

**A. General information**

Party	Singapore
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004	1 Jan 2007-31 Dec 2008
Details of agency preparing this report	Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA)
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA)

**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 any CITES-relevant legislation has been planned, drafted or enacted, 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Possession	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

	Additional comments The Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act requires a CITES import permit from AVA for any import of CITES Appendix II species. The ESA empowers AVA to require transshipments of CITES species through Singapore to be accompanied by valid CITES permits. The ESA also empowers AVA to seize any illegal CITES species in transit. The Act has imposed domestic trade bans on rhinoceros and tigers and their parts and derivatives such as TCM products. The revised ESA also allows AVA to take enforcement actions and impose the same penalties for cases involving fake CITES specimens ie. which are purported to be of CITES species but are fakes.						
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Implementing regulations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Coherence within legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Please provide details if available: The Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 2006 may be downloaded from AVA homepage at <a href="http://www.ava.gov.sg/Legislation/ListOfLegislation/">http://www.ava.gov.sg/Legislation/ListOfLegislation/</a> .						
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Please provide details if available: AVA plans to gazette CITES Permit Rules to prescribe the terms and conditions for issuance of CITES permits and certificates.						
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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: AVA also administers the Animals and Birds Act and the Wild Animals and Birds Act on animal health, welfare, transport, capture and keeping.
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil

### 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 checked="" 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. Please refer to the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 2006.			
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.	Number Total 2007 - 47 cases Total 2008 - 24 cases		
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. The following are some significant cases involving seizures of illegal Asian arowanas ( <i>Scleropages formosus</i> ). In 2007-2008, 2 aquarium shop owners were prosecuted for possession of illegally imported Asian arowanas ( <i>Scleropages formosus</i> ). One of them was fined \$68,000 for the 68 pieces of untagged fish in his shop while the other was fined \$26,000 for 26 fishes which did not have proper CITES permits. In 2008, an ornamental fish importer was also charged in court for a returned shipment of 159 pieces of Asian arowanas ( <i>Scleropages formosus</i> ). The returned shipment contained many more fish than what was declared on the original CITES permit (and in the shipment) from Singapore. The offender was fined \$159,000 for the illegal import. In another case, a fish importer was compounded \$5,000 for import of 50 pieces of Asian arowanas which were not implanted with microchips. Instead, for every clear plastic bag that contained the fish, the microchip was found hidden in the rubber band used to tie the bag. All the fish in the 4 cases			

	were forfeited to AVA.		
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex. Please refer to Q7 above.		
10	How were the confiscated specimens usually disposed of?	Tick if applicable	
	- Return to country of export	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	- Public zoos or botanical gardens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	- Designated rescue centres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	- Approved, private facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	- Euthanasia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	- Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comments: Nil		
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Nil		
12	Have there been any 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: Under the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN), Singapore is working closely with the CITES authorities in ASEAN countries to combat the illegal wildlife trade.		
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	If Yes, please describe: Nil		
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: There are more inspections conducted by AVA on traditional Chinese medical shops and aquarium fish shops to ensure that they do not trade in illegal CITES specimens. AVA has also stepped up online patrol of Internet websites and pet forums to ensure that users do not engage in illegal wildlife trade and violate CITES and our national laws.		

17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil
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#### D. Administrative measures

##### *D1 Management Authority (MA)*

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) 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. Nil		
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. Nil		
5	How many staff work in each MA? There are 8 full-time CITES staff in the CITES Section within the AVA.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters? If yes, please give estimation 100%	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)		<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 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. In 2007, AVA supported and coordinated a ramin identification workshop which was initiated by the US Forest Service and supported by the US Agency for International Development. The training was conducted by a botanist from US Department of Agriculture and 2 co-trainers from MTIB. Participants were from CITES Management Authorities and forestry officers of China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore. Quizzes and a practical exam were conducted to test participants of their skills as they were shown 52 samples of wood to ascertain if they were ramin/non-ramin wood.
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil

**D2 Scientific Authority (SA)**

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. Nil			
3	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	What is the structure of the SA(s)?	Tick if applicable		
	- Government institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	- Academic or research institution	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	- Permanent committee	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	- Pool of individuals with certain expertise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	- Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? Relevant staff in AVA (which is the SA) and other agencies are consulted regarding on CITES issues eg. introduction of new pet species, determination of whether the recipient of live CITES specimens (all Appendices) are suitably equipped to house and care for the specimens.			
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If yes, please give estimation Nil			
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if applicable		
	- Botany	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	- Ecology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	- Fisheries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	- Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	- Welfare	<input checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input checked="" 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)
	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	[Please continue on separate sheet, as necessary.]					No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>			
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil						

**D3 Enforcement Authorities**

1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email). Nil			
3	Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Under consideration <input type="checkbox"/>
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>		
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement: AVA			
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: AVA works closely with the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) and Police Coast Guard to curb the illegal wildlife trade in Singapore. At the regional level, Singapore is a member of the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN), which comprises wildlife law enforcement agencies in the 10 ASEAN countries. ASEAN-WEN facilitates cross-border collaboration between ASEAN member countries through intelligence and information sharing and capacity-building.			

