

CITES IMPLEMENTATION IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

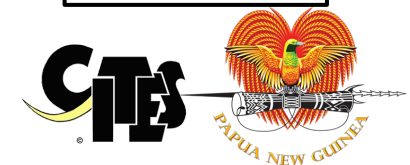
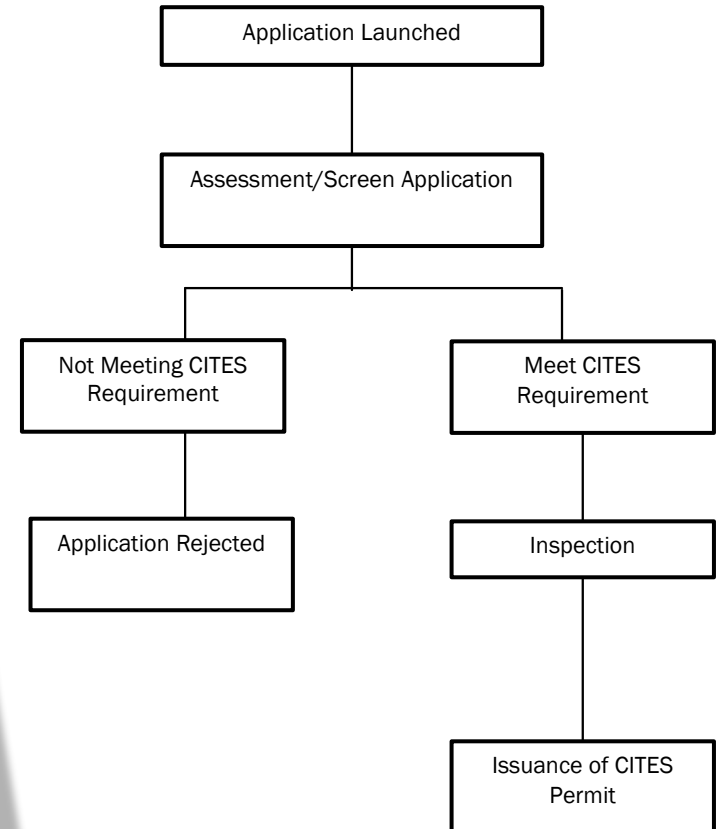
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LIST OF CITES FISHERIES PRODUCT

- Black and White Teat Fish Export
- Shark Fin Trade (Hammerhead, Silky, Shark fin Trade)
- Giant Clams Shells
- Stoney Corals



HOW CITES IS IMPLEMENTED NATIONALLY

- Through a Permit Administration by CITES Management Competent Authority (Conservation and Environment Protection Authority)
- Collaborative Inspection with NFA on Recent Marine Species (Black and White Teat Fish) as a requirement under the National Legislation (*International Trade (Fauna and Flora) Act, Fisheries Management Act* before the Issuance of Export Permit.
- The National legal Framework (legislation) that administered the Implementation of CITES in PNG are:
 - *International Trade (Fauna and Flora) Act 2003*
 - *Fisheries Management Act 1998,*
 - *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulation 1973-1975*



LEGAL QUESTIONNAIRE ON CITES AND FISHERIES



Legal Questionnaire on CITES and Fisheries
 Following-up on the Sub-regional Training Workshop on CITES and Fisheries
 with Pacific Island Countries (15-17 November 2021)

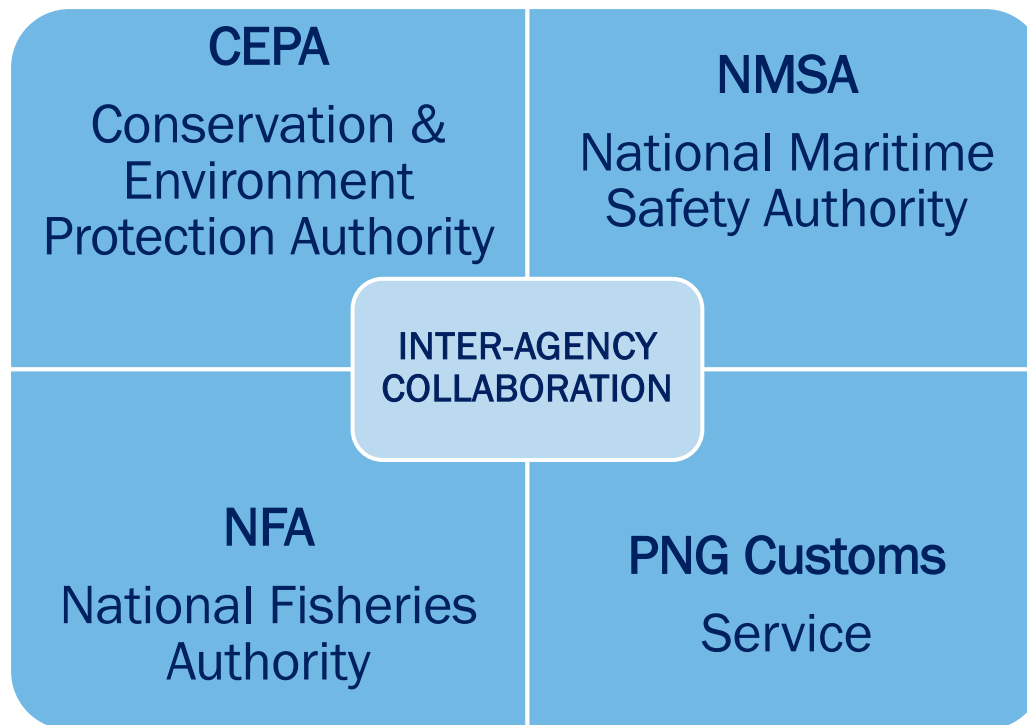
The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), through its Development Law Service, and the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) have been collaborating towards the effective implementation of CITES through national fisheries legal frameworks.

