

CITES BIENNIAL REPORT 2009 – 2010

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A. General information

Party	Finland
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2010	
Details of agency preparing this report	Finnish Environment Institute P.Box 140, 00251 Helsinki, Finland (visiting address: Mechelininkatu 34a, 00260 Helsinki, Finland)
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Ministry of the Environment; National Board of Customs (Jarkko Keskinen); Finnish Museum of Natural History/CITES Scientific Authority (Olof Biström); Prosecutors' Office (Jarmo Rintala)

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.	Yes (fully) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (partly) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information/unknown <input type="checkbox"/>				
2	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following details: Title and date: _____ Status: _____ Brief description of contents: _____					
3	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>				
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted.	legislation attached <input type="checkbox"/> provided previously <input type="checkbox"/> not available, will send later <input type="checkbox"/>				
5	Which of the following issues are addressed by any stricter domestic measures that your country has adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention)? Tick all applicable					
	The conditions for:	The complete prohibition of:				
Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
Trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possession	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport	<input 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	The stricter domestic measures included in the EU CITES regulations are implemented. Also the possession and trade of certain species listed in the EU Habitats and Bird Directives is prohibited (or strictly regulated). Additional stricter domestic measures on national level: Taking and possession of animal and plant species protected under the Nature Conservation Act is generally prohibited (some of these species are CITES-listed); the taking and possession of dead animals protected under the Nature Conservation Act is either prohibited or regulated by permits. The import of whale meat (and other products) is prohibited by a specific law, which also prohibits the taking of whales (it is forbidden to land whales on Finnish vessels, which thus cannot take part in whale hunting).					

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?				Tick all applicable
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information
	Powers of CITES authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Clarity of legal obligations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Control over CITES trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Coherence within legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Please provide details if available: An assessment of the national nature conservation legislation was conducted in 2010.					
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
				No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please provide details if available:					
8	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Convention?				Tick all applicable
	Subject	Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Harvesting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Transporting of live specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handling and housing of live specimens <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Please provide details if available:					
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: No permits or certificates are issued for live animals listed as category Annex A in the EU CITES regulations (= all CITES Appendix I species + some Appendix II) unless the specimen is permanently marked (if animal too small for marking: the animal must be marked as soon as possible).				

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Border controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3	<p>If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.</p> <p>35 cases, where CITES goods were intercepted by Customs since they lacked the required CITES documents (3 of these were in transit to Russia, the rest were meant for the Finnish/EU market).</p>			
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	<p>If information available:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations</p> <p>If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.</p> <p>The typical confiscation involved reptile items sent in postal packages. Significant confiscations: 2 TCM transit shipments (2010 China-Russia), 7 kg of whale meat (2009 Norway-Finland) and a large herbarium with illegally collected plants.</p>		Number	
			4 cases	
			37 cases	
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<p>If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.</p> <p>The owner of a large illegally collected herbarium, of which part were CITES specimens imported from neighbouring countries, was prosecuted.</p>			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	<p>If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex.</p> <p>4 court actions, which involved import of CITES goods without required documents (one fur company, one personal ebay fur coat purchase, one personal orchid import, one cosmetics company). Results: fines and forfeiture of goods.</p>			
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 type="checkbox"/>
	– Designated rescue centres			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Approved, private facilities			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Euthanasia			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify): Some dead specimens are used for training purposes; the rest are stored by the Customs and later destroyed.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			
	There were no confiscations of live specimens during the reporting period			
11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comments:			
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with other countries	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:			

14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
15	If Yes, please describe:	
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: According to the Finnish Penal Code the maximum penalty for CITES violations is 2 years imprisonment per case (for several cases maximum 4 years). Where applicable, the so-called living value of the animal or plant involved is forfeited to the State (covers all native species protected under national Nature Conservation Act or national Hunting Act; almost all native mammals and birds are protected).	

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	<p>If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. [These corrections were sent to the Secretariat in May 2011]</p> <p>There are some spelling errors in the MA's details that should be corrected + new telephone number:</p> <p>Ympäristöministeriö (Ministry of the Environment) Luontoympäristösasto (Department for Natural Environment) Kasarmikatu 25 P.O. Box 35 FI-00023 GOVERNMENT</p> <p>Tel: +358 20 610 100 Fax: +358 (9) 16 03 93 64 Email: citesma @ environment.fi</p> <p>Correct details of the other/permitting MA (phone, fax and email are correct in the CITES Directory):</p> <p>Suomen ympäristökeskus SYKE (Finnish Environment Institute) P.O. Box 140 FI-00251 Helsinki</p>	
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory. The Ministry of the Environment is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory.	

