PART 1 - CITES QUESTIONS

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

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

Party	Malta
Period covered in this report: 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004	1 January 2011 to 31December 2012
Details of agency preparing this report	CITES Management Authority
	Ecosystems Management Unit
	Environment Protection Directorate
	Malta Environment and Planning Authority
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	CITES Management Authority
	Customs Department
	Malta Police

A. General information

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES under the CITES National L If yes, ignore questions 2, 3					fully) partly)			
							n/unknown		
2	If your country has planned details:	, drafted or	enacted an	ly CITES-relevant le	egislation,	please pr	ovide the follo	owing	
	Title and date:		S	Status:					
	Brief description of contents	of description of contents:							
3	Is enacted legislation availa	able in one	of the wor	king languages of t	he Yes				
	Convention?								
			No information						
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative legislation attached								
	provisions that were gazette	d.			-	ed previo	•		
							vill send later		
5	Which of the following issu your country has adopted fo				neasures th	hat Tick	c all applicable	;	
	(in accordance with Article	XIV of the C	Convention	n)?					
]	The conditi	ions for:	The o	complete	prohibition of	:	
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No informa	tion	
	Trade	\square				\square			
	Taking								
	Possession	\square				\square			
	Transport								
	Other (specify)								

Additional comments	The Trade in Species of Fauna and Flora Regulations, 2004, provide that the Scientific Authority and the Management Authority shall advise the Minister for the Environment to prohibit the trade (import, export and re-export) and the possession of any species of flora and fauna if in their joint opinion, or in the individual opinion of either of the Authorities, such trade or possession would endanger the biological identity or any ecosystem or any species of flora and fauna.
	These Regulations also provide that it is the responsibility of the person who is seeking to import or is in possession of any live specimen to obtain the necessary information from the Management Authority.
	Any person who would like to import live specimens of fauna (of CITES and non-CITES species) from outside the European Community requires the prior grant of an import licence that is issued by the Trade Services Directorate. This import licence is granted if the Management Authority, following consultation with the Scientific Authority, does not have any objection to the importation.

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES Tick all applicable legislation, with regard to the following items?						
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information		
	Powers of CITES authorities	\boxtimes					
	Clarity of legal obligations	\boxtimes					
	Control over CITES trade	\boxtimes					
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	\boxtimes					
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	\boxtimes					
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	\boxtimes					
	Implementing regulations	\boxtimes					
	Coherence within legislation	\boxtimes					
	Other (please specify):						
	Please provide details if available:						
7	If no review or assessment has taken reporting period?	place, is one plar	ned for the next	Yes No No	information		
	Please provide details if available:						
8	Has there been any review of legisla relation to implementation of the Conve		wing subjects in	Tick al	l applicable		
	Subject		Yes	No	No information		
	Access to or ownership of natural resou	rces		\square			
	Harvesting						
	Transporting of live specimens						
	Handling and housing of live speciment	5		\boxtimes			
	Please provide details if available:						
9	Please provide details of any additional	measures taken:					

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

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		Yes	No	No information		
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been ur	ndertaken?				
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:					
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	\square				
	Border controls	\square				
	Other (specify)					
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?					
3	3 If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.					
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?					

