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WHAT IS NEEDED BY GRENADA TO LIFT THE CITES BAN

1. Grenada has been under CITES recommendation for trade suspension for queen conch since 2006.
2. It has failed to submit CITES annual reports since 2012 for three consecutive years, and without having provided adequate justification, required under article VIII, paragraph 7 (a) of the Convention.
3. To lift the trade suspension related to annual reports, Grenada is required to prepare and submit its outstanding CITES annual trade reports from 2013 to 2021. The CITES annual reports should be transparent and include all trading of queen conch products.
4. Grenada needs to conduct a review of the recommendations made by the CITES Animals Committee (AC19) (August 2003)



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CITES Animals Committee (AC19) (August 2003) Recommendation

Within 12 months:

a) Establish cautious catch and export quotas, communicate these to the Secretariat and provide information for the basis of these quotas.

b) Establish a standardized minimum meat weight that corresponds to adult specimens of unprocessed and processed meat.

c) Design and implement a fishery data collection programme. This programme is designed to collect catch and effort data and shall include (i) a system of permits and licenses for commercial harvesters and exporters, and (ii) regular reporting of landing and export data.

d) Design and implement a long-term population monitoring programme for the designated commercial fishing areas. This programme should provide reliable estimates of adult and juveniles densities within commercial fishing areas, at a minimum.

Within 24 months:

a) Apply adaptive management procedures to ensure that further decisions about harvesting and management of the species concerned will be based on the monitoring of the impact of previous harvesting and other factors.



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Within 24 months

b) Give serious consideration to the recommendations of the June 2003 International Queen Conch Initiative meeting and commit specifically to those recommendations on:

- i) Development of a regional management regime, including cooperative quota setting;
- ii) Law enforcement capacity and effectiveness;
- iii) Population assessments and other research relating to the management of queen conch.



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6. Conduct data collection and a national queen conch stock assessment need to be undertaken to determine the status of the stock and to determine what portion of the stock that is available to the fishery (used to estimate catch quota) in order to make an NDF.
7. This review needs to be undertaken as a matter of urgency, as soon as possible, and a report including management recommendations needs to be submitted to CITES in order to enable compliance.
8. In addition to the submission of reports and NDF to CITES, the legal export of queen conch will require the proper processing of the meat in accordance with international seafood processing standards.



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9. Grenada is subject to a potential additional trade suspension under the National Legislation Project if no action is taken before 7 May 2022: This was decided at the seventy-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee in Lyon, France, 7–11 March 2022