



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER
NATIONAL NATURE PROTECTION SERVICE” DIRECTORATE
CITES Management Authority

CITES Biennial Report



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PART 1 - CITES QUESTIONS

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A. General information

Party	BULGARIA
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014
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B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.	Yes (fully) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (partly) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information/unknown <input type="checkbox"/>																																																
2	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following details: Title and date: _____ Status: _____ Brief description of contents: _____																																																	
3	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>																																																
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted.	legislation attached <input type="checkbox"/> provided previously <input type="checkbox"/> not available, will send later <input type="checkbox"/>																																																
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Additional comments	<p>Complete prohibition on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. trade with specimens with unknown origin; 2. trade with unregistered specimens of vertebrates except fish, offered as food and LPS, and coloured mutation of birds; 3. trade and possession of wild caught specimens of the protected species live or dead; 4. trade and possession of live wild cats and primates, and wild caught specimens of the protected species; 5. deliberate taking of protected species. 6. keeping Felines and Primates outside the zoos and Rescue Centers. <p>The EU legislation require authorization for any movement within the Union of live specimens code W and F listed in Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein.</p>																																																			
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C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	No information
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?			
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Border controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 0 Cases 12 Cases 580 specimens of Orchids 216 items of leather products 53 specimens of Scleractinia spp. 30 live specimens of <i>Psittacus erithacus</i>		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex.			
10	How were the confiscated specimens 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- Approved, private facilities			<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Euthanasia			<input type="checkbox"/>
	- Other (specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			

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

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) 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.	N/A	
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory.	N/A	
5	How many staff works in each MA? 5 persons are responsible in the MA for CITES related issues.		
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if applicable	
	- Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	- Biology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	- Economics/trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	- Law/policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	- Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	- No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	

8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	Yes No No information	<input 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. The staff of the MA often helps the Custom Authority with the species identification when there are some doubts of the legality of the imported or exported shipments exist. It helps them to resolve the cases in very short period of time. Such support they gain when some specimens are seized and should be sent to the proper Rescue Centre.		
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken		

D2 *Scientific Authority (SA)*

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	<p>If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.</p> <p><i>Vertebrates and invertebrates / Vertebrados e invertebrados / Vertébrés et invertébrés</i></p> <p>1 Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research Bulgarian Academy of Sciences 2 Gagarin Street 1113 Sofia BULGARIA Tel: +359 2 8717195 +359 2 8719138 E-mail address: iber@iber.bas.bg Web site: http://www.iber.bas.bg/</p> <p><i>Flora / Flore</i></p> <p>2 Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research Bulgarian Academy of Sciences 2 Gagarin Street 1113 Sofia BULGARIA Tel: +359 2 8717195 +359 2 8719138 E-mail address: iber@iber.bas.bg Web site: http://www.iber.bas.bg/</p> <p>3 Botanical Garden P.O. Box 664 1000 SOFIA Tel: +359 (2) 967 11 05 Fax: +359 (2) 967 28 23 Email: bgarden.bas@abv.bg; gradina.ban@abv.bg</p> <p>Museum collections / Colecciones de museos / Collections de musées</p> <p>4 National Museum of Natural Science 1, Tsar Osvoboditel Str. 1000 SOFIA Tel: +359 (2) 987 41 95; 988 28 94 (Director/Directeur) Fax: +359 (2) 988 28 97; 988 28 94 (Director/Directeur)</p>		

3	Has your country designated a Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country? - Government institution - Academic or research institution - Permanent committee - Pool of individuals with certain expertise - Other (specify)	Tick if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues?	
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)? - Botany - Ecology - Fisheries - Forestry - Welfare - Zoology - Other (specify) - No information	Tick if applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.	
	Species name	Populations
	Distribution	Off take
	Legal trade	Illegal trade
	Other (specify)	
	1	
	2	
	3	
	etc.	
	No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D3 *Enforcement Authorities*

1	Has the Secretariat been informed of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email). Instead of details for Ms Sevdalina Karagiozova, please be informed for the following contact person: National Customs Agency Ms Nina Ignatova - Senior Expert 47 Rakovsky Str. 1202 Sofia E-mail: Nina.Ignatova@customs.bg Tel: 00359 2 9859 4038 Fax: 00359 2 9859 4062		
3	Is there a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes No Under consideration No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:		
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D4 *Communication, information management and exchange*

