

PART 1 - CITES QUESTIONS

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A. General information

Party	Latvia
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2008	1 January 2007 to 31 December 2008
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Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	

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: Title and date: _____ Status: _____ 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				
	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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	Latvia as one of the Member States of the European Community implements CITES through Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 both of which are directly applicable within the European Community.					

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

5	If information available: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex. Please find Annex I (4 pages).	Number 10 75		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Euthanasia			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Dead specimens and products are displayed in permanent CITES exhibitions for educative and public awareness, tubes with cosmetic products have been destroyed under customs supervision.			
11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (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: CITES MA of Latvia provided information and investigative assistance in <i>Ursus arctus</i> cosmetic products with ingredients of Brown bear (balsams and creams with fat and gall) exported from Russian Federation.			
14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
15	If Yes, please describe:			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Mainly reviews carried out by TRAFFIC and EU.			
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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.		
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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? 2 civil servants		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if applicable	
	- Administration		<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Biology		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Economics/trade		<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Law/policy		<input 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 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.		
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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	- Permanent committee		<input type="checkbox"/>				
	- Pool of individuals with certain expertise		<input type="checkbox"/>				
	- Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>				
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? Natural History Museum of Latvia – 2 part time officials University of Latvia Institute of Biology – 1 part time official University of Latvia Faculty of Biology – 1 part time official						
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>				
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if applicable					
	- Botany		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	- Ecology		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	- Fisheries		<input type="checkbox"/>				
	- Forestry		<input type="checkbox"/>				
	- Welfare		<input type="checkbox"/>				
	- Zoology		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	- Other (specify)		<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 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	To date, has your country advised the Secretariat of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).			
3	Has your country established a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under consideration <input type="checkbox"/>
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>		
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:			
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

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

4	<p>If Yes, does it provide information on: Tick if applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislation (national, regional or international)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Conservation status (national, regional, international)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Other (please specify)? <input type="checkbox"/> 																				
5	<p>Is it available through the Internet: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No information <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please provide URL: www.dap.gov.lv; www.dabasmuzejs.gov.lv; www.vid.gov.lv</p>																				
6	<p>Do the following authorities have access to the following publications? Tick if applicable</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Publication</th> <th style="width: 16.6%;">Management Authority</th> <th style="width: 16.6%;">Scientific Authority</th> <th style="width: 16.6%;">Enforcement Authority</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species</i> (book)</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices</i> (CD-ROM)</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Identification Manual</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>CITES Handbook</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species</i> (book)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices</i> (CD-ROM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Identification Manual</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>CITES Handbook</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?																				
8	<p>Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on: Tick if applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mortality in transport? <input type="checkbox"/> - Seizures and confiscations? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>Comments:</p>																				
9	<p>Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No information <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please give the URL: www.dap.gov.lv; www.dabasmuzejs.gov.lv; www.vid.gov.lv</p>																				
10	<p>Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public? Tick if applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press releases/conferences <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Brochures, leaflets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Presentations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Displays <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Information at border crossing points <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Telephone hotline <input type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <p>Please attach copies of any items as Annex. Please find Annex II.</p>																				
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 type="checkbox"/>		
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
			Not applicable	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Registration of producers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?	261	4	10		
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	2	0	0		
	Year 2					
	How many documents were issued?	258	0	7		
	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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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						
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? Approximately twice per month.					
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"/>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Harvesting of CITES-listed species : <input type="checkbox"/> - Use of CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Importing of CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/>
10	<p>If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. For issuance of CITES documents are established state tax and the income form state tax are transferred to State Treasury of Latvia.</p> <p>Fees for purpose codes T – 8 LVL, Q – 6 LVL, B,E,G,M,N,S – 3 LVL.</p> <p>Fees for purpose codes H, L,P, Z – no fees.</p>
11	<p>Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? Tick if applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entirely: <input type="checkbox"/> - Partly: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not at all: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not relevant: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>Comments:</p>
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D6 Capacity building

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

3	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?						Details
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.						
	Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	
	Staff of Management Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	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; Nature Protection Board of Latvia (CITES MA) during reporting period (January 2007 – December 2008) gave full attention to capacity building activities. The Nature Protection Board of Latvia (CITES MA) organized numerous training seminars and workshops on CITES. The objective of the training was to give all authorities more deep knowledge about CITES (local plant species, TCM etc.), including how to control shipments and permits, main groups of species on CITES and EU Regulations. In total, 187 customs officers, 40 environmental inspectors have been trained and supplied with education material.						

