

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



POLAND

BIENNIAL REPORT

2011 – 2012

Warsaw, June 2013

A. General information

Party	Poland
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of the Environment Department of Forestry and Nature Conservation (CITES MA of Poland)
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Ministry of Finance, General Police Headquarter, State Council for Nature Conservation (CITES SA of Poland), The Polish Society for Nature Protection „Salamandra”, WWF Poland, University of Warsaw Botanic Garden

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possession	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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	According to the national law (Nature Conservation Act of 16 th April 2004, with further amendments) owners of live animals of species covered by EU regulations on wildlife trade (CITES species) from Annex A and B, including amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals are obliged to submit a written declaration of possession to the appropriate district authority, in order to register specimens they keep. Obligation of registration does not apply to zoological gardens and persons involved in animal trade, carrying on an economic activity on regular basis (e.g. owners of pet shops) as well as persons keeping CITES animals temporarily for the medical treatment and rehabilitation purposes. The above mentioned sellers are obliged however to possess documents stating legal origin of an animal they sell and to pass them to the buyer (e.g. copy of CITES import permit, permit for acquisition from nature, and in case of birth in captivity within Polish territory – a document issued by a district veterinary service, confirming birth in captivity, or other document stating legality of origin). Prohibitions referring e.g. to harvesting, possessing, transport, sale and purchase, donations apply to all native protected species (including native CITES species). Exemptions from the above mentioned prohibitions can be granted only by the General or Regional Directorate for Environmental Protection, which issues permissions.					

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items?			Tick all applicable	
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information
	Powers of CITES authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Clarity of legal obligations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Control over CITES trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of offences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implementing regulations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coherence within legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Please provide details if available:					
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:					
Guidelines on the planned change of the binding CITES legislation are being elaborated in cooperation with the Scientific Authority and the CITES National Working Group.					
8	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Convention?			Tick all applicable	
	Subject	Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Harvesting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Transporting of live specimens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Handling and housing of live specimens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please provide details if available:					
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:				

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) Control of CITES sale offers in the Internet.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.			
4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If information available: <input type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.	Number 2011– 149 seizures; 2012 – 144 seizures Detailed information in Annex I - C5		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex. Detailed information in Annex II – C7 and C9.			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex. Detailed information in Annex II – C7 and C9.			
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?	Tick if applicable		
	– Return to country of export			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Public zoos or botanical gardens			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Designated rescue centres			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Approved, private facilities			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Euthanasia			<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	<p>Comments:</p> <p>Live CITES specimens are mainly directed to public zoological or botanical gardens, while dead ones are distributed for training purposes to Customs, Police and for educational purposes to universities, schools or museums.</p>		
11	<p>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?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Comments:</p>		
12	<p>Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
13	<p>If Yes, please give a brief description: WEB Project, CAGE Operation</p>		
14	<p>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?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
15	<p>If Yes, please describe:</p> <p>Thanks to numerous information campaigns and public awareness building projects on the issue of illegal trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora (organized by Polish NGOs and Customs Service), our society becomes more familiar with the current CITES provisions and learn more how to counteract illegal trade in wild fauna and flora.</p>		
16	<p>Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>Comments: General assessment of enforcement in Poland is planned.</p>		
17	<p>Please provide details of any additional measures taken:</p>		

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here. Actual contact details of the CITES MA of Poland are the following: Ministry of the Environment Department of Forestry and Nature Conservation (since April 2012) Division of the Conventions Wawelska st. 52/54 00-922 Warsaw E-mail: cites-ma@mos.gov.pl Director of the Department: <i>Nina Dobrzyńska</i> nina.dobrzynska@mos.gov.pl Deputy Director: <i>Anna Klisowska</i> anna.klisowska@mos.gov.pl Head of Division: <i>Bożena Haczek</i> bozena.haczek@mos.gov.pl CITES team: <i>Magdalena Mikitiuk-Ziółek</i> magdalena.mikitiuk-ziolek@mos.gov.pl , <i>Wojciech Piwowarski</i> wojciech.piwowarski@mos.gov.pl ; <i>Karol Wolnicki</i> karol.wolnicki@mos.gov.pl , <i>Barbara Zbiegieni</i> barbara.zbiegieni@mos.gov.pl		
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory.		
5	How many staff work in each MA? Poland has designated one CITES Management Authority based on the CITES team which consists of four employees. CITES MA is represented by the Minister of the Environment and the Director responsible for the nature conservation issues.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation 100%	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if applicable	
	– Administration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Biology		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Economics/trade		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Law/policy		<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify) – <i>environmental protection</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– No information		<input type="checkbox"/>

