

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



POLAND

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PART 1 - CITES QUESTIONS

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

* Document as discussed and agreed at COM 45 held on 14 November 2008.

Additional comments	<p>* According to the national law (Nature Conservation Act of 16th April 2004, with further amendments) holders of live animals including amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals of species covered by EU regulations on wildlife trade (CITES species) are obliged to submit written declaration of possession concerning CITES listed species to appropriate district authority, in order to register specimens they keep.</p> <p>Obligation of registration does not apply to Zoological Gardens and persons involved in animal trade, carrying on an economic activity (e.g. owners of pet shops, sellers) as well as persons keeping CITES animals temporarily for the medical treatment and rehabilitation purposes. The abovementioned sellers are obliged however to possess documents stating legal origin of an animal they sell and to pass with that animal, aforementioned documents to the buyer (e.g. copy of CITES import permit, permit for acquisition from nature, and in case of birth in captivity – a document issued by district veterinary service, confirming animal birth in captivity, or other document stating legality of origin).</p> <p>* - Prohibitions referring to harvesting, possessing, transport, sale and purchase apply to all native protected species (including native CITES species). Exemptions from mentioned prohibitions can be granted only by the Minister of the Environment, who issues certain permission.</p>																																																			
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C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	No information
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?			
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Border controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify): Control of CITES sale offers in the Internet	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.			
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If information available: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.	Number <i>2007 – 7 seizures; 2008 – 7 seizures</i> <i>2007 – 230 seizures; 2008 – 183 seizures</i> <i>Detailed information in Annex I - C5</i>		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex. <i>Detailed information in Annex II - C6, C7, C8, C9.</i>			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex. <i>Detailed information in Annex II - C6, C7, C8, C9.</i>			
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: <i>Live CITES specimens are mainly directed to public zoological or botanical gardens, while dead ones are distributed for training purposes to Customs, Police and for educational purposes to universities, schools or museums.</i>			

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 No Not applicable No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: <i>Polish Customs representatives, together with British colleagues took part in the CITES workshop organised in London (HM Revenue & Customs, WWF Poland).</i>		
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 No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	If Yes, please describe: <i>Thanks to numerous information campaigns and public awareness building projects on the issue of illegal trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora (including those carried out by means of media), our society can become familiar with the current CITES provisions and learn more how to counteract illegal trade in wild fauna and flora.</i>		
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes No Not applicable No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: <i>Assessment and compilation of CITES seizures is prepared by the Customs Service and Police. Aforementioned compilations are forwarded to the CITES MA on a regular basis.</i>			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. <i>Current contact details of the CITES MA of Poland are the following: Ministry of the Environment Department of Nature Conservation Wawelska st. 52/54 00-922 Warsaw</i>		
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 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? <i>Poland has designated one CITES Management Authority based on the CITES team which consists of three fulltime employees. CITES MA is represented by the Minister of the Environment and the Director appropriate for the nature conservation issues.</i>		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation: <i>100%</i>	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <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) – environmental protection		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved. <i>CITES MA commissioned realization of two assessments: “Analysis of the internet trade in Poland in specimens of fauna and flora listed in the CITES appendices” and “Proposals on practical implementation of the EU wildlife trade legislation concerning marking of animals of the endangered species”.</i> <i>The first report evaluated the scale of the commercial activities involving CITES specimen, which take place in the internet in Poland and presented possible solutions of limiting the problem and enhancing control measures..</i> <i>The second report indicated possible ways of marking certain groups of CITES animals for the purposes of trade control enhancement and unification of marking methods.</i>		
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: - <i>WWF Poland started the project on conservation of big predators in Poland (Lynx lynx, Canis lupus and Ursus arctos);</i> - <i>Existence of national conservation programmes for the following native CITES species: Cypripedium calceolus, Phocoena phocoena and Lutra lutra (TF 2004/016-829.03.03 Elaboration of plans for re-naturalisation of natural habitats and habitats of fauna and flora species in Natura 2000 sites and elaboration of management plans for certain species listed in Birds Directive and Habitats Directive);</i> - <i>Actions aiming at the restitution of Falco peregrinus, Parnassius apollo and Acipenser oxyrinchus, are being carried out;</i> - <i>Project on conservation of Phocoena phocoena (among others) is being undertaken;</i>		