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 consultations used by the MA to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SA(s), Customs, police, others):		
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
	Annually	None	No information
	Other (specify)		
	Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consultations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	At the national level have there been any efforts to collaborate with:	Tick if applicable	Details if available
	Agencies for development and trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Local authorities or communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Indigenous peoples	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Trade or other private sector associations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	NGOs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the MA and the following agencies?		Tick if applicable
	SA		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Customs		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Police		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other border authorities (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other government agencies		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Private sector bodies		<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGOs		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify) Agreement between CITES MA and Riga National Zoo		<input checked="" 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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D8 Areas for future work

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority?			
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Improvement of national networks	<input 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
			No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
			No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.			
6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
			No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

E. General feedback

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

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

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

ANNEX - PROPOSED BIENNIAL REPORT FORMAT

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Note: Questions in Part 2 are additional to those in Part 1, and relate to information on the provisions of the EC Regulations (Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 and Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006) that fall outside the scope of CITES.

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

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1b	If not already provided under questions B (2) and B (4), please provide details of any national legislation that has been updated in this reporting period and attach the full legislative text.						
2b	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any additional Regulation -relevant legislation, other than that reported under question B (2) or above, please provide the following details:						
	Title and date:		Status:				
	Brief description of contents:						
5b	Has your country adopted any stricter domestic measures, other than those reported under question B(5), specifically for non CITES-listed species ² ?						
	Tick all applicable categories below that these categories apply to.						
	Issue	The conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
		Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
	Trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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						
8b	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i> ?						
		Yes	No	No information			
	Introduction of live Regulation-listed species into the Community that would threaten the indigenous fauna and flora (in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2 (d)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Marking specimens to facilitate identification (in accordance with Article 19, paragraph 1 (iii)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Please provide details if available:						
9b	Please provide the following details about Regulations-related violations:						
	i) Maximum penalties that may be imposed;						
	ii) Or any other additional measures taken in relation to implementation of the Regulation not reported on in question B (9).						

² In this questionnaire, "non CITES-listed species" refers to species that are listed in the Regulation Annexes, but not in the CITES Appendices. They include some species in Annexes A and B and all those in Annex D.

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

2b	Have any actions, in addition to those reported in C (2-9) above, been taken for Regulation-related violations?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
9b	Please provide the following details about Regulations-related violations: i) Maximum sanctions which have been imposed over this reporting period; ii) The outcomes of any prosecutions;	
16b	Has there been any review or assessment of Regulation-related enforcement, in addition to that reported under C (16) above?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	
18 new	Have specimens been marked to establish whether they were born and bred in captivity? (In accordance with <i>Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006</i> , Article 66)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	
19 new	Have any monitoring activities been undertaken to ensure that the intended accommodation for a live specimen at the place of destination is adequately equipped to conserve and care for it properly? (In accordance with Article 4 paragraph 1 (c) of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i>).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	
20 new	Have national action plans for co-ordination of enforcement, with clearly defined objectives and timeframes been adopted, and are they harmonized and reviewed on a regular basis? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIa.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	
21 new	Do enforcement authorities have access to specialized equipment and relevant expertise, and other financial and personnel resources? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIb.) If yes, please provide details.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	
22 new	Do penalties take into account inter alia the market value of the specimens and the conservation value of the species involved in the offence, and the costs incurred? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIc.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	