8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	Yes <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.	
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project on active protection of harbour porpoise (<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>) against catch in the Pucka Bay has been finished in 2011; - Participation in project SAMBAH on the Monitoring of the Baltic Sea harbour porpoise; - Under the project on “Support for Restoration and Protection of Baltic Mammals” the WWF Poland and the Marine Station IOUG have been patrolling the whole Polish Baltic coast on a temporary basis and gathering the reports, since 2010; - Polish-German project on restitution of Baltic sturgeon in Odra river is being carried out; - Enlargement of hatch hub for sturgeon in Grzmięca; - Polish-German WG on protection of trans-boundary population of wolf has been established in 2010; - Project on conservation of big predators in Poland (<i>Lynx lynx</i>, <i>Canis lupus</i> and <i>Ursus arctos</i>) run by WWF Poland; - Project on creation of national strategies and management plans concerning inter alia wolf, brown bear, lynx; - Actions aiming at the restitution of selected native birds of prey are being carried out. 	

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 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	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 type="checkbox"/>
	- Permanent committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Pool of individuals with certain expertise	<input type="checkbox"/>

	– Other (specify) The CITES SA of Poland is represented by the CITES Commission within The State Council for Nature Conservation (body providing independent opinion and counseling for the Minister of the Environment).		<input type="checkbox"/>
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? The CITES Commission consists of 5 persons working on a voluntary basis.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Zoology		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify): <i>invasive alien species, captive breeding in zoos, nature conservation law</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.		
	Species name	Populations	Distribution
			Off take
			Legal trade
			Illegal trade
			Other (specify)
	<i>Hirudo medicinalis</i>		
			Illegal trade on the Internet
	2		
	3		
	etc.		
			No information
10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: <i>See Annex III- D6</i>		

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	To date, has your country advised the Secretariat of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).	
3	Has your country established a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)? <i>Within the Police forces (General and Regional Headquarters), Ministry of Finance, Regional Customs Chambers and General Veterinary Inspectorate, CITES coordinators have been designated.</i> <i>Their main role is to coordinate CITES related efforts and monitor activities of local and regional units concerning crimes against wildlife.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement: <i>Among Enforcement Authorities there is no leading and superior institution.</i>	
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: <i>Enforcement Authorities monitor and control wildlife trade on internal markets (e.g. by carrying out inspections of pet-shops, animal fairs, monitoring of sales of CITES specimens on the Internet).</i>	

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized? Tick if applicable																					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Permit issuance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> 																					
2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet? Tick if applicable																					
	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">Authority</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Yes, continuous and unrestricted access</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Yes, but only through a dial-up connection</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Yes, but only through a different office</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Some offices only</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Not at all</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Please provide details where appropriate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Management Authority</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scientific Authority</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	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"/>	
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?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, does it provide information on:	Tick if applicable					
	– Legislation (national, regional or international)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	– Conservation status (national, regional, international)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	– Other (please specify)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	<p>CITES Management Authority of Poland runs the Internet Website devoted to CITES issues, which includes information on existing CITES and related EU provisions, additional information materials and explanations.</p> <p>Moreover, on the Internet websites of Customs Chambers and Police units one can find basic information on CITES and relevant seizures and confiscations.</p> <p>Polish NGOs, such as WWF Poland, Polish Society for Nature Protection “Salamandra” also provide important information on CITES matters and current projects concerning the Washington Convention, as well as booklets, guides and manuals for identification.</p>						
5	Is it available through the Internet:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	Please provide URL:						
	CITES MA website:						
	www.mos.gov.pl/cites-ma						
	Customs website:						
	http://www.mf.gov.pl/dokument.php?const=2&dzial=525&id=47104						
	Websites of NGOs dealing with CITES issues:						
	http://www.wwfpl.panda.org/co_robimy/gatunki_glowna/handel_zagrozonymi_gatunkami/						
	http://www.salamandra.org.pl/ginace-gatunki						
6	Do the following authorities 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices</i> (CD-ROM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	<i>Identification Manual</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