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Government institution <input type="checkbox"/> – Academic or research institution <input type="checkbox"/> – Permanent committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> – Pool of individuals with certain expertise <input type="checkbox"/> – Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <p><i>The CITES SA of Poland is represented by the CITES Commission within The State Council for Nature Conservation (body providing opinion and counseling for the Minister of the Environment).</i></p>																																				
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? <i>The CITES Commission consists of 4 persons working on a voluntary basis.</i>																																				
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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)? <i>*Within the Police forces (General and Provincial Headquarters), Ministry of Finance, Provincial Customs Chambers and General Veterinary Inspectorate, CITES coordinators have been designated.</i> <i>They main role is to coordinate CITES related efforts and monitor activities of local and regional units concerning crimes against wildlife.</i>	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: <i>Among Enforcement Authorities there is no leading and superior institution.</i>	
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: <i>Enforcement Authorities monitor and control wildlife trade on internal markets (e.g. by carrying out inspections of pet-shops, animal fairs, monitoring of sales of CITES specimens in the Internet).</i> <i>In the reporting period (2007-2008) Police observed considerable increase in number of CITES cases referring to the Internet "trade". According to the General Headquarters of Police, among 564 cases occurred in 2007, 285 were Internet related. In 2008, 281 cases of the total 502 were associated with the Internet.</i>	

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Not all enforcement officers dealing with CITES issues have constant access to the Internet</i>
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:</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p><i>CITES Management Authority of Poland runs the Internet Website devoted to CITES issues, which includes list of CITES species, information on existing CITES and related EU provisions, additional information materials and explanations.</i></p> <p><i>Moreover, on the Internet websites of Customs chambers and Police units one can find basic information on CITES and relevant seizures and confiscations.</i></p> <p><i>Polish NGOs, such as WWF Poland, Polish Society for Nature Conservation "Salamandra" and Regional Environmental Center (REC) also provide important information on CITES matters and current projects concerning the Washington Convention, as well as booklets, guides and manuals for identification.</i></p>	Tick if applicable																				
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9	<p>Is there a government website with information on CITES and its</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																				

	requirements? <i>The government website was described above under point 4.</i> If Yes, please give the URL: www.mos.gov.pl/cites-ma	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? – 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: <i>Essential contribution to the capacity building and propagation of the CITES in Poland (information campaigns, workshops, brochures, posters, exhibitions) was made by NGOs such as: WWF Poland and Polish Society for Nature Conservation "Salamandra".</i>	

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"/>																
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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 2007	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other*	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	339	14	13	99	* EU Certificates issued acc. to the Council Reg. (EC) No. 338/97
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	-	-	-	-	
	Year 2008					
	How many documents were issued?	418	28	7	68	
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	-	-	-	-	
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 checked="" 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)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?					Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: <i>Wild specimens of native CITES species are not a subject of exploitation for the purposes of commercial international trade.</i>					
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? <i>2007 – at least 100 times</i> <i>2008 – at least 100 times</i>					
9	Has the Management Authority charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities?					Tick if applicable
	– Issuance of CITES documents:					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species:					<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Harvesting of CITES-listed species :					<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Use of CITES-listed species:					<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:					<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Importing of CITES-listed species:					<input type="checkbox"/>
– Other (specify):					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>EU Certificates issued acc. to the Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97.</i>						
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. <i>Fee for the issuance of the CITES import, (re-)export permit was: 107 PLN (25 EUR).</i>					

	<p><i>Fee for the issuance of the Certificate acc. to the Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 was: 17 PLN (4 EUR).</i></p> <p><i>Budgetary and government units, including zoological, botanical gardens and scientific institutions are exempted from mentioned fees.</i></p>
11	<p>Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? Tick if applicable</p> <p>– Entirely: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Partly: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Not at all: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>– Not relevant: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Comments:</p> <p><i>Money obtained from the above mentioned fees is not directed for the CITES implementation purposes.</i></p>
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D6 Capacity building

