



## 28th UN/CEFACT Plenary

**Agenda Item 7. Activities of other Economic Commission for Europe bodies and international organizations of interest to the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business**  
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# CITES: A Convention built on permits



- Binding trade and environment agreement for **183 Parties** to control trade in 38,000+ species of animals and plants (live, dead, parts & derivatives)
- Permit ensures **legality**, **sustainability** and **traceability** of trade

→ The CITES permit is a key instrument of the Convention that balances **conservation and sustainable use objectives**



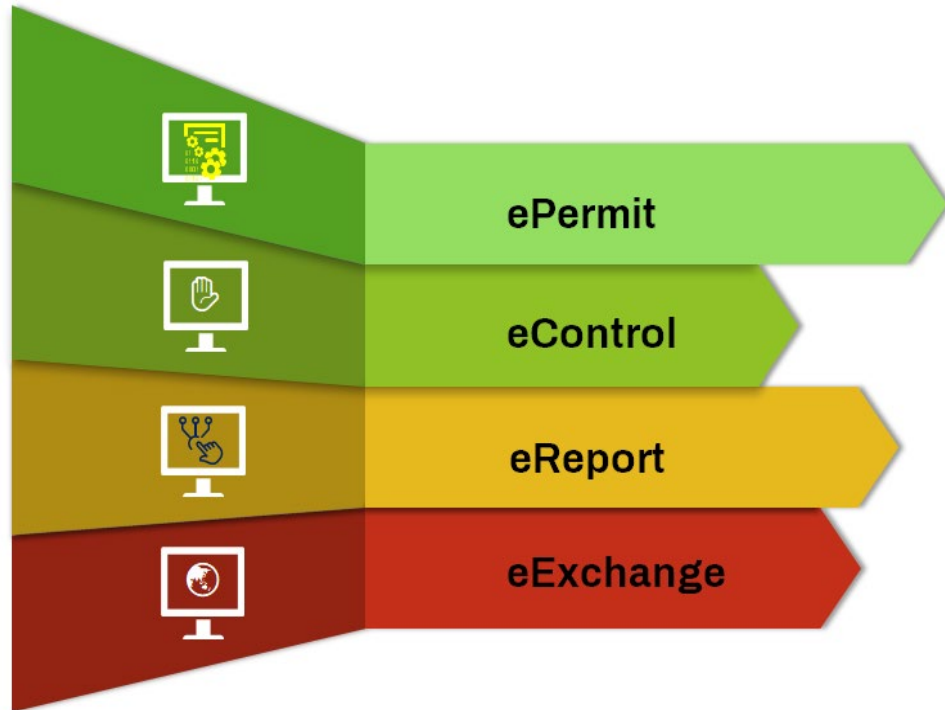
# eCITES permitting system

- ***What is eCITES permitting system?***

The scope of eCITES includes electronic application and issuance of CITES permits, control and authentication of CITES permits, reporting as well as exchange of permits between the Parties.