As part of the activities carried out under the FAO-CITES collaboration, a Subregional Training Workshop on CITES and Fisheries with Pacific Island Countries took place from 15 to 17 November 2021. This workshop built capacity for 45 country representatives from Fiji, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Tuvalu. Following-up on the workshop, the FAO-CITES team would like to request your support and collaboration in filling in the below Legal Questionnaire on CITES and Fisheries. The purpose of this questionnaire is to help us understand the legal, institutional and operational activities and developments that occurred, are occurring, or promise to occur in the future with respect to CITES implementation in the fisheries sector, including as a result of the Subregional Training Workshop.

The findings of this questionnaire will only be shared with you and, upon your consent, with third parties. If your consent is given, we would like to report these findings at a side-event to be held at the upcoming 19th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). These findings can serve as evidence of good practice and also of the remaining challenges that need to be overcome toward better national implementation of CITES in the fisheries sector.

Please fill in the information below with your details (add more columns in needed) in case we need to contact you for additional clarifications. Please carefully read and complete each one of the questions.

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SOME RELEVANT FINDINGS

Inter-sectoral cooperation

- Interagency technical meetings and dialogue on trade in species included in CITES Appendices
- Meeting on Turtle Bycatch Program with Pacific countries hosted by SPREP

Joint activities delivered and planned

- Awareness materials (species guide) shared with provincial fisheries officers
- National provincial inter-agency workshop will be conducted in December 2022 on illegal wildlife trade hotspot
- Plans to deliver joint nationwide awareness campaign on aquatic animals included in CITES Appendices and to strengthen current working arrangements to ensure consistency, transparent and accountable

Conservation and management measures

- Western and Central Pacific Commission's CMMs relating to sharks, turtles, seabirds, Port States Measures, and catch documentation scheme



CITES permits for aquatic species

- CITES authorities and fisheries authorities coordinate for the issuance of CITES permits for aquatic species.
- PNG closed the High Seas fishing, which may mean that it is illegal to bring any fish species from the high seas brought into the country.
- No Introduction for the Sea certificates issued
- No data for non-detriment findings for aquatic species

Legal developments relevant to CITES

- Review of the National Legislation (International Trade (Fauna and Flora) Act) to include Electronic Permit system
- Review of Crocodile Trade (Protection) Control Act and its legislation to fully meet CITES appendix II requirement for international Trade
- In 2022 NMSA began an internal review of its key legislation *Merchant Shipping Act 1975*.

Other relevant incidents

- Illegal trade in maritime borders
- Regional and national observers to observe, monitor daily fishing activities and collect data on the all licensed fishing vessels fishing inside the PNG Fisheries waters



MAIN CHALLENGES CONCERNING CITES IMPLEMENTATION

- Lack of effective and efficient Enforcement and Monitoring of CITES listed Species
- Lack of awareness and capacity building with concern authorities on CITES Listed Species.
- Monitoring of PNG Border which most species trafficking occurred, eg. Pig nose turtle, Sea Cucumber, Shark Fins etc.
- Lack of data/information sharing on specific fisheries products by concern authorities
- **No Management Plan for Marine CITES Appendix II species, except for Black and White Teat Fish.**



RECOMMENDATION

- Create a data portal for all concerned authorities to share their information/data on CITES listed species
- Assist with training to upskill Management and Scientific officers and Key line agencies on monitoring and enforcement of CITES permit Conditions
- Provide funding towards stakeholder and community awareness
- Secure additional funds to support PNG Implementation on proposed Marine species to be listed to CITES Appendix II



THANK YOU

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