	<i>CITES Handbook</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?			
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:	Tick if applicable		
	– Mortality in transport?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	– Seizures and confiscations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	– Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Comments:			
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: www.mos.gov.pl/cites-ma			
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public?	Tick if applicable		
	– Press releases/conferences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	– Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	– Brochures, leaflets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	– Presentations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	– Displays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	– Information at border crossing points	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	– Telephone hotline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	– Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex.			
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Essential contribution to the capacity building and propagation of the CITES in Poland (information campaigns, workshops, brochures, posters, exhibitions) was made by NGOs such as: WWF Poland and Polish Society for Nature Conservation "Salamandra". Some zoos and botanical gardens were also involved in propagation of CITES through the creation of CITES exhibitions and educational paths.			

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 in designation or signatures of relevant officials:		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Registration of producers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued or denied in the two year period? (Note that actual trade is normally reported in the Annual Report by Parties. This question refers to issued documents).						
	Year 2011	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other *	Comments	
	How many documents were issued?	387	40	9	239	* EU Certificates issued acc. to the Council Reg. (EC) No. 338/97	
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	-	-	-	-		
	Year 2012						
	How many documents were issued?	286	37	11	360		
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	1	-	-	-		
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of severe omissions or mis-information?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	If Yes, please give the reasons for this.						
6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from other countries.				Tick if applicable		
	Reason	Yes	No	No information			
	Technical violations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Suspected fraud	<input checked="" 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 as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comments Wild specimens of native CITES species are not a subject of exploitation for the purposes of commercial international trade.						
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions? 2011 – at least 230 times 2012 – at least 300 times						
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"/>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Harvesting of CITES-listed species : <input type="checkbox"/> - Use of CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Importing of CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify): EU Certificates issued acc. to the Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	<p>If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees.</p> <p>Fee for the issuance of the CITES import, (re-)export permit was: 107 PLN (25 EUR).</p> <p>Fee for the issuance of the EU Certificate acc. to the Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 was: 17 PLN (4 EUR).</p> <p>Budgetary and governmental units, including zoological, botanical gardens and scientific institutions are exempted from the above mentioned fees.</p>
11	<p>Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? Tick if applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entirely: <input type="checkbox"/> - Partly: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not at all: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not relevant: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>Comments:</p> <p>Money obtained from the above mentioned fees is not directed for the CITES implementation purposes. It goes to the self-government budget.</p>
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D6 Capacity building

1	<p>Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level? Tick if applicable</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Increased budget for activities</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 40%;">Improvement of national networks</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hiring of more staff</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Development of implementation tools</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Computerisation</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Other (specify)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computerisation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Staff of Management Authority	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Traders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NGOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public was the recipient of awareness campaigns, lectures and phone and written advices.
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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.						
	Target group	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance	Financial assistance	Training	Other (specify)	Details
	Staff of Management Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Telephone hotline
	Staff of Scientific Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Staff of enforcement authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See Annex III –D6
	Traders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NGOs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	<p>If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?</p> <p>The CITES Working Group consists of representatives of Management Authority, Scientific Authority, Ministry of Finance, Customs, Police, Veterinary Inspection, judiciary and NGOs: WWF Poland, “Salamandra”, Polish Society for the Protection of Animals (TOZ) and representatives of zoological and botanical gardens.</p> <p>Group meetings are organized 1-2 times a year.</p>			