1	<p>Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level? Tick if applicable</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Increased budget for activities</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 40%;">Improvement of national networks</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hiring of more staff</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Development of implementation tools</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Computerisation</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">– Other (specify)</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table> <p><i>In the period covered with this report, many trainings and workshops, especially for enforcement authorities were carried out. See Annex III - D6.</i></p>	Increased budget for activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improvement of national networks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Development of implementation tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computerisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	– Other (specify)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																																								
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3	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?						
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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	<p>If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?</p> <p><i>The CITES Working Group consists of representatives of Management Authority, Scientific Authority, Ministry of Finance, Customs, Police, Veterinary Inspection and NGOs: WWF Poland, "Salamandra", REC, Polish Society for the Protection of Animals (TOZ) and representatives of Zoological Gardens. Closer co-operation with the representatives from judiciary and prosecutors is planned.</i></p> <p><i>Group meetings are organized several times a year.</i></p>		

3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the MA to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SA(s), Customs, police, others):							
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)
	Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Consultations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
4	At the national level have there been any efforts to collaborate with:					Tick if applicable		Details if available
	Agencies for development and trade					<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>Cooperation with Regional Authorities in the field of registration of CITES animals.</i>
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<i>Cooperation with Police and Prosecutors in relation to investigations which are carried out.</i>
	Local authorities or communities					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Indigenous peoples					<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Trade or other private sector associations					<input type="checkbox"/>		
	NGOs					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other (specify)					<input type="checkbox"/>			
5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the MA and the following agencies?							Tick if applicable
	SA							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Customs							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Police							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other border authorities (specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other government agencies							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Private sector bodies							<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGOs							<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?							Tick if applicable
	Workshops							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Meetings							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify): <i>Participation in regular meetings of the Committee on Trade In Wild Fauna and Flora, Scientific Review Group and Enforcement Group within the EU.</i>							<input checked="" 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. <i>Issues regarding CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements are dealt by the same institution (Ministry of the Environment). It ensures coordination of actions and excludes the possibility of their unnecessary duplication.</i>			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Computerisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required. <i>- Lack of rescue centres, fully devoted for CITES animals.</i> <i>- Small number of staff working within the CITES Management Authority.</i>			
6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, please give a brief description. <i>Taking into consideration the effective implementation of CITES provisions and verification of documents it would be advisable to create confidential database gathering examples and patterns of permits and certificates being used by the Parties.</i>			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
D4 (10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes, Comments	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>

ANNEX - PROPOSED BIENNIAL REPORT FORMAT

PART 2 - SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS¹

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.

Please be aware that questions in Part 2 have been updated since the last reporting period, and this new version should be used when submitting biennial reports.

¹ Part 2 agreed at COM 45

PART 2 - SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

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

Please be aware that questions in Part 2 have been updated since the last reporting period, and this new version should be used when submitting biennial reports.

PART 2 SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

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

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

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.						
		The conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
	Trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Taking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Possession	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	<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).						
	<i>The highest penalty which may be imposed for infringements, regarded as crimes, against EU provisions concerning CITES, is imprisonment from 3 months up to 5 years (acc. to the art. 128 of the Nature Conservation Act of 16 April 2004).</i>						

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; <i>The highest possible penalty (described in section B 9b) was not imposed during the reporting period. In the majority of cases courts apply financial sanctions and forfeiture.</i> ii) The outcomes of any prosecutions; <i>We have no detailed information on this issue. Unfortunately, there are cases where prosecutors discontinue cases due to insufficient evidence or low social noxiousness.</i>	
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: <i>Polish law does not impose obligation of marking of all CITES animals born and bred in captivity. Specimens have been marked accordingly with mentioned provisions for the purposes laid down in provisions of EU wildlife trade regulations.</i>	
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: <i>According to the art. 61 p. 3 of Nature Conservation Act of 16 April 2004, the issuance of import permit is dependant on a positive veterinary opinion stating that animals which are going to be imported will be kept in appropriate conditions, as far as their physiological and behavioral needs are concerned. Mentioned opinion should be attached to the application for issuance of an import permit.</i>	
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 type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input checked="" 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.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	If yes, please provide details. Comments: <i>In the reporting period WWF Poland supplied the most important Customs border points' with specialized equipment for handling, keeping and transporting seized animals. Needs still far exceed the resources.</i>	

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: <i>See Annex III - D6</i>			
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: <i>Enforcement Authorities monitor and control wildlife trade on internal markets (e.g. by carrying out inspections of pet-shops, animal fairs, monitoring of sales of CITES specimens in the Internet).</i>			
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 III h.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: <i>So far, Seized CITES animals have been located in zoological gardens (only if there was such a possibility). Creation of a CITES rescue centres is a high priority.</i>			
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: <i>Poland has no sufficient capacity and spatial abilities in this respect.</i>			
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 III k.)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input checked="" 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 III l.)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: <i>There was no such demand.</i>			

