

Biennial Report of Georgia
2009-2010

A. General information

Party	Georgia
Period covered in this report (e.g. 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004)	1 January 2009 - 31 December 2010
Details of agency preparing this report	Biodiversity Protection Service, Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia 6 Gulua street, 0114 Tbilisi, Georgia Tel/Fax: +995 32 2727231 E-mail: biodepbio@moe.gov.ge
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Revenue Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possession	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments : According to Georgian legislation, the extraction of snowdrop bulbs and cyclamen tubers in the wild required a license only in the case where the harvested plant material is subject to export. Permits for export are issued based on the license.				
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"/>
	Clarity of legal obligations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Control over CITES trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Implementing regulations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coherence within legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please provide details if available:				
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please provide details if available: Review and further development of CITES related legal framework is planned due to the institutional changes, as well as to reflect provisions on exemptions (article VII of the convention), monitoring and harvesting of plant species from cultivated fields. Assessment with regard to inclusion of CITES requirements in the legal frameworks related to violations is planned as well.				
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Harvesting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Transporting of live specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Handling and housing of live specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please provide details if available:				
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Information on CITES relevant legislation was provided under the CITES National Legislation Project in May, 2009 (Letter of Deputy Minister of Environmet Protection and Natural Resources, 04.05.2009). All relevant regulations translated in English language was submitted to CITES secretariate. Consequently Georgian National legislation has been placed in Category 2.			

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): Traders with <i>galanthus woronowii</i> are required to submit annual reports according to the conditions of 10 year licence for <i>galanthus woronowii</i> harvesting. This report must contain information about geographic coordinates of harvesting sites and quantity of harvested bulbs.	<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 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.</p> <p>Seized by customs: Eagle claws 18.09.2009; <i>Huso huso</i> (4,1 kg) 01.10.2009; Eagle chick (1 specimen) 07.07.2010; <i>Huso huso</i> (103.58 kg) 11.05.2010; Stuffed crocodile head (1 specimen) 31.08.2010; <i>Hirudo medicinalis</i> (8 specimens) 05.05.2010; <i>Hirudo medicinalis</i> (5 specimens) 19.05.2010; <i>Hirudo medicinalis</i> (10 specimens) 06.07.2010;</p> <p>Seized by Environmental Protection Inspection: <i>Ursus Arctos</i> 6 records were drawn up on administrative law breaking for <i>Ursus arctos</i> captive;</p> <p>Administrative sanctions were imposed to <i>Galanthus woronowii</i> harvesting licence owners for non-fulfilment of license conditions;</p>			
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	<p>If information available:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations</p> <p>If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details.</p>	Number		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input 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.			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input 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.			

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 type="checkbox"/>
	– Euthanasia		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify):		<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
11	Has detailed information been provided to the Secretariat on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
12	Have there been any cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	If Yes, please give a brief description:		
14	Have any incentives been offered to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	If Yes, please describe:		
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.		
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory.		
5	How many staff work in each MA? 6 persons are employed by the Biodiversity Protection Service, 3 of them are engaged in CITES related issues.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please give estimation: Information is given in box 10			
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 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	<p>Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Biodiversity Protection Service of the Ministry of Environment Protection is responsible for the issuance of permits to Export, Import, Re-export and Introduction from the Sea of the Specimens (their parts and derivatives) of the Species Included in the Appendices of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).</p> <p>Three persons of the Biodiversity Protection Service are responsible for the CITES related issues including permits issuance: Head of Service, principal specialist and senior specialist. The head of division has 11 years of experience of working for the Ministry and 7 years of experience of working on CITES related issues and issuance of permits. The principal specialist has more than 7 years of experience. The staff of the division is fluent in English and regularly participate in different training workshops such as CITES capacity building workshop for Georgia and Azerbaijan, Isle of Vilm, Germany, 2004; CITES Capacity Building workshop in Eastern European Countries, Bulgaria, 2005; Prevention of Illegal Wildlife Trade Training for the Caucasian states (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia), Moldova and Ukraine, IFAW/Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia, Georgia, 2010. Staff of Division represents Georgia on the Conferences of the parties of CITES.</p>		

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 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	Is the designated Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