3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the MA to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SA(s), Customs, police, others):							
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)
	Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Cooperation with Regional Authorities in the field of registration of CITES animals.
	Local authorities or communities					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Cooperation with Customs, Police and Prosecutors in relation to investigations which are carried out.
	Indigenous peoples					<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Trade or other private sector associations					<input type="checkbox"/>		Information exchange
	NGOs					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Other (specify)					<input type="checkbox"/>		
5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the MA and the following agencies?							Tick if applicable
	SA							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Customs							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Police							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other border authorities (specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other government agencies							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Private sector bodies							<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGOs							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?							Tick if applicable
	Workshops							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Meetings							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>
	Participation in regular meetings of the Committee on Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora, Scientific Review Group							

	and Enforcement Group within the EU, as well as in seminars for Central and Eastern Europe (see Annex III).		
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? Representative of the CITES MA of Poland delivered a presentation on the most important CITES issues during the Green Customs Workshop in Minsk, Belarus, 30 - 31 May 2012.		
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. Issues regarding CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements are dealt by the same institution (Ministry of the Environment). It ensures coordination of actions and excludes the possibility of their unnecessary duplication.		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Improvement of national networks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement* *Purchase of specialized dogs for detection of CITES specimens for Customs Service.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Computerisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Trainings for judiciary sector.			
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.			
6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	<p>If Yes, please give a brief description.</p> <p>In our opinion, taking into consideration the effective implementation of CITES provisions and verification of documents, it would be advisable to create confidential database gathering examples and patterns of permits and certificates being used by the Parties.</p>			
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:			

E. General feedback

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

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

Question	Item		
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
D4 (10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes,	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments		

Annex I - C5

According to the information reported by the Ministry of Finance, in 2011 Customs Service carried out 149 seizures consisting of 12833 CITES specimens, including: 26 live animals (tortoises of *Testudinidae* spp. and *Cuora* spp., parrots and other birds, pythons, boas), 9594 specimens of traditional asian medicine (TAM), 3000 seeds of cactus *Astrophytum asterias* and 4 kg of powder of *Cistanche deserticola*, 2 m³ of wood of *Swietenia* spp., 8,3 kg of caviar (*Acipenseriformes* spp.), 61,5 kg of corals (*Scleractinia* spp.) and 750 kg of live coral substrat.

In 2012 Customs Service made 144 seizures consisting of 8650 specimens, including: 200 live animals (*T. horsfieldii* and 3 parrots), 8217 specimens of traditional asian medicine (TAM), 9 live plants (*Orchidaceae* spp. and *Cactaceae* spp.), 7 specimens of ivory (*Elephantidae* spp.) and 362 kg of live corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), 52,6 kg of corals and over 3 kg of caviar (*Acipenseriformes* spp.).

Annex II - C7 and C9

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

The most frequent violation concerning endangered species of fauna and flora, identified in the reporting period, is border-crossing without necessary permits and offering for sale without sufficient documents of legal origin and acquisition.

Sentences in the majority of court cases imposed fines and forfeitures of seized specimens. So far, the most severe penalty of imprisonment (from 3 months up to 5 years) has not been imposed, however there were cases where it was applied in suspension.

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

Annex III- D6 Capacity building activities 2011-2012

Activities carried out by CITES MA of Poland

- Participation in the 1st seminar “Implementation of CITES and EU WTR in CEE region” for the representatives of CITES authorities and NGO’s from Central and Eastern Europe organised by SALAMANDRA on behalf of CEEweb for Biodiversity. The main aim of the workshop was to strengthen the cooperation between the CEE countries in the field of CITES implementation. The leading topic was the trade in reptiles from South-East Asia (presented by the expert from Traffic). The workshop took place in Poznań (Poland), 7-9 December 2011, and was co-organised by Polish CITES SA and CEEweb for Biodiversity, with the financial contribution of IFAW.
- Representative of the CITES MA of Poland delivered a presentation on the most important CITES issues (including basic information on functioning of CITES, its structure, species and specimens) during Green Customs Workshop in Minsk, Belarus, 30 - 31 May 2012;
- Co-organizing and participation in the 2nd seminar “Implementation of CITES and EU WTR in CEE region” (Nairobi, - August 2012) organised as a field study in Kenya. In the seminar participated representatives of the CITES authorities and NGO’s from CEE region and some African countries (mostly from Kenya. The main aim of this event was to strengthen the cooperation between the participants and to increase the awareness about the problems of wildlife conservation in Africa. This activity was co-organised by the following institutions: Polish CITES SA and MA, Kenya Wildlife Service, CEEweb for Biodiversity and IFAW.
- Co-organizing and participation in the seminar “Preparations for CITES CoP 16th – discussion on chosen proposals”. In the seminar participated representatives of the CITES authorities from CEE region and USA, EU Commission, NGOs and external experts. The main aim of the seminar was to provide an opportunity for better understanding of the background of the chosen proposals submitted for consideration during CITES CoP 16th and provide platform for exchange of views in this regard.
- Lecture on CITES regulations for students of postgraduate specialization studies on diseases of non-domestic animals (Warsaw, October 2012). It was an all-day session about CITES carried out by the representatives of CITES MA for the group of veterinary surgeons from specialization within diseases of wild animals, as those who needs knowledge about CITES regulations (for future work at ZOOs, rehabilitation centres, specialized veterinary surgeries for reptiles, birds and other exotic animals).The lecture involved such subjects as: bases of functioning of the Convention, EU and domestic regulations within CITES, some elements of IATA regulations and sources of information about CITES (CITES Secretariat’s webpage together with the “virtual college”, webpage of the European Commission on EU regulation on the trade of wild fauna and flora, some internet guides for identification of specimens, etc.)