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

8b	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to non CITES-listed species or technical issues (e.g. species identification) not covered in D2 (8) and D2 (9)?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input 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?	Number	5				
	Indicate any difficulties that rendered attendance to the SRG difficult:						

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 type="checkbox"/>
	– Other matters not reported on in question D4 (1) (please specify)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Database gathering information on the permits and certificates issued accordingly to the Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i>			
3b	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on Regulation-listed species? <i>CITES Management of Poland provides access to the CITES related information in the electronic format by running special internet website on CITES issues (CITES and EU provisions, guidelines and other materials).</i> www.mos.gov.pl/cites-ma	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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 : 95 % No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <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. <i>The list of designated inspection border points is available in the following Commission Decision of 30 April 2008:</i> http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:136:0018:0042:EN:PDF	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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. <i>See Annex IV.</i>	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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? <i>Problem of proving legal origin of captive bred specimens originating from breeding operations across the EU, in the context of documents which should be regarded as sufficient proof of legality. It is advisable to take into consideration creation and introduction of standardized example of document which would be a sufficient and respectable proof of legal origin of captive bred specimens within all EU member states.</i>	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Annex I - C5

According to the information reported by the Ministry of Finance, in 2007 Customs Service carried out 230 seizures consisting of 3196 CITES specimens, including: 248 live animals (birds and reptiles), 1585 specimens of Traditional Asian Medicine, 25 plants, 103 kg of caviar, 105 kg of corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), 20 kg of *Leptoecilostoma crumeniferus* fluff and 4.7 kg of rhino's horns.

In 2008 Customs Service carried out 183 seizures consisting of 200 889 specimens, including: 104 live animals (birds and reptiles), 200 409 specimens of TAM (medicines containing derivatives of *Hippocampus* spp.) and 409 plasters containing derivatives of *Moschus* spp., as well as 27.5 kg of caviar and 65.2 kg of corals (*Scleractinia* spp.).

Interesting seizures of 2007:

1. TAM – pills with derivatives of <i>Panthera tigris</i>	1200 no.	Import - Vietnam
2. Caviar	27.9 kg	Internal market control
3. Live reptiles: - <i>Cordylus</i> spp. - <i>Varanus</i> spp. - <i>Phelsuma</i> spp. - <i>Chamaeleo</i> spp.	102 no.	Import - Tanzania (animals seized due to invalid CITES permits)
4. Live parrots: - <i>Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae</i> - <i>Platycercus eximius</i> - <i>Psephotus haematonotus</i> - <i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i> - <i>Polytelis anthopeplus</i> - <i>Agapornis fischeri</i> - <i>Cyanoliseus patagonus</i> - <i>Myiopsitta monachus</i> - <i>Amazona aestiva</i>	7 no. 4 no. 3 no. 2 no. 2 no. 3 no. 2 no. 2 no. 2 no.	Internal market control
5. Horns of <i>Rhinocerotidae</i> spp. (3 elements)	2 no. (4.75 kg)	Import - South Africa
6. Live parrots: - <i>Platycercus eximius</i> - <i>Platycercus flaveolus</i> - <i>Platycercus icterotis</i> - <i>Platycercus adscitus</i> - <i>Platycercus elegans</i> - <i>Alisterus scapularis</i> - <i>Polytelis swainsonii</i> - <i>Myiopsitta monachus</i> - <i>Psittacula krameri</i> - <i>Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae</i>	22 no. 2 no. 2 no. 1 no. 8 no. 1 no. 1 no. 2 no. 6 no. 4 no.	Export - Ukraine
7. Lamps made of shells of <i>Tridacnidae</i> spp.	958 no.	Import - China

Interesting seizures of 2008:

1. Jewellery made of ivory <i>Loxodonta africana</i>	6 no.	Import - Zambia
2. Live parrots: - <i>Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae</i> - <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> - <i>Neophema bourkii</i>	48 no. 9 no. 4 no.	Internal market control

