

PART 1 - CITES QUESTIONS

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

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A. General information

Party	Malta
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014
Details of agency preparing this report	CITES Management Authority Monitoring & Compliance Unit Environment Protection Directorate Malta Environment and Planning Authority
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Malta Environment & Planning Authority Customs Department Malta Police

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.	Yes (fully)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		Yes (partly)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		No information/unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following details:						
	Title and date:	Status:					
	Brief description of contents:						
3	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>				
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted.	legislation attached	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		provided previously	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		not available, will send later	<input type="checkbox"/>				
5	Which of the following issues are addressed by any stricter domestic measures that your country has adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention)? Tick all applicable						
		The conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
	Trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Taking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Additional comments	<p>The Trade in Species of Fauna and Flora Regulations, 2004, provide that the Scientific Authority and the Management Authority shall advise the Minister for the Environment to prohibit the trade (import, export and re-export) and the possession of any species of flora and fauna if in their joint opinion, or in the individual opinion of either of the Authorities, such trade or possession would endanger the biological identity or any ecosystem or any species of flora and fauna.</p> <p>These Regulations also provide that it is the responsibility of the person who is seeking to import or is in possession of any live specimen to obtain the necessary information from the Management Authority.</p> <p>Any person who would like to import live specimens of fauna (of CITES and non-CITES species) from outside the European Community requires the prior grant of an import licence that is issued by the Trade Services Directorate. This import licence is granted if the Management Authority, following consultation with the Scientific Authority, does not have any objection to the importation.</p> <p>The Regulations also specify that any person who has in his/her possession any specimen the import of which is subject to these regulations shall retain in his/her possession and for such time as that specimen remains in his/her possession, all permits, certificates and licences relative to the import of that specimen.</p>
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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: Processes and legislation will be assessed and where considered necessary, reviewed.					
8	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Convention? Tick all applicable				
	Subject	Yes	No	No information	
	Access to or ownership of natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Harvesting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Transporting of live specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Handling and housing of live specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please provide details if available:					
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:				

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)	<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 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	<p>If information available:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant seizures/confiscations</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total seizures/confiscations</p> <p>If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.</p>	<p>Number</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 48 (details in Annexes 1a & 1b)</p>		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<p>If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex. 1 case</p> <p>1 case considered as significant, involved the seizure of 119 bird skins of CITES-listed specimens (description: 'Body') (presumably for eventual taxidermy/stuffing) from 19 different species, imported by a Maltese national following a hunting trip in Argentina (flying via Frankfurt, Germany). The total number of imported bird skins in this case, including non-CITES listed ones, amounted to 411. Seizure occurred in July 2014 at the Malta International Airport (Customs Arrival Section). Further details in Annex 1d.</p>			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	<p>If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex. (Details in Annexes 1a, 1b and 1c)</p>			
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of?	Tick if applicable		
	– Return to country of export	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Public zoos or botanical gardens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Designated rescue centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Approved, private facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Euthanasia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Comments:</p> <p>Facilities for the temporary keeping of seized or confiscated live specimens are available, and indeed live specimens are taken to the local quarantine. However, these can only cater for animals of limited size and in small quantities. Confiscation of dead specimens are retained by the CITES Management Authority to be used in displays for educational purposes.</p>			
11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<p>Comments:</p> <p>Details of the case are being provided in Annex 1d.</p>			
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	<p>If Yes, please give a brief description:</p> <p>Technical assistance via EU-Twix on selected topics.</p>			

14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
15	If Yes, please describe:	
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	
17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

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. <i>There were no changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA in Malta that were not notified between 2013 and 2014. (Changes that occurred in 2015, were duly notified in April / May of same year).</i>	
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. <i>Malta only has one CITES Management Authority – the Malta Environment & Planning Authority.</i>	
5	How many staff work in each MA? <i>5 members of staff in 2013/2014 (including 2 on enforcement).</i>	
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation <i>1 officer: 100% of time; 2 officers: 85% of their time; 1 officer: 75% of time; 1 officer: 30% of time.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	– Other (specify) <i>Geography</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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.		
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D2 *Scientific Authority (SA)*

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.							
3	Has your country designated a Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <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 type="checkbox"/>					
	– Pool of individuals with certain expertise		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	– Other (specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>					
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? <i>3 individuals.</i>							
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation <i>Each member of the SA works approximately 30 hours/year on CITES-related matters on average. When estimated over the annual total hours of work this amounts to 1.35% of their total work load.</i>	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input 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 type="checkbox"/>					
	– Zoology		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	– Other (specify) <i>Entomology</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 type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.							
	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 No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:							

