

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS ACT  
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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS (FUNCTIONS  
OF CITES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITY)  
REGULATIONS, 2024

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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Environment and Tourism by section 92 (c) of the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks (Functions of CITES Management Authority and Scientific Authority) Regulations, 2024. Citation
2. The specific functions of the CITES Management Authority shall include — Functions  
of CITES  
Management  
Authority
  - (a) the granting of permits and certificates in accordance with the provisions of CITES and to attach to any permit or certificate any condition that it may deem necessary;
  - (b) communicating with the CITES Secretariat and other parties on scientific, administrative, enforcement and other issues related to implementation of the Convention;
  - (c) maintaining records of the international trade in specimens and preparation of an annual report concerning such trade, and submit this report to the CITES Secretariat by 31st October of the year following the year to which the report refers;
  - (d) coordination of the preparation of an annual illegal trade report, and submit it to the CITES Secretariat by 31st October of the year following the year to which the report refers;
  - (e) coordination of the preparation of an implementation report on legislative, regulatory and administrative measures taken to enforce the Convention, and submit this report to the CITES Secretariat the year before each meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
  - (f) coordination of the national implementation and enforcement of the Convention and of the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act, and cooperate with other relevant authorities in this regard;
  - (g) consulting the Scientific Authority on the issuance and acceptance of CITES documents, the nature and level of trade in CITES-listed species, the setting and management of quotas, the registration of traders and production operations, the establishment of rescue centers and the preparation of proposals to amend the CITES Appendices;

Functions of  
CITES Scientific  
Authority

- (h) approving and monitoring captive-breeding operations in consultation with the Scientific Authority and provide information to the CITES Secretariat for the registration of each captive-breeding operation that breeds Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes;
  - (i) registering with the CITES Secretariat, after consultation with the Scientific Authority, nurseries that artificially propagate specimens of Appendix I plant species for export purposes;
  - (j) registering with the CITES Secretariat, after consultation with the Scientific Authority scientists and scientific institutions to facilitate the scientific exchange of specimens in accordance with relevant CITES provisions and Resolutions of the Conference of the Parties, including to assign a unique number for each registered scientific institution or scientist and update the information every five years;
  - (k) managing and disposing of illegally traded and confiscated specimens of CITES-listed species;
  - (l) designating one or more rescue centers to look after the welfare of seized and confiscated living specimens;
  - (m) representing Botswana at regional and international meetings related to CITES;
  - (n) providing awareness-raising, training, education and information related to the Convention;
  - (o) advising the Minister on actions to be taken for the implementation and enforcement of CITES; and
  - (p) performing any task foreseen in the text of the Convention and in Resolutions of the Conference of the Parties to CITES.
3. The specific functions of the CITES Scientific Authority shall include —
- (a) advising the Management Authority on whether or not a proposed export of a specimen of species listed in Appendix I or II will be detrimental to the survival of the species involved;
  - (b) in the case of a proposed import of a specimen of a species in Appendix I, advise the Management Authority on whether or not the purposes of the import are detrimental to the survival of the species involved;
  - (c) in the case of a proposed import of a live specimen of a species listed in Appendix I, advise the Management Authority whether or not it is satisfied that the proposed recipient of the specimen is suitably equipped to house and care for it;
  - (d) monitoring export permits granted for specimens of species listed in Appendix II, as well as the actual exports of such specimens, and advise the Management Authority of suitable measures to be taken to limit the issue of export permits when the population status of a species so requires;
  - (e) advising Management Authority on whether scientists and scientific institutions seeking registration for scientific non-commercial, meet the CITES standards for registration;
  - (f) advising the Management Authority on the disposal of confiscated or forfeited specimen, if requested;
  - (g) assisting on issues of nomenclature of species; and
  - (h) any other scientific matters related to CITES.

MADE this 28th day of October, 2024.

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