23 new	Are training and/or awareness raising activities being carried out for a) enforcement agencies, b) prosecution services, and c) the judiciary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph II d.)	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
24 new	Are regular checks on traders and holders such as pet shops, breeders and nurseries being undertaken to ensure in-country enforcement? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph II g.)	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
25 new	Are risk and intelligence assessment being used systematically in order to ensure thorough checks at border-crossing points as well as in-country? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph II h.)	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
26 new	Are facilities available for the temporary care of seized or confiscated live specimens, and are mechanisms in place for their long-term re-homing, where necessary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III i.)	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
27 new	Is cooperation taking place with relevant enforcement agencies in other Member States on investigations of offences under Regulation No. (EC) 338/97? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III e.)	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
28 new	Is assistance being provided to other Member States with the temporary care and long-term re-homing of seized or confiscated live specimens? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III j.)	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

29 new	Is liaison taking place with CITES MAs and law enforcement agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community as well as the CITES Secretariat, ICPO, Interpol and the World Customs Organization to help detect, deter and prevent illegal trade in wildlife through the exchange of information and intelligence? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIIk.)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
30 new	Is advice and support being provided to CITES MAs and law enforcement agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community to facilitate legal and sustainable trade through correct application of procedures? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIIl.)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

8b	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to non CITES-listed species or technical issues (e.g. species identification) not covered in D2 (8) and D2 (9)?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 new	Has the Commission and the CITES Secretariat (if relevant) been informed of the outcomes of any investigations that the Commission has considered it necessary be made? (In accordance with Article 14 paragraph 2 of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i>)?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

8b	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to non CITES listed species?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>				
9b	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.						
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
No information							<input type="checkbox"/>

11 new	How many Scientific Review Group (SRG) meetings have the SA attended? Indicate any difficulties that rendered attendance to the SRG difficult:	Number	2
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D3 Enforcement Authorities

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

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

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

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

9b	Has the Management Authority charged fees for any Regulation-related matters not covered in question D5 (9)? If yes, please provide details of these Regulation-related matters and the amount of any such fees.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 new	Can you indicate the percentage of permits/certificates issued that are returned to the MA after endorsement by customs?	Percentage : 97 %	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 new	Has a list of places of introduction and export in your country been compiled in accordance with Article 12 of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i> ? If yes, please attach.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 new	Have persons and bodies been registered in accordance with Articles 18 and 19 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 new	Have Scientific institutions been registered in accordance with Article 60 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 new	Have breeders been approved in accordance with Article 63 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 new	Have Caviar (re-)packaging plants been licensed in accordance with Article 66 (7) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 new	Are phytosanitary certificates used in accordance with Article 17 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

20 new	Have cases occurred where export permits and re-export certificates were issued retrospectively in accordance with Article 15 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

D8 Areas for future work

2b	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific suspensions or negative opinions adopted by the European Commission? (In accordance with Article 4 (6)).	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
4b	Have any constraints to implementation of the Regulation, not reported under question D8 (4), arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

Annex I (Section C)

Seizures and confiscations of CITES specimens in Latvia Years 2007 and 2008

A) Seizures with confiscations of CITES specimens by the State Environmental Service in 2007-2008

Description of Specimen	Scientific Name of Specimen	Amount	Country of Origin
Tubes with cosmetic products	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	227	Russian Federation
Flowers	<i>Dactylorhiza baltica</i>	14	Latvia
Live specimens	<i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	6	Unknown
Pieces of coral	<i>Acropora</i> sp.	1	Sri Lanka
Pieces of coral	<i>Acropora</i> sp.	1	Unknown
Fur coat	<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	1	Unknown

B) Seizures with confiscations of CITES specimens by the Custom Authorities in 2007-2008