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	To date, has your country advised the Secretariat of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).	
3	Has your country established a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under consideration <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
4	<p>If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:</p> <p><i>Lead agency:</i> Malta Environment & Planning Authority (MEPA).</p> <p><i>Other agencies:</i> Customs Department; and Administrative Law Enforcement Section within the Malta Police.</p> <p>These entities work together when considering enforcement matters, as required.</p>	
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken: Not Applicable	

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized? Tick if applicable					
	–	Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	–	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					
	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
	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	<p>If Yes, does it provide information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislation (national, regional or international)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EU Regulations and national legislation are available - Conservation status (national, regional, international)? <input type="checkbox"/> - Other (please specify)? Relevant application forms, risk assessment table for alien species, administration of the CITES Office. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>Application form documents are available on-line on the Malta Environment & Planning Authority website, on: http://www.mepa.org.mt/biodiversity-trade-forms</p>	Tick if applicable																				
5	<p>Is it available through the Internet:</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No information <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please provide URL: http://www.mepa.org.mt/biodiversity-trade http://justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&itemid=11541&l=1</p>																					
6	<p>Do the following authorities have access to the following publications?</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Publication</th> <th style="width: 16.6%;">Management Authority</th> <th style="width: 16.6%;">Scientific Authority</th> <th style="width: 16.6%;">Enforcement Authority</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species</i> (book)</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices</i> (CD-ROM)</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Identification Manual</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>CITES Handbook</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	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"/>	Tick if applicable
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7	<p>If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?</p>																					
8	<p>Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mortality in transport? <input 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: Reports would have been made on mortality in transport should there have been such cases.</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.mepa.org.mt/biodiversity-trade (The Malta Environment and Planning Authority is the authority designated by the government as the CITES Management Authority.)</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?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press releases/conferences <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Brochures, leaflets <input type="checkbox"/> - Presentations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Displays <input type="checkbox"/> - Information at border crossing points <input type="checkbox"/> - Telephone hotline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Other (specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	Tick if applicable																				

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

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit 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 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	88	25	0	103	
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	0	0	0	0	
	Year 2					
	How many documents were issued?	102	30	1	178	
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?	0	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)	<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					

8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions?	19 times
9	Has the Management Authority charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities? – Issuance of CITES documents: – Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species: – Harvesting of CITES-listed species : – Use of CITES-listed species: – Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species: – Importing of CITES-listed species: – Other (specify):	Tick if applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. €1.65 per import / export / re-export permit only	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? – Entirely: – Partly: – Not at all: – Not relevant: Comments:	Tick if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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																																																								
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	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)
	Staff of Management Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other parties/International meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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					
	<p>CITES authorities provide traders with information on whether particular species require CITES clearance, whether there are any restrictions for their importation, what kind of information is required to clear shipment once in Malta and what documents need to accompany a shipment from the exporting country so as to be considered legal. Technical assistance with respect to other environmental permits required is also provided.</p> <p>Through EU-TWIX</p>					

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?		

3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the MA to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SA(s), Customs, police, others):							
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)
	Meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Consultations	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		The Management Authority was consulted on development issues related to the housing of CITES species.
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities					<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Local authorities or communities					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Collaboration with regard to trade is considered on a day-to-day basis as required.
	Indigenous peoples					<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Trade or other private sector associations					<input type="checkbox"/>		
NGOs					<input type="checkbox"/>			
Other (specify)					<input type="checkbox"/>			
5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the MA and the following agencies?						Tick if applicable	
	SA						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Customs						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Police						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other border authorities (specify)						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other government agencies						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Private sector bodies						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NGOs						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (specify)						<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?						Tick if applicable	
	Workshops						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Meetings						<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (specify)						<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to the Convention?					Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
						No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
						No information		<input type="checkbox"/>
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?							
9	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance to another						Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

	country in relation to CITES?	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided?		
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
13	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
		No information <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	If Yes, please give a brief description. For the period under consideration, the officers responsible for CITES within the Management Authority formed part of the same Ecosystems Management Unit within the Environment Protection Directorate that also comprised the different focal points for marine and terrestrial ecosystems/biodiversity management and permitting. These focal points liaised together to coordinate work outcomes.		
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

D8 Areas for future work

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority?			
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hiring of more staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Development of implementation tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Improvement of national networks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Computerisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes <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. Both the complement level of officers dealing with CITES enforcement issues, and the available specialist capacity are limited.			