- <i>Aprosictus erythropterus</i>	1 no.	
- <i>Polytelis alexandrae</i>	1 no.	
3. Furs with elements of skins from:		Import – Russian Federation
- <i>Lynx canadensis</i>	34 no.	
- <i>Lynx rufus</i>	22 no.	
4. Vertebras of <i>Cetacea</i> spp.	12 no.	Import - Iceland
5. Live <i>Rhacodactylus ciliatus</i>	11 no.	Import - USA
6. TCM – derivatives of <i>Hippocampus</i> spp.	200 000 containers	Import - Indonesia
7. Live tortoises – <i>Testudo horsfieldii</i>	30 no.	Import - Ukraine

Annex II - C6, C7, C8, C9

Violations of the CITES provisions (included in national and EU law) result in sanctions such as penalty of detention or fine (for offences) and sentence of imprisonment from 3 months up to 5 years (for crimes).

In accordance with the Nature Conservation Act of 16 April 2004 the following actions are considered as offences:

- not declaring the keeping of live, reptiles, birds and mammals of species covered by EU regulations on wildlife trade (CITES species) to the register,
- not possessing and not providing to the buyer documents referring to legal origin of the animal which is being sold (this obligation applies to sellers and other persons carrying on an economic activity related to wildlife trade).

According to the mentioned Act the following actions, among others, are considered as crimes:

- transporting and border-crossing of CITES specimens without necessary permits,
- not presenting the import notification at the border Customs office (obligation concerns Annex C and D specimens),
- using specimens of CITES species for the purposes different then those indicated in the permit or certificate,
- carrying out commercial activities concerning CITES specimens without appropriate documents stating their legal acquisition (origin) and without fulfilment of conditions provided in CITES related regulations.

The most frequent crime against endangered species of fauna and flora is border-crossing without necessary permits and offering for sale without sufficient documents stating their legal origin.

Sentences in the majority of court cases imposed fines and forfeitures of seized specimens. So far, the most severe penalty of imprisonment (from 3 months up to 5 years) has not been imposed (there were cases where it was applied only in suspension). There were also cases where courts also imposed on the convicts obligation of work for the public purposes.

Furthermore, people who were convicted (penalized) for the infringement of provisions regarding wildlife trade can be refused by CITES Management Authority to obtain a CITES permit within the period of 3 years from the date of conviction (art. 61 p. 7 of Nature Conservation Act of 16 April 2004). There was no such case in the reporting period.

Annex III - D6 Capacity building activities

Enforcement Authorities:

2007

Customs Service organised 4 central trainings for Customs officers, including specialised training course on identification of furs and 20 local trainings on basic CITES issues, directed to 600 Customs officers.

WWF Poland, Ministry of Finance and General Police Headquarters organised 2 workshops aimed at training of CITES coordinators in Customs and Police.

Close co-operation between Customs and Police in the area of CITES enforcement resulted in organisation of 2 trainings for prosecutors on general CITES issues.

CITES coordinators of Customs and Police participated in 2 CITES working group meetings. Customs officers took part in distribution of CITES leaflets among passengers departing from the EU.

2008

Customs organised 3 central trainings for Customs officers including seminar on identification of CITES aquatic species and safety procedures while dealing with live seized animals (mammals, birds and reptiles). On the local level Customs organised 4 basic trainings.

In close cooperation with Police and WWF Poland, Customs co-organised two CITES related workshops on identification of tropical timber and Traditional Asian Medicine.

With the support of Customs Chamber in Warsaw, for the very first time, training schemes for dogs concerning detection of CITES specimens have been elaborated.

CITES coordinators of Customs and Police participated in 1 CITES working group meeting.

Regional Prosecutor's Office in Poznan in co-operation with WWF Poland organised seminar on CITES enforcement aspects for app. 50 prosecutors.

Polish Customs representatives, together with British colleagues took part in the CITES workshop organised in London (HM Revenue & Customs, WWF Poland).

Moreover, in the reporting period, Customs organised numerous meetings, lectures and presentations concerning better understanding of CITES for pupils and students. The estimated number of participants reached 9000.

Representatives of Enforcement Authorities furthermore were informing the public on many aspects of CITES implementation by means of television or radio interviews.

Management Authority and Scientific Authority:

Representatives of Management and Scientific Authority informed the society on relevant CITES matters and provisions by means of telephone hotline, interviews for the press, radio and television.

NGO's

Polish Society for Nature Conservation "Salamandra":

Elaboration and edition of the report "CEETES" reflecting scale of trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora in shops and in the Internet. It was prepared in co-operation with Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Serbia).