**D4 Communication, information management and exchange**

1	To what extent is CITES information computerized? <span style="float: right;">Tick if applicable</span>						
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></span>						
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></span>						
	– Permit issuance <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></span>						
	– Not at all <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>						
– Other (specify) <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>							
2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet? <span style="float: right;">Tick if applicable</span>						
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted	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	Is there an electronic information system providing information on CITES species?					Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	If Yes, does it provide information on: <span style="float: right;">Tick if applicable</span>						
	– Legislation (national, regional or international)? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></span>						
	– Conservation status (national, regional, international)? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></span>						
	– Other (please specify)? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>						
5	Is it available through the Internet:					Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Please provide URL: <a href="http://www.ava.gov.sg">www.ava.gov.sg</a> , <a href="http://www.cites.org">www.cites.org</a>						
6	Do the authorities indicated have access to the following publications? <span style="float: right;">Tick if applicable</span>						
	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"/>
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access this information? Nil			
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:	Tick if applicable		
	– Mortality in transport?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Seizures and confiscations?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Discrepancies in number of items in permits and number of items actually traded?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Nil			
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	If Yes, please give the URL: <a href="http://www.ava.gov.sg">www.ava.gov.sg</a>			
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public?	Tick if applicable		
	– Press releases/conferences			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Brochures, leaflets			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Presentations			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Displays			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Information at border crossing points			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Telephone hotline			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Please attach copies of any items. Pamphlets on CITES and traditional Chinese medicines (printed in Chinese) were distributed to the TCM shops. Advisory notes on marine turtle eggs were also distributed to educate market stall owners not to import and sell the prohibited turtle eggs. Please see attached copies.			
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil			

**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:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Changes in permit format: No. The last change was made in 2006 when we launched the electronic Certificates, Licenses and Permits System (eCLiPS) for online processing and approval of CITES permits and certificates.					
Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials: Yes. There were changes in the CITES officials authorised to sign CITES permits and certificates.					
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?	Tick if applicable			
		Yes	No	No information	
		Permit issuance/acceptance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Registration of traders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Registration of producers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued and denied in the two year period? (Note that actual trade is reported in the Annual Report by some 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?	1853	280	5585		
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					Not tracked. Applications are denied because of fraudulent supporting documents eg. foreign CITES permits
	Year 2					
	How many documents were issued?	1717	266	6126		
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					Not tracked. Applications are denied because of fraudulent supporting documents eg. foreign CITES permits
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of serious omissions or misinformation?					Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
5	If Yes, please give the reasons for this. Permits replaced as the originals were lost or cancelled as a result of misleading information provided by applicants to obtain permits.					
6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from other countries.					Tick if applicable
	Reason			Yes	No	No information
	Technical violations			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Suspected fraud			<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Not applicable, as Singapore does not allow the export of any native species except skins of captive-bred saltwater crocodiles ( <i>Crocodylus porosus</i> ) and Asian arowanas ( <i>Scleropages formosus</i> ). We do consider exporting country's national export quotas when approving imports of specimens.	
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? Not tracked. SA's opinions are mainly sought in relation to whether certain species of animals can be imported as pets to ensure restrict introduction of invasive species. We also consult external agencies on whether the recipient of live CITES specimens (all Appendices) are suitably equipped to house and care for the specimens.	
9	Has the MA charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Issuance of CITES documents: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>- Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species: <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>- Harvesting of CITES-listed species : <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>- Use of CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>- Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>- Importing of CITES-listed species: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>- Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	Tick if applicable
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. CITES permit fee: \$12 per species subject to a minimum of \$60 per import/export/re-export consignment	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Entirely: <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>- Partly: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>- Not at all: <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>- Not relevant: <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul> Comments: Nil	Tick if applicable
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil	

**D6 Capacity building**

1	Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level?	Tick if applicable
	Increased budget for activities <input type="checkbox"/>	Improvement of national networks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement <input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computerization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Other (specify) Nil	<input type="checkbox"/>

2	Have the CITES authorities received or benefited from any of the following capacity building activities provided by external sources?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.					What were the external sources?	
	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 type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Traders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
US Forest Service, Malaysian Timber Industry Board, TRAFFIC, Wildlife Reserves Singapore Group							
3	Have the CITES authorities been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.					Details	
	Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training		Other (specify)
	Staff of Management Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	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 type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
NGOs	<input 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 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"/>		
Training in CITES requirements and legislations.							
Dialogues and meetings with AVA staff.							
Nil							

4	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil
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**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? No formal inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES, but there are SOPs with other agencies on detection and handling of illegal trade in CITES specimens.							
3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the Management Authority to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SAs, Customs, police, others):							
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)
	Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regularly, as and when necessary
	Consultations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regularly, as and when necessary
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"/>		Nil				
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nil				
	Local authorities or communities	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nil				
	Indigenous peoples	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nil				
	Trade or other private sector associations	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nil				
	NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nil				
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nil				

5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the Management Authority and the following agencies?	Tick if applicable
	Scientific Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Customs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Police	<input checked="" 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) SOPs established with checkpoints authority and police on detection and handling of illegal trade in CITES specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Have Government staff 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 there been any effort to encourage 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 technical or financial assistance been provided 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 any data been provided for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.	
13	Have measures been taken to achieve co-ordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
14	If Yes, please give a brief description. CITES is implemented and enforced by AVA while the Convention on Biodiversity Convention (CBD) is administered by another agency, the National Parks Board.	

15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil
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**D8 Areas for future work**

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority?			
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Improvement of national networks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Computerization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Were any difficulties encountered in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty? The main difficulty lies in not every Party adopts Resolutions and Decisions. For eg. some countries do not implement the Universal Tagging System (Conf Res 11.12) and crocodilian skins that arrived in Singapore may not be tagged according to the requirements of the Resolution.			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required. Monitoring and tracking of movements and conversions of CITES specimens have been tedious and complex eg. keeping track of the number of different manufactured products (eg. handbags, wallets, watch straps, etc) produced from a certain number of skins and maintaining the stock balance of the skins. We would like to see if there is a better way or system of monitoring the movements of CITES specimens to ensure legality of the specimens entering international trade.			
6	Have any measures, procedures or mechanisms been identified within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
		No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.			
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Nil			



**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	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
D4(10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments Nil		