5	If information available:		Numb	ber	
	Significant seizures/confiscations				
	Total seizures/confiscations	× 19	(details in A	annex 1a a	& 1b)
	If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.				
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES- related violations?	\boxtimes]
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please a	attach det	ails as Ann	ex.	
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?]
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please at	tach detai	ls as Annex.		
	(details in Annex 1a & 1b)				
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?		T	ick if app	licable
	 Return to country of export 				
	 Public zoos or botanical gardens 				\boxtimes
	 Designated rescue centres 				\boxtimes
	 Approved, private facilities 				
	– Euthanasia				
	 Other (specify) Comments: Facilities for the temporary keeping of seized or confiscate 	1.1		:1.1.1	
	indeed confiscated live specimens are taken to the local quarantine. animals of limited size and in small quantities; in view of this, lon considered by sending the specimens to specialised rescue centres in ot dead specimens are retained by the CITES Management Authority to educational purposes.	Howeve ng-term 1 ther Men	r, these car re-homing on ber States.	n only ca of specim Confisca	ter for nens is tion of
11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information		Yes		
	significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offend		No		
	filealis), or information on convicted megar traders and persistent ortend	015:	Not applica	able	\boxtimes
			No informa	ation	
	Comments:				
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities	s with	Yes		\boxtimes
	other countries		No		
	(e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistion interview at a)?	tance,	No informa	ation	
12	joint operation, etc.)?	.1			_
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: Technical assistance on EU-Twix		÷		
14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and convict		Yes		
	offenders?		No		\square
			No informa	ation	
15	If Yes, please describe:	;			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement	?	Yes		\boxtimes
			No		
			Not applie	cable	
			No informa	ation	
17	Comments: To improve CITES-related monitoring and enforcement, Authority has set up a dedicated environment enforcement team made compliance, investigations, and follow-up of court cases, including of enforcement.	le up of	3 officials	responsib	ole for
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	Yes	
	for the MA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES	No	\boxtimes
	Directory?	No information	
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	Yes	
	designated?	No	\boxtimes
		No information	
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead M	IA in the CITES Direc	ctory.
	Malta only has one CITES Management Authority.		
5	How many staff work in each MA? 3 members of staff		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related	Yes	\square
	matters?	No	
		No information	
	If yes, please give estimation		
	1 person 80%; 2 persons 50%		
	6 additional persons also contributed to work on CITES related matters at the Management Authority, but spent less than 10% of their work time on such issues.		
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if ap	plicable
	– Administration		
	– Biology		
	– Economics/trade		
	– Law/policy		\boxtimes
	– Other (specify) Geography		\boxtimes
	– No information		
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation t	o Yes	
	CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, specie		\boxtimes
	identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	No information	
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of researc		
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1		n any changes in n your country y		Yes No No informatio	n		
2	If Yes, please u	se the opportunity	to provide those	changes he	ere.		
3	Has your count Management A		Scientific Authori	ty indeper	ndent from the	Yes No No informatio	n
4	What is the stru	cture of the SA(s)) in your country?			Tic	k if applicable
	– Governi	ment institution					
	– Academ	nic or research ins	titution				
	– Permane	ent committee					
		individuals with c	ertain expertise				\boxtimes
	– Other (s						
5			on CITES issues				
6	Can you estimate matters?	te the percentage	of time they spend	l on CITES	S related	Yes	
	matters:			No			
	If yes, please gi	ve estimation				No informatio	
	Each member of the SA works approximately 30 hours/year on CITES related matters. When estimated over the annual total hours of work this amounts to 1.35% of their total work load.						
7	What are the sk	ills/expertise of st	aff within the SA	(s)?		Tic	k if applicable
	– Botany						\boxtimes
	– Ecology	7					\boxtimes
	– Fisherie	S					
	– Forestry	7					
	– Welfare						
	– Zoology	/					\boxtimes
	– Other (s	pecify) Entomolo	gy				\boxtimes
	 No information 						
8			en undertaken by	the SA(s)) in relation to	Yes	
	CITES species?	1				No	
		• .1 •		1 . 6 .1	1.1.0	No informatio	n 🗌
9		ive the species na	me and provide de	1	· ,	h involved.	Other
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
						No information	on 🗌
10			scientific research	h been su	bmitted to the	Yes	
	Secretariat unde	er Resolution Con	f. 12.2?			No	\boxtimes
						No information	on 🗌
11	Please provide of	details of any add	itional measures ta	aken:			

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 No No information				
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).					
3	Has your country established a specialized unit responsible for CITES-	Yes	\boxtimes			
	related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	No				
	ponce, public prosecutor's onnec):	Under consideration				
		No information				
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:					
	The Enforcement Directorate within the Malta Environment & Planning Authority (MEPA). Enforcement Unit within the Customs Department. Administrative Law Enforcement Section within the Malta Police.					
	These entities work together when considering enforcement matters, as required.					
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:					
	Not Applicable					

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CIT	'ES infor	mation in y	terized?	Tick if applicable				
	 Monitoring an 	d reporti	ng of data o	on legal trac	le		\boxtimes		
	– Monitoring an	d reporti	ng of data o	on illegal tra	ade		\boxtimes		
	– Permit issuanc	ce					\boxtimes		
	– Not at all								
	– Other (specify)								
2	Do the following auth	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								
	Scientific Authority	\square							
	Enforcement Authority								
3	Do you have an electr species?	ronic info	ormation sy	stem provid	ling inf	ormation	on CITES Yes No No information		