6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.		
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:		

E. General feedback

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

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

Question	Item		
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input 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 (details in Annex 1a & 1b)	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions (details in Annexes 1a & 1b)	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions (details in Annex 1c)	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, Comments	Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Not relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ANNEX - PROPOSED BIENNIAL REPORT FORMAT

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Taking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Additional comments						
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;						
	Any person who commits an offence against the Regulations shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than €165.87 but not exceeding €1658.75, or to imprisonment for a period of not less than one month but not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.						
	ii) Or any other additional measures taken in relation to implementation of the Regulation not reported on in question B (9).						
	Not applicable.						

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; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o €2000 fine + Confiscation of specimens (body - 1 <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>, 1 <i>Circus pygargus</i>, 1 <i>Falco naumanni</i>, 2 <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>, 1 <i>Falco vespertinus</i>, 1 <i>Falco eleonora</i>); o €500 fine + Confiscation of specimens [live - <i>Testudo hermanni</i> (20 in no.)], confiscation also of non-CITES protected <i>Trachemys scripta scripta</i> (26 in no.) and biocidal product + confiscation of vehicle. (To note that such cases could also have included non-CITES-related charges). ii) The outcomes of any prosecutions; Details in Annex 1c.	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	
18 new	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:	
19 new	Have any monitoring activities been undertaken to ensure that the intended accommodation for a live specimen at the place of destination is adequately equipped to conserve and care for it properly? (In accordance with Article 4 paragraph 1 (c) of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i>).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: No instances where this was considered necessary/required.	
20 new	Have national action plans for co-ordination of enforcement, with clearly defined objectives and timeframes been adopted, and are they harmonized and reviewed on a regular basis? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIa.)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments:	
21 new	Do enforcement authorities have access to specialized equipment and relevant expertise, and other financial and personnel resources? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIb.) If yes, please provide details.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Customs mostly make use of X-ray machines to aid in detecting concealed specimens.	
22 new	Do penalties take into account inter alia the market value of the specimens and the conservation value of the species involved in the offence, and the costs incurred? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIc.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Penalties from Customs are worked out on the estimated market value of the specimen. However, within the parameters of Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 as implemented locally through Subsidiary Legislation 504.64 (Legal Notice 236 of 2004 as amended by Legal Notice 426 of 2007), penalties are at the discretion of the presiding magistrate.	

23 new	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 II d.)	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
24 new	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 II g.)	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: Breeders of Annex A listed CITES specimens are monitored regularly.			
25 new	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 III h.)	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			
26 new	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 i.)	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: Facilities for the temporary keeping of seized or confiscated live specimens are available, however, these can cater for animals of limited size and in small quantities.			
27 new	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 III e.)	Yes No No information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: Through eco-messages in EU-TWIX.			
28 new	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 III j.)	Yes No No information	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: Malta's limited resources do not allow for the catering of such needs.			

29 new	Is liaison taking place with CITES MAs and law enforcement agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community as well as the CITES Secretariat, ICPO, Interpol and the World Customs Organization to help detect, deter and prevent illegal trade in wildlife through the exchange of information and intelligence? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIIk.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Communication with various CITES MAs and CITES Secretariat took place on CITES-related imports and irregularities.			
30 new	Is advice and support being provided to CITES MAs and law enforcement agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community to facilitate legal and sustainable trade through correct application of procedures? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
	Comments: Communication with CITES MAs was carried out with respect to certain products which required specialised information in accordance with CITES Resolutions to be able to accept them as valid CITES Export permits.			

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"/>
		Has the Commission and the CITES Secretariat (if relevant) been informed of the outcomes of any investigations that the Commission has considered it necessary be made? (In accordance with Article 14 paragraph 2 of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i>)?		
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No information <input type="checkbox"/>
		NOT RELEVANT		

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"/>		
			If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.				
			Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade
9b	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
	No information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

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

D3 Enforcement Authorities

6 new	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 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 new	Can you indicate the percentage of permits/certificates issued that are returned to the MA after endorsement by customs?	Percentage :	
		100%	
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 new	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. Details in Annex 2 – Places of introduction and export.	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 new	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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 new	Have scientific institutions been registered in accordance with Article 60 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 new	Have breeders been approved in accordance with Article 63 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 new	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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 new	Are phytosanitary certificates used in accordance with Article 17 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

20 new	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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input 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? 1) Definition of Introduction into the Community – unclear whether items within airport grounds, in the absence of any Customs procedures, qualify as having been introduced into the Community 2) Definition of what constitutes a Significant Seizure 3) Definition of Physiological and Behavioural Properties	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No information	<input type="checkbox"/>

ANNEX 1a

CITES Malta - Seized Specimens - 2013

KINGDOM	CLASS	ORDER	FAMILY	APP	EC ANNEX	SPECIES	QUAN- TITY	UNITS	COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	COUNTRY OF (RE-) EXPORT	PURPOSE	SOURCE	REMARKS		
FAUNA	Mammalia	Carnivora	Ursidae												
			Lutrinae	II	B	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	BOD	1	number	MT	US	P	U	Specimens were declared as having been purchased over the internet and imported from USA. Importer was found in possession of 1 specimen <i>Ursus americanus</i> and 1 specimen <i>Lontra canadensis</i> . Case: subjudice	
	Proboscidae	Elephantidae		II	B	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	BOD	1	number	MT	US	P	U	Specimens were declared as having been purchased over the internet and imported from USA. Importer was found in possession of 1 specimen <i>Ursus americanus</i> and 1 specimen <i>Lontra canadensis</i> . Case: subjudice	
				I	A	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	CAR	2	number	MT	US	P	U	Items were seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.	
	Reptilia	Testudinata	Testudinidae		I	A	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	CAR	1	number	MT	US	P	U	Item seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
					II	A	<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	LIV	20	number	MT	IT	T	U	Tortoises brought over to Malta by catamaran at Valletta Seaport by an Italian national. These were seized and relocated to the National Quarantine section. Case taken to court where the person bringing in the tortoises admitted to charges brought against him. Court found him guilty and sentenced him to Euro 500 fine, confiscation of vehicle, confiscation of biocidal products and confiscation of 20 <i>Testudo hermanni</i> and 26 <i>Trachemys scripta scripta</i> . Court Case: Police vs. Mazza Filippo. Sentence Date: 11 May 2013.
	FLORA			Apocynaceae											
					II	B	<i>Hoodia spp</i>	MED	90	number	MT	US	P	U	90 Capsules seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
					II	B	<i>Hoodia spp</i>	MED	100	number	MT	US	P	U	Capsules seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
					II	B	<i>Hoodia spp</i>	MED	150	number	MT	IL	P	U	5 packets containing 30 capsules each for a total of 150 capsules were seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
		Cactaceae													
				I	A	<i>Ariocarpus retusus</i>	LIV	1	number	MT	CN	P	U	Plant was seized and relocated to national nursery. Case awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.	

I	A	<i>Ariocarpus sp.</i>	LIV	5	number	MT	CN	P	U	Plants were seized and relocated to the national nursery. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
I	A	<i>Astrophytum asterias</i>	LIV	5	number	MT	CN	P	U	Plants were seized and relocated to national nursery. In the same consignment, 3 cactaceae specimens were found and are being included separately. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
I	A	<i>Astrophytum sp.</i>	LIV	1	number	MT	CN	P	U	Plant was seized and relocated to national nursery. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
II	B	<i>Cactaceae spp.</i>		8		MT	CN	P	U	Plants seized and relocated to national nursery. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
II	B	<i>Mammillaria saboae</i>	LIV	1	number	MT	CN	P	U	Plant was seized and relocated to national nursery. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.

ANNEX 1b

CITES Malta - Seized Specimens - 2014

KINGDOM	CLASS	ORDER	FAMILY	APP	EC ANNEX	SPECIES	QUAN- TITY	UNITS	COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	COUNTRY OF (RE-)/ EXPORT	PURPOSE	SOURCE	REMARKS				
FAUNA	Mammalia	Pholidota	Manidae				0		MT	CN	P	U	Snake gall found in cough medicine. Species of snake is unknown and the medicine was seized based on the precautionary principle hence no court case was initiated.				
	Aves	Ciconiiformes	Ardeidae		II	B	<i>Manis sp.</i>	EXT	28	number	MT	NP	P	I	28 packs of incense sticks containing extracts from Pangolin (<i>Manis sp.</i>), Musk (<i>Moschus sp.</i>) and Red Sandalwood (<i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i>) were seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.		
				I	A	<i>Ardea alba</i>	BOD	1	number	MT	AZ	P	W	Importer found in possession on 1 specimen <i>Aythya nyroca</i> , 12 specimens <i>Tetrax tetrax</i> and 1 specimen <i>Ardea alba</i> . Specimens brought from Azerbaijan via Frankfurt following a hunting trip to Azerbaijan. Case: sub judice.			
			Anseriformes	Phoenicopteridae		I	A	<i>Ardea alba</i>	BOD	2	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.	
							II	B	<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	BOD	6	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
		Anatidae															
				NOT LISTED	A	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	BOD	1	number	MT	RO	P	W	Specimen brought from Romania via Munich following a hunting trip in Romania. Case: sub judice.			
				NOT LISTED	A	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	BOD	1	number	MT	RO	P	W	Specimen brought from Romania via Munich following a hunting trip in Romania. Case: sub judice.			
				NOT LISTED	A	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	BOD	3	number	MT	RO	P	W	Specimen brought from Romania via Munich following a hunting trip in Romania. Case: sub judice.			
				NOT LISTED	A	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	BOD	1	number	MT	AZ	P	W	Importer found in possession on 1 specimen <i>Aythya nyroca</i> , 12 specimens <i>Tetrax tetrax</i> and 1 specimen <i>Ardea alba</i> . Specimens brought from Azerbaijan via Frankfurt following a hunting trip to Azerbaijan. Case: sub judice.			

Falconiformes
Accipitridae

II	B	<i>Coscobora coscobora</i>	BOD	3	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
II	B	<i>Cygnus melanocorypha</i>	BOD	2	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
III	C	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	BOD	3	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
II	B	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	BOD	2	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
II	B	<i>Circus buffoni</i>	BOD	6	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
II	B	<i>Circus cinereus</i>	BOD	2	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
II	B	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	BOD	11	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
II	B	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	BOD	9	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
II	B	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	BOD	9	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
II	B	<i>Caracara plancus</i>	BOD	8	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.

Falconidae

		II	B	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	BOD	16	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
		II	B	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	BOD	16	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
		II	B	<i>Milvago chimango</i>	BOD	8	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
	Gruiformes											
				Otididae								
		II	A	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	BOD	12	number	MT	AZ	P	W	Importer found in possession on 1 specimen <i>Aythya nyroca</i> , 12 specimens <i>Tetrax tetrax</i> and 1 specimen <i>Ardea alba</i> . Specimens brought from Azerbaijan via Frankfurt following a hunting trip to Azerbaijan. Case: sub judice.
	Psittaciformes											
				Psittacidae								
		II	B	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	BOD	1	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
	Strigiformes											
				Tytonidae								
		II	A	<i>Tyto alba</i>	BOD	2	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
				Strigidae								
		II	B	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	BOD	12	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
		II	B	<i>Pseudoscops clamator</i>	BOD	1	number	MT	AR	P	U	Specimens imported following a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt without documentation. Importer imported 119 specimens of 19 different species that are CITES-listed, apart from other specimens totalling to 141 bird skins. Case: sub judice.
Reptilia												
	Crocodylia											
				Alligatoridae								
		II	B	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	LPS	3	number	MT	CH	P	U	Watch straps seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
		I/II	A	<i>Caiman spp.</i>	LPS	1	number	MT	US	P	U	Species of caiman unknown. Watch strap seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.

FLORA

Pisces	Serpentes	Elapidae	II	B	<i>Naja naja</i>	LPL	2	number	MT	US	P	U	1 pair of boots made of Cobra skin including heads of snakes were seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
	Acipenseriformes	Acipenseridae	I/II		<i>Acipenseridae sp.</i>	EXT	60	number	MT	US	T	U	Items seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
	Apocynaceae		II	B	<i>Hoodia spp</i>	MED	30	number	MT	CN	P	U	30 capsules containing Hoodia extract were seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.
	Cactaceae		I	A	<i>Ariocarpus fissuratus</i>	LIV	1	number	MT	CN	P	U	Importer never claimed parcel containing two sepcimens of Ariocarpus, one <i>A. retusus</i> and one <i>A. fissuratus</i> , hence plants were seized and relocated to national nursery but a court case cannot be initiated.
	Orchidaceae		I	A	<i>Ariocarpus retusus</i>	LIV	1	number	MT	CN	P	U	Importer never claimed parcel containing two sepcimens of Ariocarpus, one <i>A. retusus</i> and one <i>A. fissuratus</i> , hence plants were seized and relocated to national nursery but a court case cannot be initiated.
			II		<i>Orchidaceae spp.</i>	EXT	367	number	MT	AU	T	U	367 cosmetic items containing Orchid extracts were seized. Case: awaiting referral to police for court arraignment.

ANNEX 1c

CITES (Malta) - Court Sentences issued 2013 - 2014

Same sentences cited below may also be covering charges other than CITES-related ones.

Seizure Date	Specimens	Case Description	Case Reference	Location of Seizure	Court Sentence D	Court Sentence
10 May, 2013	<i>Testudo bermanni</i> (20) + <i>Trachemys scripta scripta</i> (26, non-CITES) and biocidal products	Imported from Italy. Tortoises seized and relocated to National Quarantine section. Case taken to court where the importer admitted to charges brought against him.	Pol. vs Mazza Filippo	Sea Port (<i>Catamaran</i>) - Valletta	11 May, 2013	€ 500 fine + confiscation of vehicle, specimens, biocidal products, and also of 26 <i>Trachemys scripta scripta</i> .
14 May, 2012	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i> 1, <i>Circus pygargus</i> 1, <i>Falco naumanni</i> 1, <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> 2, <i>Falco vespertinus</i> 1, <i>Falco eleonorae</i> 1	Birds declared as having been brought over from Scotland following a hunting trip thereat.	Pol. vs Falzon David	Qormi (<i>private</i>)	12 Jun, 2013	€ 2000 fine + confiscation of specimens
28 Nov, 2011	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Imported from Scotland. No CITES documents presented.	Pol. vs Agius Peter Reuben	Malta International Airport	10 Apr, 2013	€ 700 fine + confiscation of specimen
28 Nov, 2011	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Imported from Scotland. No CITES documents presented.	Pol. vs Caruana Ronald	Malta International Airport	10 Apr, 2013	€ 700 fine + confiscation of specimen
19 May, 2011	<i>Pernis apivorus</i> 1, <i>Accipiter nisus</i> 1, <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> 1	Imported from Egypt. Found in possession of 3 bird carcasses, two of which were CITES species. (To note that the third specimen was an <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>) No CITES documentation presented.	Pol. vs Attard Adam	Santa Luċija (<i>private</i>)	12 Jun, 2013	€ 1000 fine + confiscation of specimens
10 May, 2011	<i>Lynx canadensis</i> 1, <i>Lynx rufus</i> 1	Found in possession of 1 specimen of <i>Lynx canadensis</i> and 1 specimen of <i>Lynx rufus</i> declared to have been imported from USA. No CITES documents could be presented.	Pol. vs Desira Michael	Żejtun (<i>private</i>)	10 Apr, 2013	€ 650 fine + confiscation of specimens

20 Jun, 2008	<i>Lynx rufus</i> 2, <i>Puma concolor</i> 2, <i>Ursus americanus</i> 1	Specimens declared as having been brought from USA.	Pol. vs Camilleri Francis	Qala (Gozo) (<i>private</i>)	06 Jun, 2014	€ 1000 fine + confiscation of specimens, however, court sentence has been appealed and is still pending final decision.
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ANNEX 1d

CITES Malta (2013-2014) - Details of Significant Seizure/s.

1 case being reported:

In July 2014, a Maltese national from Mġarr (Malta) was intercepted at the Malta International Airport, following the initial intervention of Customs together with other agencies, carrying 119 bird skins of the following 19 CITES-listed species:

	No.
<i>Coscobora coscobora</i>	3
<i>Cygnus melanocoryphus</i>	2
<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	3
<i>Ardea alba</i>	2
<i>Pheonicopterus chilensis</i>	6
<i>Caracara plancus</i>	8
<i>Milvago chimango</i>	8
<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	9
<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	9
<i>Accipiter erythronemius</i>	2
<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	11
<i>Circus cinereus</i>	2
<i>Circus buffoni</i>	6
<i>Falco femoralis</i>	16
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	16
<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	1
<i>Atene cunicularia</i>	12
<i>Psedoscops clamator</i>	1
<i>Tyto alba</i>	2

The person involved was on his way back from a hunting trip in Argentina via Frankfurt, and had no supporting CITES documentation.

In addition to the 119 CITES-listed bird carcasses, the importer had various other bird skins, amounting to more than 400 specimens in total.

Follow up inspections by the Wild Birds Regulation Unit revealed that the said importer was also in possession of 55 taxidermy CITES-listed specimens in his private collection, including eagles, herons, kites, buzzards, falcons, bustards, kestrels, an osprey, owls, etc.

The importer was arraigned and the case is sub judice.

The Parliamentary Secretariat responsible for the Wild Birds Regulation Unit issued the following press release:

<http://environment.gov.mt/en/Document%20Repository/WBRU/Press%20release%2025072014.pdf>

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

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

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