CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA  
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National laws for implementation of the Convention

According to the latest assessment 88 countries and 13 dependent territories need to strengthen their legal frameworks for the effective implementation of CITES, particularly to tackle illegal trade in wildlife.

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|  | **National Legislation Project** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **Category 2** | **49** | **27.1%** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Category 3** | **39** | **21.5%** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Pending** | **5** | **2.8%** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Countries that require priority attention

The CITES National Legislation Project has identified 17 countries that require attention as a priority:

Algeria, Belize, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Comoros, Djibouti, Guinea-Bissau,   
Kazakhstan, Kenya, Liberia, Mauritania, Mozambique, Pakistan, Paraguay, Rwanda,   
Somalia, United Republic of Tanzania and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.   
11 countries are in Africa, 4 in Central, South America and the Caribbean and 2 in Asia

The authorities of Belize, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mauritania, Mozambique, Pakistan and Paraguay have contacted the Secretariat to submit appropriate measures that have been drafted or adopted for effective implementation of the Convention, to inform of progress made or to request technical assistance.

The Standing Committee may wish to recommend that commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species be suspended with those Parties that required attention as a priority and have failed to adopt appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention or agree an appropriate legislative timetable as required and that this recommendation take effect 60 days after the conclusion of SC66.

Parties that would be affected by this potential compliance measure are: **Algeria, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.**

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