4	If Yes, does it provide information on:			Tick if app	olicable
	– Legislation (national, regional or internation	nal)?			\boxtimes
	EU Regulations and national legislation are availab	ole			
	– Conservation status (national, regional, inte	ernational)?			
	 Other (please specify)? Relevant application table for alien species, administration of the 		nent		\square
	More information is expected to be available online	e in the near future.			
5	Is it available through the Internet:			Yes	\boxtimes
				No	
				Not applicable	
				No information	
	Please provide URL:				
	http://www.mepa.org.mt/lplegislationpolicymain http://www.mepa.org.mt/biodiversity-trade				
6	Do the following authorities have access to the following		1	Tick if applie	
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority		
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)	\square	\square		
	2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)				
	Identification Manual	\square	\square		
	CITES Handbook	\square	\square		
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to acc	cess to the mentioned	d information	n?	
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Mana	gement Authority or	n:	Tick if app	olicable
	– Mortality in transport?				
	– Seizures and confiscations?				\boxtimes
	– Discrepancy in number of items in permit and n	number of items actu	ally traded?		\boxtimes
	Comments: Reports would have been made on n have been such cases.	nortality in transpor	t should the	re	
9	Is there a government website with informa	ation on CITES a	and its Y	'es	\boxtimes
	requirements?			lo	
			N	lo information	
	If Yes, please give the URL:				
	www.mepa.org.mt (The Malta Environment and Planning Authority by the government as the CITES Management Auth		ignated		
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the	e following activities		Tick if app	olicable
	bring about better accessibility to and understandin requirements to the wider public?	g of the Convention	S		
	 Press releases/conferences 				\square
	– Newspaper articles, radio/television appear	ances			
	– Brochures, leaflets				
	– Presentations				
	– Displays				
	 Information at border crossing points 				
	 Telephone hotline 				\boxtimes

	– Other (specify)	\boxtimes
	The CITES Management Authority Office is open to provide information to the public on CITES; the Management Authority also replies to several requests for information (which are received by email and by telephone) on a daily basis.	
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex.	N/A
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: N/A	

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit for empowered to sign CITES per Secretariat? If no, please provide details of a	Yes No Not applicable No information					
	Changes in permit format:						
	Changes in designation or s	ignatures of relevar	nt officials	:			
2	To date, has your country dev following?	veloped written pe	ermit proce	•	-		
				Yes	No	No informatio	n
	Permit issuance/acceptance						
	Registration of traders						
	Registration of producers				\boxtimes		
3	Please indicate how many CITE (Note that actual trade is norm documents).		issued				
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments	
	How many documents were issued?	70	7	4	128		
	How many applications were denied because of severe ommissions or mis- information?	0	0	0	0		
	Year 2 How many documents were issued?	85	1	8	109		
	How many applications were denied because of severe ommissions or mis- information?	0	0	0	0		
4	Were any CITES documents th of severe ommissions or mis-in	Yes No No information					
5	If Yes, please give the reasons f	for this.					

6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from oth	ries.	Tick if applicable	;						
	An export permit for fertile eagle eggs from Cameroon was rejected on grounds									
	that it was a fake certificate (March 2012). The CITES Secretariat and Cameroon									
	CITES Management Authority were advised accordingly with the contact details									
	of the exporter for further investigation. Reason Yes No No inform									
	Technical violations				011					
	Suspected fraud									
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment									
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition									
	Other (specify)									
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in th	<u> </u>	ure for	Yes						
,	issuance of permits?	le proces	uie ioi	No	\square					
				No information						
	Comments									
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to pro-	ovide opi	nions?							
	16 times									
9	Has the Management Authority charged fees for permit issuance related CITES activities?	e, registra	ation or	Tick if app	plicable					
	 Issuance of CITES documents: 				\boxtimes					
	 Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES 	S species:	:							
	 Harvesting of CITES-listed species : 	-								
	 Use of CITES-listed species: 									
	 Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species: 									
	 Importing of CITES-listed species: 									
	– Other (specify):									
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.									
	€11.65 per import / export / re-export permit									
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CIT wildlife conservation?	ES or		Tick if app	olicable					
	– Entirely:									
	– Partly:									
	– Not at all:									
	– Not relevant:				\boxtimes					
	Comments:									
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:									

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities CITES implementation at the national	nhance effectiveness of Tick if a	applicable	
	Increased budget for activities	Improvement of national networks	\boxtimes	
	Hiring of more staff	Enforcement	Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement	\boxtimes
	Development of implementation tools		Computerisation	
	– Other (specify)	i		

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.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	What were the external sources?				
	Staff of Management Authority						EU-TWIX communication and communication with other EU CITES Management Authorities.				
	Staff of Scientific Authority										
	Staff of enforcement authorities										
	Traders										
	NGOs										
	Public										
	Other (specify)										