5	How many staff work in each MA? Staff working with CITES: 2 staff in lead MA, 3 staff in the secondary MA Staff overall: ca 300 in lead MA and ca 670 in secondary MA		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation: Lead MA 5% per year per staff, secondary/permitting MA 50-90 % per year per staff.	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 type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.		
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken		

D2 *Scientific Authority (SA)*

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>					
2	<p>If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.</p> <p>Luonnontieteellinen keskusmuseo, Helsingin yliopisto (Finnish Museum of Natural History, University of Helsinki) PO Box 17 FI-00014 University of Helsinki</p> <p>Animals: Olof Biström +358 (0)50 318 2326, email olof.bistrom@helsinki.fi Plants: Leo Junikka +358 (0)50 311 0385, email leo.junikka@helsinki.fi</p>						
3	Has your country designated a Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>					
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country?	Tick if applicable					
	– Government institution	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	– Academic or research institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	– Permanent committee	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	– Pool of individuals with certain expertise	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	– Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? 2						
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>					
	<p>If yes, please give estimation: 5 % per staff per year</p>						
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if applicable					
	– Botany	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	– Ecology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	– Fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	– Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	– Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	– Zoology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	– Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	– No information	<input type="checkbox"/>					
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>					
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.						
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
	No information <input type="checkbox"/>						

10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	To date, has your country advised the Secretariat of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).			
3	Has your country established a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under consideration <input type="checkbox"/>
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>		
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:			
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized? Tick if applicable						
	–	Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
		[Details: no data systems; reporting in word and excel formats]					
	–	Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
		[Details: real data systems (Customs/Enforcement databases)]					
	–	Permit issuance			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
		[Details: permits are word documents; no data system in place]					
	–	Not at all			<input type="checkbox"/>		
	–	Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet? Tick if applicable						
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted access	Yes, but only through a dial-up connection	Yes, but only through a different office	Some offices only	Not at all	Please provide details where appropriate
	Management Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Scientific Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Enforcement Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

3	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on CITES species? [Details: no national EIS; the EU Wildlife Regulation database by UNEP-WCMC can be accessed through internet.]	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>																				
4	If Yes, does it provide information on: – Legislation (national, regional or international)? – Conservation status (national, regional, international)? – Other (please specify)?	Tick if applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>																				
5	Is it available through the Internet: Please provide URL: http://www.unep-wcmc-apps.org/eu/Taxonomy//index.cfm	Yes No Not applicable No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>																				
6	Do the following authorities have access to the following publications? <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Publication</th> <th>Management Authority</th> <th>Scientific Authority</th> <th>Enforcement Authority</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2003 and 2008 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Identification Manual</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CITES Handbook</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> <td>x</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)	x	x	x	2003 and 2008 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)	x	x	x	Identification Manual	x	x	x	CITES Handbook	x	x	x	Tick if applicable	
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7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?																						
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on: – Mortality in transport? – Seizures and confiscations? – Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded? Comments: There has been no detected mortality in CITES transports.	Tick if applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																				
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements? If Yes, please give the URL: www.ymparisto.fi/cites , www.miljo.fi/cites , www.environment.fi/cites (websites of the environment administration: in Finnish, Swedish and short English version); www.tulli.fi (customs web site where e.g. the handbook for import and export restrictions can be publicly accessed)	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <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 press release on requirements (and suspensions) for import of CITES hunting trophies, press release on CITES requirements concerning hunting and exporting of Finnish CITES game species. – Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances article on requirements (and suspensions) for import of CITES hunting trophies – Brochures, leaflets Customs' brochure on import restrictions – Presentations [Travel Fair 2010] – Displays [Travel Fair 2009 and 2010, World Village Festival 2010] – Information at border crossing points	Tick if applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Telephone hotline <input type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify) The national CITES web page (in Finnish) was updated and restructured <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex. A copy of the brochure (by Customs) about import restrictions (CITES is included as one of said restrictions) was attached to previous report (2008-09).
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: The main information channel is the CITES webpage www.ymparisto.fi/cites