Elaboration and edition of leaflets concerning conservation aspects of *Anguilla anguilla* and *Lynx rufus*.

Organisation of 5 trainings for representatives of local authorities responsible for registration of CITES animals and publication of a guidebook for registration purposes.

Elaboration and edition of a guidebook directed to the trade sector on current CITES legislation and conditions of trade in CITES species.

Organisation of an exhibition on CITES in the one of the biggest malls in Poznan.

WWF Poland:

Organisation of 4 workshops for CITES coordinators in Customs and Police on: safety procedures in case of control and seizures of live animals, identification of CITES tropical timber and other flora species (together with UK Customs and Royal Botanic Garden), Traditional Asian Medicine (together with TRAFFIC Europe). All workshops were organised in cooperation with Ministry of Finance and General Police Headquarters.

Organisation of several regional trainings for Police and prosecutors.

Financial aid for CITES coordinators in Customs which resulted in participation in the CITES course organised by the British Customs (HM Revenue & Customs) in London.

Creation of the Internet CITES species database (www.wwf.pl/cites).

Edition of guidebooks for identification of *Brachypelma* spp. and wild cats for the enforcement purposes.

Edition of guidebooks on illegal trade in CITES specimens directed to prosecutors.

Organization of numerous information campaigns and educational events directed to the wide public (e.g. pupils, teachers, tourists, travel agencies). The number of participants of school campaigns reached 5000 pupils and 60 teachers.

Distribution of leaflets, booklets, badges, posters at the airports (in cooperation with Polish Airlines LOT, travel agencies and Customs Chambers).

Creation of the exhibition on CITES directed to children. The exhibition was exchanged between the schools around Warsaw.

Schools were provided also with leaflets and CDs on CITES issues.

Moreover, WWF Poland sponsored the purchase of specialised equipment for temporary keeping and transport of seized animals. The equipment was distributed among the major entry border points in Poland.

WWF Poland supports organisation of meetings of the CITES Working Group.

Regional Environmental Center (REC Poland):

In the reporting period REC organised several workshops on enforcement referring to nature protection issues, including CITES matters, directed to the prosecutors and judges. The subject was also supported by several press releases.

Annex IV - D5, 18 (Part II)

Referring to the Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP 14) “Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish” and art. 66 p. 7 of the Commission Regulation No. 865/2006 (with further amendments), CITES Management Authority of Poland has registered the following producers and exporters of caviar:

1. Registration number: 0001
Date of Registration: 20.02.2007
Name of the Company: “ACIPOL”
Address: Rybacka 1A St., 62-505 Konin
Description: “ACIPOL” is an aquaculture plant harvesting roe of *Acipenseriformes* spp. for the production of caviar. Species, which are currently bred in this company are: *Acipenser baerii*, *Acipenser gueldenstaedtii*, *A. baerii x A. gueldenstaedtii*, *Acipenser ruthenus*, *Huso huso x Acipenser ruthenus*;
2. Registration number: 0002
Date of Registration: 26.02.2007
Name of the Company: “HAYKO”
Address: Urocz 11/III/4 St., 82-300 Elbląg
Description: “HAYKO” is a plant repackaging caviar of *Acipenseriformes* spp.
3. Registration number: 0003
Date of Registration: 26.02.2007
Name of the Company: “LECH”
Address: Kościelna 3a St., 84-360 Łeba
Description: “LECH” is a plant producing (processing) and (re-)packaging caviar of *Acipenseriformes* spp.
4. Registration number: 0004
Date of registration: 27.03.2008
Name of the Company: Gospodarstwo Rybackie “GOSŁAWICE”
Address: Rybacka 2 St., 62 – 505 Konin
Description: “GOSŁAWICE” is an aquaculture plant breeding species of *Acipenseriformes* spp. and harvesting roe for the production of caviar. Species, which are currently bred in this aquaculture, are: *Acipenser baerii*, *Acipenser gueldenstaedtii*, *Polyodon spathula* and hybrid of *Acipenser ruthenus* and *Acipenser ruthenus x Huso huso*.

Registered companies are obliged to submit reports concerning their activities in the field of harvesting, processing, (re-)packaging and selling caviar. After evaluation of submitted reports CITES MA may grant extension of registration if company would apply for it.

Annex D4 - 10 Information materials, leaflets, brochures