3	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?							
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details	
	Staff of Management Authority						New staff was trained by other officials and provided with advice and guidance on various CITES-related topics.	
	Staff of Scientific Authority Staff of enforcement authorities							
	Traders						CITES authorities provide traders with information on whether particular species require CITES clearance, whether there are any restrictions for their importation, what kind of information is required to clear shipment once in Malta and what documents need to accompany a shipment from the exporting country so as to be considered legal. Technical assistance with respect to other environmental permits required is also provided.	
	NGOs Public	\boxtimes						
	Other parties/International meetings Other (specify)						Through EU-TWIX	
4	Please provide details of any additional mea	asures ta	ken	:				

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes	\boxtimes
	No	
	No information	
If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?		
Most dealings were done on a day-to-day basis as required by email and telephone. Committee composed of: Veterinary Services officials; Customs officials; Police officials; CITES Management Authority officials.		
	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet? Most dealings were done on a day-to-day basis as required by email and telephone. Committee composed of: Veterinary Services officials; Customs	No No information If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet? Most dealings were done on a day-to-day basis as required by email and telephone. Committee composed of: Veterinary Services officials; Customs officials; Police officials; CITES Management Authority officials.

	cases.								
	Regular consulta Management Au		e held bet	ween the	Scientific A	Authority	and the		
3	If No, please ind among CITES au							A to ensure co-ordin	ation
		Daily	Weekly	None No information		Other (specify)			
	Meetings								
	Consultations								
4	At the national collaborate with:		ave there	been any	efforts to	Tick i	f applicable	Details if availa	ble
	Agencies for dev	elopment	t and trade					The Management Authority was consulted on development issue related to the hous of CITES species. Collaboration with regard to trade is considered on a da to-day basis as required.	n sing
	Provincial, state	or territor	rial authori	ties					
	Local authorities	or comm	unities				\boxtimes		
	Indigenous peop	les							
	Trade or other pr	ivate sect	tor associat	ions					
	NGOs								
	Other (specify)								
5	To date, have an formal arrangem to CITES been a agencies?	ents for	institutiona	l cooperat	ion related			Tick if appli	cable
	SA								
	Customs								
	Police								
	Other border auth								
	Other governmer	-	es						
	Private sector bo	dies							
ļ	NGOs								
	Other (specify)								
6	Has your countr related to CITES		pated in a	ny regiona	l activities			Tick if applie	cable
	Workshops								
	Meetings								
	Other (specify)								
7	Has your country	y encoura	iged any n	on-Party to	accede to	Yes			

	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	the Convention? No		\boxtimes
	No informati	on	
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?		
9	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance to anot	ther Yes	
	country in relation to CITES?	No	\bowtie
		No information	
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided?		
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CITES Identificat	ion Yes	
	Manual?	No	\bowtie
		No information	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
13	Has your country taken measures to achieve co-ordination and red		\boxtimes
	duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and ot	INO	
	multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-rela Conventions)?	No information	
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
	The CITES Management Authority is part of the Ecosystems Manageme achieved among different focal points in the Unit specialised on ma management.		
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	\square								
	Hiring of more staff	\square								
	Development of implementation tools	\square								
	Improvement of national networks		\square							
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement	\square								
	Computerisation		\square							
	Other (specify)									
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific	Yes								
	Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	No		\boxtimes						
		No info	rmation							
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	Yes		\square						
	requiring attention or assistance?	No								
		No inf	ormation							
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is	required	•							
	Limited enforcement personnel, which has been addressed to some extent during is also limited personnel dealing with CITES policy and permitting issues.	this repor	rting period.	There						
6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the	Yes								
ĺ	Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	No		\boxtimes						
		No inf	ormation							
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.									

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	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	\boxtimes
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures impose	Enclosed	
		Not available	
		Not relevant	\boxtimes
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	\boxtimes
	(details in Annex 1a & 1b)	Not available	
		Not relevant	
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	\boxtimes
	(details in Annex 1a & 1b)	Not available	
		Not relevant	
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	\boxtimes
	(details in Annex 1a & 1b)	Not available	
		Not relevant	
D4 (10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for	Enclosed	
	educational or public awareness purposes,	Not available	
		Not relevant	\boxtimes
	Comments		