Moreover, representatives of Management and Scientific Authority informed the society on relevant CITES matters and provisions by means of telephone hotline, presentations at training sessions, interviews for the press, radio and television.

Enforcement Authorities - Customs Service

Actions taken at the central level :

- Participation in an international training on identifying the endangered species of tropical trees (May 2011);
- Organization of the specialized training for CITES coordinators and other Customs officers within identifying of the specimens of endangered and protected species of flora and fauna and methods of protection of the seized specimens , carried out by experts from the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (September 2011);
- IX Workshop for CITES coordinators in Customs Service and Police organized in cooperation with WWF Poland;
- Training on CITES enforcement for local Police officers carried out by representative of the Department of Customs Politics in the Ministry of Finance (Gorzów Wielkopolski, April 2012);
- Organization and carrying out a specialized training for CITES coordinators and some other Customs officers within the scope of preparatory conduct in cases of detained CITES specimens and recognition of specimens made of bone elements of the endangered species (Cracow, September 2012);
- Co-organizing of X workshop for CITES coordinators in Customs Service and Police (Świder, November 2012);
- Participation in training on CITES for the officers of Customs Chamber in Cracow (June 2012);
- Participation as a lecturer of the representative of the Department of Customs Politics in the Ministry of Finance in an educational project for primaries school on endangered species, organized by WWF Poland (March 2012);

Actions taken at local level:

- Numerous trainings conducted by Customs CITES coordinators for Customs officers;
- Trainings and lectures for Police officers and the representatives of Border Security Services, Military Police and Veterinary Inspection carried out by CITES coordinators from Customs Service ;
- Several lectures, meetings and presentations about the conservation of endangered species for students, pupils of primary and secondary schools and interested people (There were more than 8000 students participated in them.);

Other events:

- Customs Chamber in Łódź realized project “CITES- let them live. Customs Service takes care of the conservation of endangered species by education...” It involved, among others, production of educational film and documentary, elaboration of informative leaflets;
- Giving information about CITES to the public *via* radio, television and press releases;
- Participation in and co-organizing several displays, conferences and festivities devoted to the conservation of endangered species of wild fauna and flora.

NGOS's

- Polish Society for Nature Conservation “Salamandra”

2011

- Monitoring of the e-commerce in animals specimens of the species covered by EU WTR and CITES. Monitoring was organised by CEEweb for Biodiversity - the main coordinator of the monitoring. Separate surveys were carried out in the following countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine. SALAMANDRA was responsible for the investigation carried out in Poland and for collection and analysis of the results from the whole region.
- 1st seminar “Implementation of CITES and EU WTR in CEE region” for the representatives of CITES authorities and NGO’s from Central and Eastern Europe was organised and facilitated by SALAMANDRA on behalf of CEEweb for Biodiversity. The main aim of the workshop was to strengthen the cooperation between the CEE countries in the field of CITES implementation. The leading topic was the trade in reptiles from South-East Asia (presented by the expert from Traffic). The workshop took place in Poznan (Poland) and was co-organised by Polish CITES SA and CEEweb for Biodiversity, with the financial contribution of IFAW.
- Expertises and advices on CITES related issues were provided by experts from SALAMANDRA to the Police and other authorities, upon requests.
- SALAMANDRA closely assisted during preparation and realization of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the field of EU WTR and CITES. Particular emphasis was directed to the meetings of 26th Animal Committee and 62nd Standing Committee, in which Poland participated on behalf of the whole EU.