Information about confiscated CITES specimens in year 2007

Description of Specimen	Scientific Name of Specimen	Amount	Country of Origin
Bearskin	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	1	Kazakhstan
Trophy - bearskin	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	1	Russian Federation
Tubes with cosmetic products	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	2313 tubes	Russian Federation
Stuffed crocodile	<i>Crocodylus siamensis</i>	1	Thailand
Neck ornament with crocodile tooth	<i>Crocodylus siamensis</i>	1	Thailand
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Ophiophagus hannah</i>	1	Russian Federation
Briefcase of snake's skin	<i>Python reticulatus</i>	1	Thailand
Purse of snake's skin	<i>Python reticulatus</i>	1	Thailand
Seahorse in bottle with alcohol	<i>Hippocampus</i> sp.	1	Uzbekistan
Vacuum packing with traditional Oriental medicine	<i>Hippocampus</i> sp.	2	Russian Federation
Jars with caviar	<i>Accipensiformes</i> spp.	2750 g	Russian Federation
Pieces of coral	<i>Pocillophora</i> sp.	1	-
Pieces of coral	<i>Pocillophora</i> sp.	1	transit via Czech

Pieces of coral	<i>Pocillophora</i> sp.	8	Republic transit via Netherlands
Pieces of coral	<i>Pocillophora</i> sp.	428 g and 1 piece	Turkey
Pieces of coral	<i>Pocillophora</i> sp.	5	Ukraine
Pieces of coral in souvenir	<i>Pocillophora</i> sp.	1	Ukraine
Pieces of coral	<i>Scleractinia</i> sp.	6	Indonesia
Pieces of coral	<i>Scleractinia</i> sp.	7	Thailand
Pieces of coral in souvenirs	<i>Scleractinia</i> sp.	3	Ukraine
Pieces of coral	<i>Tobipora</i> sp.	13	Indonesia
Shell in souvenir	<i>Tridacna squamosa</i>	1	Ukraine
Pieces of coral	-	14	United Arab Emirates
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	2	transit via Austria
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	4	Honk Kong
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	2	Thailand
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	1	Turkey
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	3	Uzbekistan
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	4	Vietnam

Information about confiscated CITES specimens in year 2008

Description of Specimen	Scientific Name of Specimen	Amount	Country of Origin (if known)
Figurine	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	1	Africa
Handbag	<i>Elephas maximus/ Loxodonta africana</i>	1	Thailand
Bearskin	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	1	Russian Federation
Tooth	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	1	Russian Federation
Figurine	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	1	Turkey
Figure from tusk	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	10	Russian Federation
Breloque	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>	10	Turkey
Purse	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>	1	Turkey

Purse	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>	1	Turkey
Handbag	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>	4	Thailand
Purse	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>	3	Thailand
Purse	<i>Crocodylia</i>	2	Turkey
Handbag	<i>Naja kaouthia</i>	1	Thailand
Handbag	<i>Naja kaouthia</i>	1	Unknown
Purse	<i>Python reticulatus</i>	2	Thailand
Purse	<i>Python reticulatus</i>	3	Indonesia
Belt	<i>Python reticulatus</i>	1	Thailand
Handbag	<i>Python reticulatus</i>	1	Thailand
Cigarette-lighter	<i>Python reticulatus</i>	1	Thailand
Handbag	<i>Python sebae</i>	1	Turkey
Shoes pair	<i>Python sebae</i>	1	Turkey
Shoes pair	<i>Ptyas mucosus</i>	1	Thailand
Cockleshell	<i>Tridacnidae</i>	1	Thailand
Cockleshell	<i>Tridacnidae</i>	1	Singapore
Pieces of coral	<i>Acropora, Favia, Pocillopora</i>	10	Egypt
Pieces of coral	<i>Platygyra spp.</i>	2	Turkey
Pieces of coral	<i>Platygyra spp.</i>	2	Unknown
Pieces of coral	<i>Faviidae</i>	9	Turkey
Pieces of coral	<i>Lobophyllia sp.</i>	1	Canada
Pieces of coral	<i>Acropora spp.</i>	1	Syria
Pieces of coral	<i>Acropora spp.</i>	1	Mauritius
Pieces of coral	<i>Pocillopora sp.</i>	2	Ukraine
Pieces of coral	<i>Pocillopora spp.</i>	1	Russian Federation
Pieces of coral	<i>Scleractiniasp.</i>	1	Unknown
Pieces of coral	<i>Scleractinia sp.</i>	1	Russian Federation
Pieces of coral	<i>Scleractinia sp.</i>	1	Turkey
Pieces of coral	<i>Acropora sp.</i>	1	Unknown
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	4	Turkey
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	2	Russian Federation
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	1	Belarus