ANNEX - PROPOSED BIENNIAL REPORT FORMAT

PART 2 - SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS¹

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

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

1b	If not already provided under questions B (2) and B (4), please provide details of any national legislation that has been updated in this reporting period and attach the full legislative text.									
2b	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any additional Regulation -relevant legislation, other than that reported under question B (2) or above, please provide the following details:									
	Title and date:		, r	Status:	2					
	Brief description of conten	nts:								
5b	Has your country adopted any stricter domestic measures, other than those reported under question B (5), specifically for non CITES-listed species ² ? Tick all applicable categories below that these categories apply to.									
			The condi	• • • •	Г	The complete	prohibition of:			
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes		No information			
	Trade									
	Taking									
	Possession	\boxtimes				\square				
	Transport									
	Other (specify)									
	Additional comments									
8b	Has there been any review	of legislatio	on on the f	ollowing subjects in	n					
	relation to implementation	n of Council	Regulation	n (EC) No. 338/97?						
				······	Yes	No	No information			
	Introduction of live Regul Community that would the (in accordance with Articl	reaten the inc	ligenous f			\boxtimes				
	Marking specimens to fact			accordance						
	with Article 19, paragraph		reaction (in							
	Please provide details if av	vailable:								
9b	Please provide the followi	ng details ab	out Regul	ations-related viola	tions:					
	i) Maximum penalt	•	-							
	Any person who commits									
	less than 465.87 but not not exceeding two years, o				or a period	a of not less	than one month but			
	· · ·			· ·	ementatio	on of the Reg	ulation not reported			
	on in question B			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
	Not applicable.									

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

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

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

2b	Have any actions, in addition to those reported in C (2-9) above, been taken for Regulation-related violations?	Yes No No information	
9b	 Please provide the following details about Regulations-related violations: i) Maximum sanctions which have been imposed over this reporting per Maximum sanction four years imprisonment suspended for two years with con ii) The outcomes of any prosecutions; Details in Annex 1a & 1b 		cimens.
16b	Has there been any review or assessment of Regulation-related enforcement, in addition to that reported under C (16) above?	Yes No No information	
18 new	Comments: Have specimens been marked to establish whether they were born and bred in captivity? (In accordance with <i>Commission Regulation (EC) No.</i> <i>865/2006</i> , Article 66)	Yes No No information	
	Comments:		
19 new	Have any monitoring activities been undertaken to ensure that the intended accommodation for a live specimen at the place of destination is adequately equipped to conserve and care for it properly? (In accordance with Article 4 paragraph 1 (c) of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i>).	Yes No No information	
	Comments:		
20 new	Have national action plans for co-ordination of enforcement, with clearly defined objectives and timeframes been adopted, and are they harmonized and reviewed on a regular basis? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIa.)	Yes No No information	
ĺ	Comments:		
21 new	Do enforcement authorities have access to specialized equipment and relevant expertise, and other financial and personnel resources? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIb.) If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information	
	Comments: Customs mostly make use of X-ray machines to aid in detecting c	oncealed specimens	
22 new	Do penalties take into account inter alia the market value of the specimens and the conservation value of the species involved in the offence, and the costs incurred? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007)</i> <i>2551</i> , paragraph IIc.) Comments: Penalties from Customs are worked out on the estimated m	Yes No No information arket value of the sp	
	However, within the parameters of Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 as Legal Notice 236 of 2004, penalties are at the discretion of the presiding magin		through

23 new	Are training and/or awareness raising activities being carried out for a) enforcement agencies, b) prosecution services, and c) the judiciary? (In	Yes No	
	accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C</i> (2007) 2551, paragraph IId.)	No information	
	Comments: Training was carried out in 2010, that is, during the previous repo	rting period.	
24	Are regular checks on traders and holders such as pet shops, breeders and	Yes	\boxtimes
new	nurseries being undertaken to ensure in-country enforcement? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph	No	
	IIg.)	No information	
	Comments: Breeders of Annex A listed CITES specimens are monitored regu	larly.	
25	Are risk and intelligence assessment being used systematically in order to	Yes	\boxtimes
new	ensure thorough checks at border-crossing points as well as in-country? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph	No	
	Ilh.)	No information	
	Comments:		
26	Are facilities available for the temporary care of seized or confiscated live	Yes	\boxtimes
new	specimens, and are mechanisms in place for their long-term re-homing, where necessary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C</i>	No	
	(2007) 2551, paragraph Iii.)	No information	
	Comments: Facilities for the temporary keeping of seized or confiscated however, these can cater for animals of limited size and in small quantities. specimens is considered by sending the specimens to specialised rescue centre	Long-term re-homing	of these
27	Is cooperation taking place with relevant enforcement agencies in other	Yes	\boxtimes
new	Member States on investigations of offences under Regulation No. (EC) 338/97? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C</i> (2007) 2551,	No	
	paragraph IIIe.)	No information	
	Comments: Through eco-messages in EU-TWIX.		
28	Is assistance being provided to other Member States with the temporary	Yes	
new	care and long-term re-homing of seized or confiscated live specimens? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph	No	\boxtimes
	IIIj.)	No information	
	Comments: Malta is too small to cater for such needs.		