2012

- 2nd seminar “Implementation of CITES and EU WTR in CEE region” – was organised as a field study in Kenya. In the seminar participated representatives of the CITES authorities and NGO’s from CEE region and some African countries (mostly from Kenya). The whole venture was organised and facilitated by SALAMANDRA on behalf of the CEEweb for Biodiversity in close cooperation with the Polish CITES authorities. The main aim of this event was to strengthen the cooperation between the participants and to increase the awareness about the problems of wildlife conservation in Africa. This activity was co-organised by the following institutions: Polish CITES SA and MA, Kenya Wildlife Service, CEEweb for Biodiversity and IFAW.
- Seminar “Preparations for CITES CoP 16th – discussion on chosen proposals” – was organised and facilitated by SALAMANDRA in close cooperation with the Polish CITES SA and MA. In the seminar participated representatives of the CITES authorities from CEE region and USA, EU Commission, NGOs and external experts. The main aim of the seminar was to provide an opportunity for better understanding of the background of the chosen proposals submitted for consideration during CITES CoP 16th and provide platform for exchange of views in this regard.
- Monitoring of the e-commerce in animals specimens of the species covered by EU WTR and CITES, in Poland (the main Polish internet auction service is monitored on the regular basis, and some other services are checked occasionally).
- Expert opinions and advices on CITES related issues were provided by experts from SALAMANDRA to the Police and other authorities, upon requests.
- Organization of media campaign on illegal trade on rhino horns.

➤ WWF Poland

Within the limitation of illegal trade of endangered species of animals and plants:

- Purchase of Polish language version of base CPTES (Commercial Products in Trade containing Endangered Species) for CITES coordinators from Police and Customs. It is a base of more than 5000 products of Traditional Asian Medicine with information about the content of CITES plants and animals;
- Organizing of IX Training Workshop for CITES Coordinators from Police and Customs (November 2011);
- Conducting of an all-Poland educational project for primary schools *“Let the animals live where they were born”*. The main goal of this project is changing social attitudes to the problem of species that are threatened with extinction through the broadening pupils’ knowledge about impacts of human activities on nature and also reducing demand for exotic species kept in domestic conditions (www.kampaniaedukacyjna.wwf.pl).

Within this project WWF Poland:

- organized 13 conferences for teachers from primary schools,
- printed 1100 brochures with scenarios of lessons, inter subjects project and exercise papers for pupils,
- published 2200 CDs with educational aid for teachers,
- published brochures with sticks for pupils from classes I-III and comics about the Leon Chameleon- title hero of the project, as well as the posters promoting this project,
- organized theatre spectacle *“Mission of Leon Chameleon”* for schools that became winners in realization of this educational project.

WWF Poland carried out some species-specific projects concerning domestic animals that are CITES species:

- *Conservation of brown bear (Ursus arctos) in Polish part of the Carpathians* including, among all, elaboration of base for bears observation , elaboration of prototype of rubbish bin protected against bears (preventing humane-bears conflict), revitalization of fruit orchards in Bieszczady mountains;
- *Active conservation of lowland population of lynx in Poland* including: monitoring of lynxes released to nature with phototraps, releasing 3 bears from Estonia by translocation and 1 bear by *“born to be free”* method, purchase of 5 telemetric collars for lynxes.

Other institutions

➤ University of Warsaw Botanic Garden

University of Warsaw Botanic Garden has created educational program *“Biological diversity and threats to it”*, within which there are 2 educational paths constructed. One of them, named *“CITES plants”* has been marked out in greenhouses of the Garden and is devoted to the issues of CITES Convention. The second one runs through the Garden’s park and presents subject matter of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Description of both paths is preceded with an introduction on the general issues connected with the subject. Additionally, there are CDs with lesson scenarios, exercise papers for pupils and the whole text of the path guide.

Annex IV - D4 Information material, leaflets, brochures