- ***Objective***

**Regulation as well as facilitation**



# How does it help the Parties?

## Legality:

Origin & sourcing, (inter-) national legislation

## Sustainability

Non-detriment findings

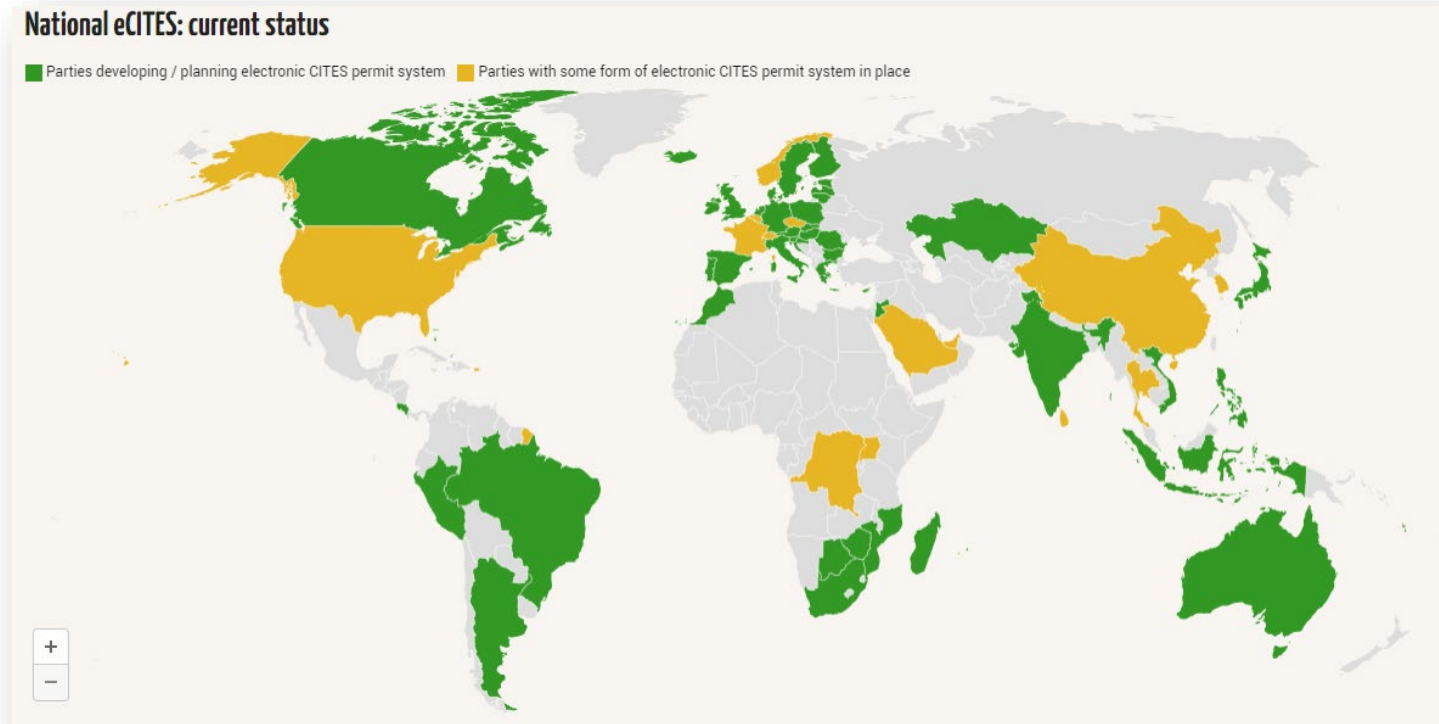
## Traceability

Trade data & transaction details

CITES CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA		PERMIT/CERTIFICATE No.	Original
		<input type="checkbox"/> EXPORT <input type="checkbox"/> RE-EXPORT <input type="checkbox"/> IMPORT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:	2. Valid until
3. Importer (name and address)		4. Exporter/vendor (name, address and country)	
5. Country of import		Signature of the applicant	
7. Special conditions		8. Name, address, national authority and country of Management Authority	
For live animals, this permit or certificate is only valid if the transport conditions conform to the Guidelines for Transport of Live Animals, at the date of its transport, to the CITES Live Animals Regulations.			
9a. Purpose of the transaction (see annex)	9b. Security stamp no.		
10. Species name (Latin and vernacular) and common name of animal or plant	11. Description of specimens including identifying marks or numbers (optional: a view)	12. Appendix no. and serial (see annex)	13. Quantity (including unit)
EAB	6	10	11
A	10. Country of origin? Permit no. Date	10a. Country of last receipt? Certificate no. Date	10b. No. of the operation in date of acquisition
EAB	9	10	11
B	10. Country of origin? Permit no. Date	10a. Country of last receipt? Certificate no. Date	10b. No. of the operation in date of acquisition
EAB	9	10	11
C	10. Country of origin? Permit no. Date	10a. Country of last receipt? Certificate no. Date	10b. No. of the operation in date of acquisition
EAB	9	10	11
D	10. Country of origin? Permit no. Date	10a. Country of last receipt? Certificate no. Date	10b. No. of the operation in date of acquisition
EAB	9	10	11
14. Country in which the specimens were taken from the wild, based on captivity or artificially propagated (only in case of re-export) 15. Date the specimens of Appendix I species listed in captivity or artificially propagated for commercial purposes 16. Has permit/certificate been issued by:			
Place		Date	
14. Export endorsement		15. Bill of Lading or vessel number	
Class	Quantity		
A			
B			
C			
D			
Date of export		Date	
Signature		Signature	
Original stamp and title		Original stamp and title	

# Current status of eCITES implementation

- A total of 14 Parties have some form of eCITES
- More than 40 countries are planning to implement eCITES



Source: [CITES website](#)





# Current activities - Task Force on eCITES EPIX Pilots

- **Objective**
  - Support interested CITES Management Authorities (MAs) and other relevant national stakeholders of CITES Parties in initiating and carrying out pilot-based and/or live electronic exchanges of CITES permits among them.
- **Re-started from July 2022.**
- **Next meeting on 26 October.**
- **Open to any Management Authority of the Convention**



# Current activities - UN/CEFACT Project - White paper Digitizing Transit Accompanying Documents

- CITES use case.
- Trade in CITES-listed species are subject to various conditions.
- Transit and transshipment are allowed.





# Current activities (capacity-building) - National Stakeholder Consultation on eCITES Implementation in Vanuatu

Co-organized with UNCTAD and SPREP



29-30 September 2022, Port Vila,  
Vanuatu



# Current activities (capacity-building) - Workshop on eCITES Implementation in the Pacific Island States

Co-organized with UNCTAD and SPREP



3 October 2022, Apia, Samoa



Side Event - Implementation of e-permits:  
lessons learned and advancing towards an  
integrated digital solution for eCITES

21 November 2022



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# Priorities for CoP19 for digitalization of the permitting system (to be confirmed)

- More focus on authentication and control (QR codes, Verifiable Credentials)
- Cooperation and improve exchange of information on permits, seizures etc.
- Risk assessment and analysis for CITES trade.
- Greater uptake of e-permitting systems and thus more support towards the implementation of the eCITES permit management systems in the developing countries.







**Thank you**

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[cites.org/eng/prog/eCITES](https://cites.org/eng/prog/eCITES)