29 new	Is liaison taking place with CITES MAs and law enforcement agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community as well as the CITES Secretariat, ICPO, Interpol and the World Customs Organization to help detect, deter and prevent illegal trade in wildlife through the exchange of information and intelligence? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C</i> (2007) 2551, paragraph IIIk.)	Yes No No information	
	Comments: Communication with various CITES MAs and CITES Secretaria imports and irregularities.	t took place on CITES	-related
30 new	Is advice and support being provided to CITES MAs and law enforcement agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community to facilitate legal and sustainable trade through correct application of procedures? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIII.)	Yes No No information	
	Comments: Communication with CITES MAs was carried out with response required specialised information in accordance with CITES Resolutions to be CITES Export permits, with special emphasis on pre-convention items.	*	

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

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

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

8b	•	rch activities been	relation to non	Yes				
	CITES listed sp	ecies?		No	\boxtimes			
				No informatio	n 🗌			
9b	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.							
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)	
	1							
	2							
	3							
	etc.							
						No informati	on 🖂	

11 new	How many Scientific Review Group (SRG) meetings have the SA attended?	Number	0
	Indicate any difficulties that rendered attendance to the SRG difficult: Members of the SA are mostly employed on a full-time basis with the Univer constraints make it difficult for them to attend; apart from financial constrain [.]		hus, time

D3 Enforcement Authorities

6 new	Has a liaison officer/focal point for CITES been nominated within each relevant enforcement authority ir your country? Yes	ı M
new	No	
	Under consideration	
	No information	

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1b	Is Regulation-related information in your country computerized on?	Tick if appl	licable
	 Annex D listed species 		
	- Other matters not reported on in question D4 (1) (please specify)		
3b	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on	Yes	
	Regulation-listed species?	No	\boxtimes
		No information	

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

9b	Has the Management Authority charged fees for any Regulation-related matters	Yes	
	not covered in question D5 (9)?	No	\boxtimes
	If yes, please provide details of these Regulation-related matters and the amount of any such fees.	No information	
13 new	Can you indicate the percentage of permits/certificates issued that are returned to the MA after endorsement by customs?	Percentage : 100%	
		No information	
14	Has a list of places of introduction and export in your country been compiled in	Yes	\boxtimes
new	accordance with Article 12 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97?	No	
	If yes, please attach. Details in Annex 2 – Places of introduction and export.	No information	
15	Have persons and bodies been registered in accordance with Articles 18 and 19	Yes	
new	of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	No	\bowtie
	If yes, please provide details.	No information	
16	Have scientific institutions been registered in accordance with Article 60 of	Yes	
new	Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	No	\bowtie
	If yes, please provide details.	No information	
17	Have breeders been approved in accordance with Article 63 of Commission	Yes	
new	Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	No	\boxtimes
	If yes, please provide details.	No information	
18	Have caviar (re-)packaging plants been licensed in accordance with Article 66 (7)	Yes	
new	of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006?	No	\bowtie
	If yes, please provide details.	No information	

19 new	Are phytosanitary certificates used in accordance with Article 17 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No	
	n yes, please provide details.	No information	
20	Have cases occurred where export permits and re-export certificates were issued	Yes	
new	retrospectively in accordance with Article 15 of Commission Regulation (EC)	No	\boxtimes
	No. 865/2006?	No information	
	If yes, please provide details.		

D8 Areas for future work

2b	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific suspensions or negative opinions adopted by the European Commission? (In accordance with Article 4 (6)).	Yes No No information	
4b	 Have any constraints to implementation of the Regulation, not reported under question D8 (4), arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance? Definition of Introduction into the Community – unclear whether items within airport grounds, in the absence of any Customs procedures, qualify as having been introduced into the Community Definition of what constitutes a Significant Seizure Definition of Physiological and Behavioural Properties 	Yes No No information	

Annex 2 - Places of introduction and export, according to Article 12 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 for Malta

	Mode of transport (A, S, Ra, Ro, M)	Animals Plants			Timber (Y/N)	Microchip reader (Y/N)	Border Inspection Post *			
Place (incl. name in English)		Live Ani	mals	Parts and Derivatives - Animals	atives Live Derivatives			Remarks		
		Commercial (I, E)	Pets (I,E)	(I,E)	(I,E)	(I,E)				
Freeport	S	n/a	n/a	I,E	I,E	I,E	Y	Y	Y	n/a
Malta International Airport	А	I,E	I,E	I,E	I,E	I,E	Ν	Y	Y	n/a
Valletta Grand Harbour	S	I,E	I,E	I,E	I,E	I,E	Y	Y	Y	n/a