1	To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized?		Tick if applicable				
	-	Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	-	Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade	<input 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				
	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"/>	
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	Enforcement Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?																						
8	<p>Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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"/> <p>Comments: Under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 338/97 and Regulation (EC) No 865/2006, the customs authorities are obliged to report all the relevant information about the seizures and confiscation of CITES species.</p>	Tick if applicable																					
9	<p>Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please give the URL: http://www.moew.government.bg/?show=top&cid=159</p>																						
10	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press releases/conferences <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances <input type="checkbox"/> - Brochures, leaflets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Presentations <input type="checkbox"/> - Displays <input type="checkbox"/> - Information at border crossing points <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Telephone hotline <input type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <p>Please attach copies of any items as Annex.</p>																						

11	<p>Please provide details of any additional measures taken</p> <p>Bulgarian and Romanian enforcement and management authorities work together with representatives from non-governmental organizations and in particular the organization “WWF” on the Life + project “Joint actions to raise awareness on overexploitation of Danube sturgeons in Romania and Bulgaria” which aim is to tackle overfishing, the main direct threat to the survival of Danube sturgeons. The project is from July 2012 until September 2015. Its target groups are fishing communities, law enforcement agencies, decision makers, sturgeon breeders, caviar processors and traders in Romania and Bulgaria. The project is in line with the Action Plan for Conservation of the Sturgeons in the Danube river basin, adopted by the Council of Europe in 2005. Four seminars have been organized – two in 2013 and two in 2014, with the participation of representatives of law enforcement authorities and NGOs.</p> <p>Furthermore, in February 2014 in Sofia a two days workshop and training have been organized on the protection of Danube sturgeons and methods of halting the illegal trade in caviar from wild sturgeon. Over 80 experts from the Bulgarian and international enforcement authorities in Hungary, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Romania, Serbia, Turkey, Austria joined the two-day event in Sofia. In April 2014 experts from National Customs Agency participated in the Second Meeting of the Steering Group of the Life+ project “Joint actions to raise awareness on overexploitation of Danube Sturgeon in Romania and Bulgaria” in Bucharest, Romania.</p> <p>Another example which brings better understanding of the Convention’s requirements is related to a Guide prepared by the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of birds – “Prevention of trafficking in protected species”. It is within the scope of the projects “Conservation of Imperial eagle and Saker Falcon in key Natura 2000 sites in Bulgaria” and “Urgent measures to secure the survival of the Egyptian vulture (<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>) in Bulgaria and Greece”, both funded under Life + Project of the European Union.</p> <p>The Guide is specifically designated to facilitate and support the daily work of the Bulgarian customs officers and border veterinarians in their work on the prevention of illicit trafficking and trade in protected species, especially - birds of prey.</p>
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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 type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input checked="" 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 (only for caviar exporters)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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).					
	2013	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	181	29	19	37	No permits for introduction from the sea were issued. Other: 1 certificate of origin and 36 EU certificates of which 33 specimen specific certificates and 3 certificates for movement of live specimens
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	2	0	0	0	
	2014					
	How many documents were issued?	159	30	0	24	No permits for introduction from the sea were issued. 24 EU specific certificates for Annex A species
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	1	0	0	0	
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 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): - EU regulation on suspending the introduction into the Union of specimens of certain species of wild fauna and flora. - Application presented after the date of import attempt. - Use of unappropriated documentation.			<input checked="" 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: No export quota had been published for the period.					
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions?					
9	Has the Management Authority charged fees for permit issuance,					Tick if applicable

	registration or related CITES activities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issuance of CITES documents: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Harvesting of CITES-listed species : <input type="checkbox"/> - Use of CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Importing of CITES-listed species: <input type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/>
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issuance of CITES import or export permits or re-export certificate for native species for Bulgaria - 30 BGN (Appr. 15 EUR) for each species. 2. Issuance of CITES import permits for non native species for Bulgaria - 45 BGN (Appr. 23 EUR) for each species. 3. Issuance of CITES import or export permits or re-export certificate the zoos, botanical gardens, circuses, delphinariums, expositions of plants and animals and for specimens museums and scientific institutions - 25 BGN (Appr. 12,80 EURO) for the permit. 4. Registration of breeding operation for Appendix – I species and caviar processing and exporting plants – 300 BGN (Appr. 154 EUR).
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? Tick if applicable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entirely: <input type="checkbox"/> - Partly: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not at all: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Not relevant: <input type="checkbox"/> Comments: The running cost for the implementation of CITES is covered by the budget of the relevant governmental institutions involved in the process. The Enterprise for Management of Environmental Protection Activities (EMEPA) under the Ministry of Environment and Water partially finances part of the running cost of the designated CITES Rescue Centers. The funding comes from the penalties imposed for Environmental offences including the money collected from the sale of confiscated specimens listed in Appendix II and III to CITES.
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D6 *Capacity building*