4	What is the structure of the SA(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government institution - Academic or research institution - Permanent committee - Pool of individuals with certain expertise - Other (specify): 	Tick if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? 8 persons	
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES-related matters If yes, please give estimation:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Botany - Ecology - Fisheries - Forestry - Welfare - Zoology - Other (specify): - No information 	Tick if applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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)
	Galanthus woronowii	41 wild populations of Galanthus woronowii (area of occupancy some 447 hectares estimated to be 70% of the total). 12 cultivation sites covering 196 ha	Adjara Autonomic Republic, Guria and Imereti Regions (west part of Georgia)	15 mln bulbs	15 mln bulbs		
	Galanthis krasnovii	all known populations		not allowed	not allowed		
	Cyclamen coum		widely distributed in Georgia	0	0		
					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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
						No	<input type="checkbox"/>
						No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	<p>Please provide details of any additional measures taken: CITES project No S302 ``Improving Implementation of CITES for Galanthus woronowii and Cyclamen coum from Georgia`` was implemented in 2008-2010 with support of CITES secretariate and Government of Netherlands. The project reviewed the current trade, conservation status and distribution of Galanthus krasnovii, Galanthis woronowii and Cyclamen coum in Georgia. Field research, literature and workshop reviews were carried out by experts from the CITES Authority of Georgia, the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, UK and Microsoft Research, Cambridge, UK. Based on the results of this project the CITES Scientific Authority of Georgia made CITES non-detriment findings for Cyclamen coum (implemented through an annual quota of 500 000 tubers), Galanthus krasnovii (export banned) and Galanthus woronowii (implemented through an annual quota of 15 million bulbs with conditions on collection and management regimes). The Management authority is implementing these controls with ongoing advice and participation of the Scientific Authority.</p>						

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). Ministry of Finance, Revenue Service, Department for Economic Border Protection. Mr. Zurab Kikalia – Tel: +995 32 226 12 19, +995 577 555 022, z.kikalia@rs.ge ; Ms. Khatuna Gogoladze – Tel: +995 32 226 11 75, +995 577 055 074, kh.gogoladze@rs.ge ; Ms. Nino Chanturishvili – Tel: +995 577 05 33 22, n.chanturishvili@rs.ge	
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 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:	
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information 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 type="checkbox"/>																												
	– Permit issuance	<input type="checkbox"/>																												
	– Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/>																												
	– Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>																												
2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet? Tick if applicable																													
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3	Is there an electronic information system providing information on CITES species?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																												

4	If Yes, does it provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislation (national, regional or international)? - Conservation status (national, regional, international)? - Other (please specify): 	Tick if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Is it available through the Internet: Please provide URL:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>

6	Do the authorities indicated have access to the following publications?			Tick if applicable
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species</i> (book)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>CITES Handbook</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access this information?			
8	Have Enforcement Authorities reported to the Management Authority on:			Tick if applicable
	– Mortality in transport?			<input 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: Information is provided upon request of Management Authority. Effective tools for data collection, storage, analysis and sharing should be established.				
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: http://chm.moe.gov.ge/index.php?page=other_konvenciebi_CITES&lng=en http://chm.moe.gov.ge/index.php?page=other_konvenciebi_CITES&lng=ge				
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 type="checkbox"/>
	– Brochures, leaflets			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Presentations			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Displays			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Information at border crossing points			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Telephone hotline			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
– Other (specify):			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please attach copies of any items.				
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit format or the designation and signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the Secretariat?		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
			No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
			Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>			
If no, please provide details of any:						
– Changes in permit format: Changes has been made with regard of numbering of permits and explanations						
– Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials: No changes						
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?			Tick if applicable		
		Yes	No	No information		
	Permit issuance/acceptance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Registration of traders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Registration of producers	<input 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?	0	11	1		
	How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?					
	Year 2					
	How many documents were issued?	0	17	5	1	1 permit for import of Appendix 1 species has been issued.
How many applications were denied because of serious omissions or misinformation?						
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. 1 export permit has been cancelled and new one has been issued instead. Description of specimens has been changed according to the requirements of Spanish Administrative Authority. In particular for export of Grand Piano with Ivory Keyboard (pre-convention specimen) in box 7./8. (name of species) Elephantidae spp. was written.					