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? Changes in designation and signatures of relevant officials were communicated to the Secretariat on 14.1.2010. If no, please provide details of any: Changes in permit format: Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																		
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?	Tick if applicable <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>No information</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Permit issuance/acceptance</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registration of traders [caviar traders]</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registration of producers [caviar producers]</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Yes	No	No information	Permit issuance/acceptance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration of traders [caviar traders]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration of producers [caviar producers]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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).																			
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How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	None	None	None	None																
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
	Technical violations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Suspected fraud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify): expired export permits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas USED as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Details:		
	Harvest quotas: No export permits for brown bear, wolf or lynx trophies may be issued unless it is shown that the animal was harvested in accordance with the national quota with a valid hunting licence (issued according to the Hunting Act).		
	Export quotas: Import permit applications are checked against export quotas published on www.cites.org .		
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? 5 - 10 times per year		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	– Harvesting of CITES-listed species :	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Use of CITES-listed species:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Importing of CITES-listed species:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Other (specify): non-CITES statements (needed by some traders when trading in specimens of non-listed species with certain countries, where the authorities for some reason require a document stating that the said species is not listed).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.		
	1. Export permits, import permits and re-export certificates: 75 €(2009), 100 € (2010)		
	2. EU certificates (for commercial use of CITES specimens and for movement of live CITES specimens inside EU territory if belonging to species listed in Annex A of EU Regulations): 40 €(2009), 50 €(2010)		
	3. Non-CITES statements: 42 €(2009), 50 €(2010) (one certificate usually covers several shipments, see point 9 for further explanation).		
	4. Registration of caviar packaging plants: 820 €		
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation?	Tick if applicable	
	– Entirely:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Partly:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	– Not at all:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	– Not relevant:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comments: Revenues from fees cover administrative costs of permitting authority.		
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level?						Tick if applicable
	Increased budget for activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improvement of national networks				<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement				<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computerisation				<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	The MA hired 1 temporary staff to update the Finnish language CITES-webpage and to compile a work file for the SA.						
2	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>recipient</i> of any of the following capacity building activities provided by external sources?						
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.						
	Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
	Staff of Management Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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"/>	

3	<p>Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?</p> <p>Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.</p>	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Target group						
	Staff of Management Authority Staff of Scientific Authority Staff of enforcement authorities	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>MA and Customs to (Finnish) Customs</p> <p>In year 2009 CITES training was held as part of the import and export restrictions' training course. In year 2010 CITES training was part of the restrictions' training when National Board of Customs trained over 200 operative key persons of the Customs districts.</p>
	Traders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Customs and MA presenting/informing at exhibitions, fairs, etc. Written guidance on CITES (A-listed) reptiles: MA assisted the leading pet importers and the leading pet shop chain in compiling their internal guidance to shopkeepers. MA held presentation for pet shop owners/managers. MA sent written guidance to potential caviar producer and packing plants. MA (written guidance) to hunters, hunter and game organisations and organisers of hunting trips abroad (concentrating on brown bear hunted in Russia). MA to known tortoise (home)breeders.</p>
	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"/>	<p>Customs and/or MA at exhibitions, fairs, etc.</p>
	Other parties/International meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Please provide details of any additional measures taken					

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?							
3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the MA to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SA(s), Customs, police, others):							
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)
	Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meetings between the MAs, the SA and the Customs are arranged when regarded necessary, generally several times per year. Board of Customs organises for Custom officers an annual workshop on import/export restrictions. Usually 1-2 days are reserved for CITES issues, and staff from the MA permit unit attend both days and gives presentations. The key prosecutors for the environment arrange once a year training for regional prosecutors environmental crime including CITES: MA gives overview of recent developments
	Consultations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MA collaborates daily / several times per week with Customs and weekly or monthly with SA and State Veterinarians; several times per year with Police, Finnish Boarder Guard and Prosecution Service.
4	At the national level have there been any efforts to collaborate with:	Tick if applicable					Details if available	
	Agencies for development and trade	<input type="checkbox"/>						
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					MA consults with environmental	

			prosecutors, phytosanitary and veterinary inspection and permitting authorities, national and regional environment and hunting authorities.
	Local authorities or communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Indigenous peoples	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Trade or other private sector associations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MA with the largest pet shop chain and the largest (CITES) pet importers (there is no specific association) MA with the Finnish Zoo Association and Hunter's Central Organisation.
	NGOs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Finnish NGO's are consulted before CITES COP meetings
	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 type="checkbox"/>
	Meetings EU level meetings, meeting between the Nordic Countries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to the Convention?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?		
9	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance to another country in relation to CITES?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided? Financial assistance to facilitate the participation of developing countries in international CITES meetings. The funds were given to the secretariat to be used at their discretion. The (secondary) MA is involved in a capacity building project of the environment government of Zambia with a CITES component.		
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
13	Has your country taken measures to achieve co-ordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	If Yes, please give a brief description. The work is coordinated, as the staff of both CITES MA:s work in the same administration as the national focal points for all other MEAs in the field of nature conservation. In some cases the same person is responsible for CITES related issues as well as issues related to other MEAs.		
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D8 Areas for future work

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

E. General feedback

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

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

Question	Item		
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>