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

2	<p>Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>recipient</i> of any of the following capacity building activities provided by external sources?</p> <p>Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.</p>																																																						
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Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:					

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet? No special committee on CITES but relevant authorities meet ad-hoc to discuss CITES-related issues.		

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12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
13	Have measures been taken to achieve co-ordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D8 Areas for future work

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

E. General feedback

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

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

Question	Item		
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D4 (10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes, Comments During 2014 some brochures reported in the previous period 2011-2012 were reprinted.	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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.

¹ Part 2 agreed at COM 45

PART 2 SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

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.

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

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:			Status:			
	Brief description of contents:						
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 conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
	Trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Taking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Possession	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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							
8b	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i> ?						
		Yes	No	No information			
	Introduction of live Regulation-listed species into the Community that would threaten the indigenous fauna and flora (in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2 (d)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Marking specimens to facilitate identification (in accordance with Article 19, paragraph 1 (iii)).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Please provide details if available							
9b	Please provide the following details about Regulations-related violations:						
	i) Maximum penalties that may be imposed; The maximum penalties for the natural persons is between 500 to 10000 BGN (255.64 to 5112.91 EURO), and the legal persons and the sole entrepreneurs by a property sanction of 1000 to 20 000 BGN (511.29 to 10225.82 EURO). ii) Or any other additional measures taken in relation to implementation of the Regulation not reported on in question B (9).						

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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
9b	Please provide the following details about Regulations-related violations: i) Maximum sanctions which have been imposed over this reporting period; ii) The outcomes of any prosecutions;			
16b	Has there been any review or assessment of Regulation-related enforcement, in addition to that reported under C (16) above?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			
18	Have specimens been marked to establish whether they were born and bred in captivity? (In accordance with <i>Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006</i> , Article 66)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: In accordance to art. 102a of the Biological Biodiversity Act the marking of specimens listed in Annex A and B to <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i> is obligatory.			
19	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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: No such needs in the reporting period.			
20	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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: See D7 (5) under 'Other'			
21	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: See D7 (5) under 'Other'			
22	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) 2551</i> , paragraph IIc.)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			
23	Are training and/or awareness raising activities being carried out for a) enforcement agencies, b) prosecution services, and c) the judiciary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IId.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: See D6 (3).			

24	Are regular checks on traders and holders such as pet shops, breeders and nurseries being undertaken to ensure in-country enforcement? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIg.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: The regular checks are carried out by the Regional Inspectorates of Environment and Water not by CITES MA itself.			
25	Are risk and intelligence assessment being used systematically in order to ensure thorough checks at border-crossing points as well as in-country? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIIh.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			
26	Are facilities available for the temporary care of seized or confiscated live specimens, and are mechanisms in place for their long-term re-homing, where necessary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph Iii.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Bulgaria has 7 Rescue centres in place 5 for animals and 2 for plants. They are used for temporary accommodation of seized live specimens but when the confiscation took effect the respective specimens could be allocated to other premises including zoos or Breeding Facilities for Protected Animals. The dead specimens are provided to the local museums.			
27	Is cooperation taking place with relevant enforcement agencies in other Member States on investigations of offences under Regulation No. (EC) 338/97? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIIe.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: In the reporting period cooperation took place with the Enforcement Agencies of Nederland.			
28	Is assistance being provided to other Member States with the temporary care and long-term re-homing of seized or confiscated live specimens? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIIj.)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			
29	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 (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIIk.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: World Customs Organization			
30	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 IIIl.)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:			

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	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 Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97)?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

8b	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to non CITES listed species?						Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
							No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
							No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 information							<input type="checkbox"/>	

11	How many Scientific Review Group (SRG) meetings have the SA attended?	0		
	Indicate any difficulties that rendered attendance to the SRG difficult: No budget was allocated by the SA for the these meetings.			