6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from other countries.			Tick if applicable
	Reason	Yes	No	No information
	Technical violations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Suspected fraud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment	<input 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 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"/>
	<p>Comments According to Georgian legislation, the extraction of snowdrop bulbs and Cyclame tubers in the wild requires a license only in the case where the harvested plant material is subject to export. Prior to announcement of the action and, further, annually, the Scientific Authority establishes the export quota. The quota set for 2009-2010 years was based on the survey work and reserach of the project ``Improving Implementation of CITES for Galanthus woronowii and Cyclame coum from Georgia``. The license for harvesting was issued by the Ministry of Economic Development of Georgia. The export permits for snowdrop bulbs are then issued by the Ministry of Environment Protection on the basis of the licence and the harvest/export quota. Harvest / Export quota for Galanthus woronowii was 15 000 000 bulbs in 2009 and 2010 annually.</p> <p>Harvest / export quota for Cyclamen coum was 500 000 tubers in 2009 and 2010 annually. However no export of Cyclamen tuber carried out in 2009 and 2010.</p>			
8	<p>How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? The Georgian Scientific Authority is an advisory board to the Ministre of Environment Protection of Georgia. In accordance of Georgian legilslation permits are issued based on recommendations of National Scientific Authority - an advisory board to the Minister of Environment Protection. The National Scientific Authority is composed of eight members who are experts in relevant fields with extensive experience and institutional knowledge. The NSA is authorized to establish annual harvest and export quota and elaborate recommendations for issuing of CITES permits. According to the national regulations, permits are issuing based only on positive advice of NSA.</p> <p>Meetings and consultations with NSA are held in every case of issuing of CITES permits. 14 meeting of members of Scientific Authority was held in 2009-2010.</p>			
9	Has the MA 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Use of CITES-listed species			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Importing of CITES-listed species			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify):			<input type="checkbox"/>
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. Fee for permit (export, import and re-export) issuance is 50 GEL. Fee for harvesting of Galanthus woronowii bulbs from wild is 0,1 GEL for one kg.			
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of			Tick if applicable

	CITES or wildlife conservation?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Entirely <input type="checkbox"/>- Partly <input type="checkbox"/>- Not at all <input type="checkbox"/>- Not relevant <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level?	Tick if applicable	
	Increased budget for activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improvement of national networks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement <input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computerization <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify):		<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.		Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?
Target group							
Staff of Management Authority		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Secretariate of CITES permanently provides Management Authority of Georgia with advices and assistance to meet CITES requirements.</p> <p>Project `` Improving Implementation of CITES for Galanthus woronowii and Cyclamen coum from Georgia`` was supported by Government of Netherlands.</p> <p>Prevention of Illegal Wildlife Trade Training for the Caucasian states (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia), Moldova and Ukraine, IFAW/Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia, Georgia, 2010.</p>

Staff of Scientific Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project `` Improving Implementation of CITES for Galanthus woronowii and Cyclamen coum from Georgia`` was supported by Government of Netherlands. Experts from Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, UK and Microsoft Reaserach, Cambridge, UK ahve been involved in implementation of the project.
Staff of enforcement authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prevention of Illegal Wildlife Trade Training for the Caucasian states (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia), Moldova and Ukraine, IFAW/Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia, Georgia, 2010.
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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Training modules was developed and trainings provided to custom service by the Biodiversity Protection Service in 2008 and 2009. Approximately 100 customers have been trained each year.						
	Biodiversity Protection Service permanently provides Custom service with technical advices and assistance to meet CITES requirements.						
	Traders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other parties/International meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:						

D7 Collaboration/cooperative 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 indicate the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the Management Authority to ensure coordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SAs, Customs, police, others):		
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
	Annually	None	No
	Other		

							information	(specify)
	Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meetings and consultations are held in case of issuing of CITES permits
	Consultations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Local authorities or communities						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Indigenous peoples						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Trade or other private sector associations						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	NGOs						<input 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 Management Authority and the following agencies?						Tick if applicable	
	Scientific Authority							<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	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 coordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related conventions)?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D8 Areas for future work

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority?			
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Computerization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 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. Registration of cultivation sites of <i>Galanthus woronowii</i> and establishment procedures to fulfil the CITES definition of artificial propagation			
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:

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 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 type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments		