



# Reviews of progress in implementing the Convention: the experiences of CITES

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# Implementation reviews

## External reviews authorized by Parties

- *Study on How to Improve the Effectiveness of CITES* (Environmental Resources Management/Price Waterhouse 1996)
- 23 recommendations. Most accepted and implemented. First Strategic Vision and Action Plan for the Convention arose from this process.



# Implementation reviews

## Strategic vision review

- CITES Strategic Vision indicators for SV objectives adopted (2008)
- Concern over reporting burden, so existing reporting obligations adapted to provide information required for Strategic Vision indicators
- Indicators developed by Standing Committee
- Together with mapping of CITES Strategic Vision, and its indicators against Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Targets
- Review of achievement of SV objectives by CoP



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## General review obligations under the Treaty

- Species included in Appendix I or II being affected adversely by trade or provisions of the Convention not being effectively implemented: Secretariat
- At CoPs review the implementation of the Convention (Secretariat activities, change level of protection of species, progress made towards the restoration and conservation of the species listed, make recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Convention): Parties.



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## Principle sectoral regular reviews established by CoP

- Level of protection afforded particular species (Periodic Review): Scientific subsidiary bodies
- Biological sustainability of trade being allowed (Review of Significant Trade): Scientific subsidiary bodies
- Adequacy of implementing legislation (National Legislation Project): Secretariat
- Fulfilment of reporting obligations (Reporting): Secretariat
- Governance systems (Wildlife Trade Policy Review): Parties



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## Other sector regular reviews established by CoP

- Actions taken by Parties to implement the Convention for elephants: Standing Committee
- Status of Asian big cats in the wild, their conservation, trade controls and on measures by Parties to comply with related Resolution and Decisions: Standing Committee
- Progress on shark and ray activities: Animals Committee
- Trade in caviar and meat from shared stocks of sturgeon and related catch and export quotas: Animals Committee



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## Other sector regular reviews cont....

- Enforcement measures taken by the Parties in eliminating the illicit trade in Tibetan antelope products: Standing Committee
- African and Asian rhinoceros species: conservation status, trade, horn stocks, illegal killing, enforcement, conservation actions and management strategies and measures by States to end the illegal use and consumption of parts and derivatives: IUCN/TRAFFIC/Secretariat



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Ad hoc reviews established by CoP

- Implementation of CoP Resolutions (2000, 2013)





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## Compliance

- Oversight and compliance: Standing Committee (senior inter-sessional subsidiary body)



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## Costs

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