*Commission Decision of 5 September 2007 amending Decisions 2001/881/EC and 2002/459/EC as regards the list of border inspection posts

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App.	EC Annex	SP	ECIES	Quantity	Country of Destination	Country of Export or Re- Export	Purpose	Source	REMARKS
		FAUNA							
		Mammalia							
		Pholidota							
		Manidae							
II	В	Manis sp.	POW	60 number	МТ	NP	Т	U	3 packets of Tibetan incense containing 20 sticks each imported without CITES documents were seized. Case: Pending
		Cetacea							
		Balaenidae							
I	A	Cetacea sp.	BON	2 number	МТ	AN	Ρ	Ι	Claimed to be antique whale bone brush sent to St Maarten to be transformed into 2 necklaces. No CITES documents. Two pendants were seized. Case: Pending
		Carnivora							
		Ursidae							
II		Ursus americanus	BOD	1	MT	US	Ρ	W	No CITES documents presented. Case pending.
		Lutrinae							
II	В	Lontra canadensis	BOD	1 number	MT	US	Р	W	No CITES documentation presented. Case pending.

App.	EC Annex	SPECIES		Quantity	Country of Destination	Country of Export or Re- Export	Purpose	Source	REMARKS
		Felidae							
Π		Lynx canadensis	BOD	1	МТ	US	Ρ	W	Found in possession of 1specimen of Lynx canadensis and 1 specimen of Lynx rufus. No CITES documents could be presented. Case: Police vs Michael Desira Court hearing : 10th April 2013, Decision: Euro 650 fine + confiscation of specimen.
II	В	Lynx rufus	BOD	1	МТ	US	Ρ	W	Found in possession of 1specimen of Lynx canadensis and 1 specimen of Lynx rufus. No CITES documents could be presented. Case: Police vs Michael Desira Court hearing : 10th April 2013, Decision: Euro 650 fine + confiscation of specimen.
		Proboscidae							
I	A	Elephantidae Loxodonta africana	CAR	11 number	MT	US	т	Ι	Claimed to be pre-convention on invoice, but no official document. No CITES documents. Items were seized. Case: Pending
		Aves							
		Falconiformes							
		Accipitridae							
II		Buteo buteo	SKI	1 number	MT	GB	Ρ	W	No CITES documents presented. Case: Police vs Peter Reuben Agius Date of hearing: 10th April 2013. Decision: Euro 700 fine + confiscation of specimen.

App.	EC Annex	SPECIES		Quantity	Country of Destination	Country of Export or Re- Export	Purpose	Source	REMARKS
II		Buteo buteo	SKI	1 number	MT	GB	Ρ	W	No CITES documents presented. Case: Police vs Ronald Caruana Date of hearing: 10th April 2013. Decision: Euro 700 fine + confiscation of specimen.
II	A	Pernis apivorus	BOD	1 number	МТ	EG	Ρ	W	Found in possession of 3 bird carcases, two of which were CITES species. No CITES documentation presented. Case: Police vs Adam Attard Date of hearing: 12th June 2013. Decision: Euro 1000 fine + confiscation of specimen.
		Reptilia							
		Testudinata							
		Testudinidae							
II	A	Testudo graeca	LIV	5 number	LY	LY	Т	W	Caught at the Maltese Harbour smuggling Testudo greaca, Testudo hermanni and Testudo kleimanni. Tortoises seized. Case: Pending
II	A	Testudo hermanni	LIV	30 number	LY	LY	Т	W	Caught at the Maltese Harbour smuggling Testudo greaca, Testudo hermanni and Testudo kleimanni. Tortoises seized. Case: Pending
Ι	A	Testudo kleinmanni	LIV	20 number	LY	LY	Т	W	Caught at the Maltese Harbour smuggling Testudo greaca Testudo hermanni and Testudo kleimanni. Tortoises seized. Case: Pending
		Crocodylia							
		Alligatoridae							
II	В	Alligator mississippiensis	LPS	1 number	MT	СН	Т	С	No CITES documents accompanied consignment as per requirements of EC Regulation 338/97. Watch strap seized. Case: Pending

App.	EC Annex	SPECIES		Quantity	Country of Destination	Country of Export or Re- Export	Purpose	Source	REMARKS
II	В	Alligator mississippiensis	LPS	1 number	MT	US	Ρ	U	No CITES Documents found with package. Watch Strap seized. Case: Pending