D3 Enforcement Authorities

6	Has a liaison officer/focal point for CITES been nominated within each relevant enforcement authority in your country?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Under consideration	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1b	Is Regulation-related information in your country computerized on?	Tick if applicable	
	- Annex D listed species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	- Other matters not reported on in question D4 (1) (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3b	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on Regulation-listed species?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

9b	Has the Management Authority charged fees for any Regulation-related matters not covered in question D5 (9)? If yes, please provide details of these Regulation-related matters and the amount of any such fees.	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Can you indicate the percentage of permits/certificates issued that are returned to the MA after endorsement by customs?	Percentage : 95,65 % (in 2013) 95,24 % (in 2014)	
14	Has a list of places of introduction and export in your country been compiled in accordance with Article 12 of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i> ? If yes, please attach. See Annex 2	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Have persons and bodies been registered in accordance with Articles 18 and 19 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Have scientific institutions been registered in accordance with Article 60 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	Have breeders been approved in accordance with Article 63 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Have caviar (re-)packaging plants been licensed in accordance with Article 66 (7) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Two caviar producing and processing plants are registered as caviar exporters, they are: a) Code: BG 1613010 Oscietre Commerce Ltd, 4114 Boliartzi, Plovdiv Region b) Code: BG 13400005 AquaFish Pazardzhik Ltd. 2, General Gurko Str., Pazardjik One caviar producing and processing plants was delisted from the registered: a) Code: BG 200155675 Aqua Beluga Ltd. 10, Georgie Kondolov Str., Kurdjali		
19	Are phytosanitary certificates used in accordance with Article 17 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	Have cases occurred where export permits and re-export certificates were issued retrospectively in accordance with Article 15 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4b	Have any constraints to implementation of the Regulation, not reported under question D8 (4), arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

C5 During the period the following specimens were seized:

- a) 580 specimens of *Cattleya* Hybrid and *Phalaenopsis* Hybrid (Orhids) – seized at Port Burgas on 21.06.2013 because of the lack of CITES permits. The specimens were not properly packed in order to use the exception for hybrids;
- b) 2 items LPL made from *Crocodylus niloticus* and 1 item LPL made from *Python sebae* were seized on 10.12.2013 at Sofia Airport in personal luggage;
- c) 196 items LPS made from *Crocodylus siamensis* – seized at Sofia Airport on 17.04.2014 at Sofia airport. No import permits were presented;
- d) 24 specimens of Scleractinia spp. (*Porites*, *Acropora*, *Montastrea*), 7 specimens of Scleractinia spp. (*Montastrea*, *Leptoria*, *Platygyra*) and 5 specimens of *Pocillopora damicornis* and *Acropora* spp. – seized at Sofia Airport on 06.04.2014, 07.05.2014 and 21.05.2014. All the specimens were found in personal luggage and were confiscated;
- e) 30 live parrots of *Psittacus erithacus* had been seized on 14.09.2014 in the area of Danube Bridge 2 (Vidin) in a vehicle of a Bulgarian, traveling to the Czech Republic. Fake Dutch certificate was presented;
- f) 599 live tortoises of the species *Trachemys scripta elegans* (Not –CITES/ Ann. B to EU WLTR) were seized on 18.11.2014 at Sofia Airport. The specimens were found in a shipment with live aquarium fishes. Not declared. Confiscated because the introduction for this kind of specimens the introduction into the EU is forbidden according to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 888/2014 of 14 august 2014;
- g) 17 items LPS made from *Python sebae* and *Varanus niloticus* were seized on 07.10.2014 at Sofia Airport in personal luggage. No CITES permits were presented;
- h) 15 specimens of row corals Scleractinia spp. were seized on 13.11.2014 and another 2 specimens had been seized on 27.11.2014 at Sofia Airport in personal luggage of two travelers. No CITES permits were presented.
- i) 1 live parrot of *Psittacus erithacus* was seized on 1.12.2014 and confiscated by the Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water in Pleven. No documents for legal acquisition were presented.
- j) 30 tins of caviar seized in Serbia. No- CITES document for export was presented to the Serbian CITES Authority. This seizure was communicated via EU-TWIX. Bulgarian CITES MA contacted for more information the Serbian CITES Authority and together with the Bulgarian Customs Authority has investigated the case. It was found that the export took place on 04.12.2013. An administrative sanction was imposed to the exporter – a Bulgarian company, by the Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water of Varna, Bulgaria.