.

Three cases were recorded in 2008 with total number of 7 specimens involved, as follow:

- a) three specimens of *Crocodylus niloticus* (one stuffed and two skins), origin Sudan. Action taken: seized, appealed in the court, no further information;
- b) one specimen of *Ara ararauna* and one *Clorocebus aethiops* (Live, unknown origin) detected on the local market. Action taken: confiscated and imposed penalty;
- c) two specimens *Psittacus erithacus* (Live, unknown origin) - detected on the local market. Action taken: confiscated and imposed penalty.

ANNEX 2

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