App.	EC Annex	SPECIES		Quantity	Country of Destination	Country of Export or Re- Export	Purpose	Source	REMARKS
		FLORA							
I	А	Compositae (Asteraceae) Saussurea costus	MED	20 kg	МТ	IN	Т	U	Found as an ingredient of herbal preparations declared as Kusta. Consignment was not accompanied by CITES documents. Products containing Kusta were seized. Case: Pending

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App.	EC Annex	SPECIES		Quantity	Country of Destination	Country of Export or Re- Export	Purpose	Source	REMARKS
		FAUNA							
		Aves							
		Ciconiiformes							
		Ardeidae							
I	A	Ardea alba	SKI	7 number	MT	RO	Ρ	W	Found in possession of 12 skins of Buteo lagopus, 7 skins of Ardea alba, 1 skin of Circus cyaneus and 2 skins of Asio otus. No CITES documentation presented. Case pending.
		Falconiformes							
		Accipitridae							
II		Buteo lagopus	SKI	12 number	MT	RO	Ρ	W	Found in possession of 12 skins of Buteo lagopus, 7 skins of Ardea alba, 1 skin of Circus cyaneus and 2 skins of Asio otus. No CITES documentation presented. Case pending.
II		Circus cyaneus	SKI	1 number	MT	RO	Ρ	W	Found in possession of 12 skins of Buteo lagopus, 7 skins of Ardea alba, 1 skin of Circus cyaneus and 2 skins of Asio otus. No CITES documentation presented. Case pending.
		Strigiformes							
		Strigidae							
II		Asio otus	SKI	2 number	MT	RO	Ρ	W	Found in possession of 12 skins of Buteo lagopus, 7 skins of Ardea alba, 1 skin of Circus cyaneus and 2 skins of Asio otus. No CITES documentation presented. Case pending.

App.	EC Annex	SPECIES		Quantity	Country of Destination	Country of Export or Re- Export	Purpose	Source	REMARKS
		Reptilia							
		Testudinata							
		Testudinidae							
II	A	Testudo graeca	LIV	15 number	МТ	LY	Т	W	Caught at Malta International Airport smuggling live tortoises Case: Police vs Jaloud Mahmud Omar Date of hearing: 22nd January 2012 Decision: four years imprisonment suspended for two years and confiscation of live specimens
Ι	A	Testudo kleinmanni	LIV	15 number	МТ	LY	Т	W	Caught at Malta International Airport smuggling live tortoises Case: Police vs Jaloud Mahmud Omar Date of hearing: 22nd January 2012 Decision: four years imprisonment suspended for two years and confiscation of live specimens
		Crocodylia							
		Alligatoridae							
II	В	Alligator mississippiensis	LPS	3 number	МТ	СН	Т	W	CITES Export Permit but no CITES Import Permit as per requirements of EC Regulation 338/97. Watch strap seized. Case: Pending
II	В	Alligator mississippiensis	LPS	2 number	МТ	СН	т	U	Watches sent to Switzerland for repairs without CITES certificates and were sent back to Malta from Switzerland again without CITES certificates. By coincidence these were intercepted by the CITES Team when the said straps were found accompanying another watch strap which had the necessary certificates. Watch straps seized. Case: Pending
II	В	Alligator mississippiensis	LPS	2 number	MT	СН	т	С	CITES Export Permit but no CITES Import Permit as per requirements of EC Regulation 338/97. Watch strap seized. Case: Pending

App.	EC Annex	SPECIES		Quantity	Country of Destination	Country of Export or Re- Export	Purpose	Source	REMARKS
II	В	Alligator mississippiensis	LPS	1 number	МТ	US	Ρ	U	No CITES Documents found with postal package. Watch strap seized. Case: Pending
		Anthozoa							
		Scleractinia							
		Acroporidae							
II	В	Acropora spp	COR	1 number	МТ	ТН	Ρ	W	No CITES Documentation. Coral seized Case: Pending
		Pocilloporidae							
II	В	Pocillopora sp.	COR	1 number	МТ	ТН	Ρ	W	No CITES Documentation. Coral seized. Case: Pending

App.	EC Annex	SPECIES	Qu	antity	Country of Destination	Country of Export or Re- Export	Purpose	Source	REMARKS
		FLORA							
		Thymeleaceae (Aquilariacea							
II	В	Aquilaria spp.	СНР	24 number	MT	KE	Ρ	U	No CITES Documentation. Incense seized. Case: Pending