Information about seizures without confiscation in year 2007

Description of Specimen	Scientific Name of Specimen	Amount	Country of Origin (if known)	Comments
Purse of crocodile's skin imitation	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>	1	Thailand	Leatherette
Bag of crocodile's skin	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>	1	Thailand	Exemptions and derogations
Purse of crocodile's skin	<i>Crocodylia</i>	1	Thailand	Exemptions and derogations
Crocodile's tooth	<i>Crocodylia</i>	1	Thailand	Exemptions and derogations
Belt of crocodile's skin imitation	<i>Crocodylia</i>	1	Thailand	Leatherette
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Colubridae</i>	2	-	No CITES specimen
Snake in bottle with alcohol	<i>Colubridae</i>	2	Thailand	No CITES specimen
Pair of shoes	<i>Crotalus</i> sp.	1	United States of America	No CITES specimen
Tortoise shell	<i>Trionyx</i> sp.	1	transit via Netherlands	No CITES specimen
False caviar	<i>Esox lucius</i>	20 000 g	Russian Federation	No CITES specimen
Horns	<i>Capra cylindricornis</i>	2	Georgia	No CITES specimen

Information about seizures without confiscation in year 2008

Description of Specimen	Scientific Name of Specimen	Amount	Country of Origin (if known)	Comments
Necklet with pendant	unclear	10	Turkey	No CITES specimen
Belt	<i>Serpenetes</i>	1	Turkey	No CITES specimen
Purse	Cattle skin	1	Turkey	No CITES specimen
Purse	Cattle skin	3	Turkey	No CITES specimen
Belt	Cattle skin	2	Turkey	No CITES specimen
Bottle opener	<i>Phacochoerus</i> spp.	1	Turkey	No CITES specimen

Annex II (Section D4(10))

Nature Protection Board of Latvia (CITES MA) during reporting period (January 2007 – December 2008) gave full attention to public awareness activities.

A significant up-date has been completed in web homepages of the CITES MA (www.dap.gov.lv), the CITES SA (www.dabasmuzejs.gov.lv).

Besides permanent CITES exhibitions in the Natural History Museum of Latvia (CITES SA) and in the Riga National Zoo, in March 2007 were opened one new permanent CITES exhibition in the Riga Regional Customs Board and in the end of 2007 at 4 border crossing points (EU border points) were opened new permanent CITES exhibitions were confiscated CITES specimens and information are displayed. All together are 7 permanent CITES exhibitions.

The CITES MA in 2007 and 2008 launched a public awareness campaign financially supported by the Latvian Environmental Protection Fund focused on CITES plant trade. In September CITES MA published CITES book and distributed to Custom Authorities, State Environmental Service and public.

The CITES MA also developed and distributed new information leaflets about CITES to biggest Latvia's tourist agencies during 2007, in December 2008 CITES MA arranged special training day for Latvia's tourist agencies, training attendants received CITES label for tourist agency .

Besides mentioned campaigns, the Latvian CITES MA tries to raise public awareness about CITES by writing articles, giving presentations in schools and other governmental or public institutions on regular bases.

Please find enclosed:

1. Leaflets about CITES (Latvian and Russian languages).
2. CITES callendars.
3. Brochure about CITES and nationally protected plants.
4. CITES label for tourism agencies.
5. CITES book in Latvian language.