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VIETNAM COUNTRY REPORT

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OVERVIEW OF VIETNAM CITES

- Party: Entry into force since 20 April 1994

- Authorities:
  - Management Authorities
    Vietnam Cites Office under MARD (main office in Hanoi, Representative in Ho Chi Minh city)
  - Scientific Authorities
    . Institute of Ecology and Biological Resource (Viet Nam Academy of Sciences and Technology)
    . Vietnamese Academy of Forests Sciences (MARD)
    . Research Institute for Marine Fisheries (MARD)
    . Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Viet Nam National University)
  - Enforcement Authorities
    . Forest Protection Department (MARD)
    . Environmental Police Department (Ministry of Public Security)
    . Anti-smuggling and Investigation Department (Viet Nam General Department)
    . Market Control Department (Ministry of Industry and Trade)
    . Directorate of Fisheries (MARD)
OVERVIEW OF VIETNAM CITES

Management Authorities:

- To represent Vietnam Government in exercising the rights and performing the duties of CITES member countries.
- To assume the prime responsibility for, and coordinate with the CITES scientific bodies and relevant agencies in the CITES enforcement in Vietnam.
- To organize information and propaganda activities to raise the awareness of CITES.
- To propose the amendment and supplementation of lists of wild fauna and/or flora species defined in the Appendices to CITES.
- To announce lists of wild fauna and flora species defined in the Appendices to CITES, which are amended after conferences of member countries.
- To issue, withdraw CITES certificates, CITES permits, permits for export or import of specimens of endangered precious and rare wild fauna and/or flora species.
- To register with the Secretariat of the CITES International the farms for breeding and establishments for artificial propagation of wild fauna and flora species defined in Appendix I to CITES, which fully meet the export conditions.
- To inspect commercial breeding farms, commercial rearing farms and artificial propagation establishments; activities of exporting, importing, re-exporting, importing from seas and transiting endangered precious and rare wild fauna and/or flora species.
- To guide the handling of specimens defined in the Appendices to CITES, which are confiscated under Vietnamese law and CITES.
- To coordinate with the concerned parties in organizing the provision of training and professional guidance for management agencies, organizations, households and relevant individuals under the provisions of CITES and Vietnamese law.
OVERVIEW OF VIETNAM CITES

Scientific Authorities:

- To give scientific advice to the CITES Management Authority and relevant management agencies on the following issues:

  - The actual situation on the population, distribution areas, the extents of endangerment, preciousness and rareness of the wild fauna and flora species in nature.
  
  - The issue of CITES permits, CITES certificates, permits for export, import, re-export, introduction from the sea, transit of specimens of endangered, precious and rare wild fauna and flora species.
  
  - The scientific names of fauna and flora species, the examination of specimens of wild fauna and flora species.
  
  - The centers for rescue, tending of living specimens, proper habitats for release of confiscated wild animals.
  
  - The farms for breeding, the farms for rearing, the establishments for artificial propagation of wild fauna or flora species; the appraisal of projects on breeding, rearing or artificial propagation of wild fauna or flora species.

- To be authorized by CITES Management Authority of Vietnam to inspect the breeding farms, rearing farms, artificial propagation establishments, activities of exporting, importing, re-exporting, introducing from the sea and transiting specimens.

- To attend meetings, conferences, seminars on the CITES enforcement.

- To compile scientific documents, proposals relating to the CITES enforcement; to prepare reports at request of the Secretariat of CITES International.
INFORMATION ON PROPOSED CITES SPECIES

- Sharks
  - *Alopias pelagicus*: distributes in offshore water, found in abundance survey
  - *Carcharhinus falciformis*: found in abundance survey

- Rays
  - *Mobula spp.*: found in abundance survey
  - *Potamotrygon spp.*: not found in Vietnam

- Angelfish
  - *Holacanthurus clarrionensis*: recently not found in Vietnam

- Cardinalfish
  - *Pterapogon kauderni*: recently not found in Vietnam

- Nautilus
  - *Nautilus pompilius*: found in Vietnam, CR list
PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

- More studies to update information at species level
  - Abundance estimation and catch ability
  - Distribution
  - Species identification
  - Habitat and biology
  - Statistical data system (data collection)

- Selectivity for non-target fisheries of CEAS

- Review any impact to CEAS from fisheries, trade,...

- Action plane for protection, conservation of CEAS
INFORMATION ON PROPOSED CITES SPECIES

- Nautilidae
  - *Nautilus pompilius* is now on Vietnam CR species list
INFORMATION ON PROPOSED CITES SPECIES

- Sharks and rays
  - A little known in species level
  - Catch data by group, not by species
  - *Alopias pelagicus* found in offshore water, abundance survey. This species is now on Vietnam EN species list.
  - *A. superciliosus* (Bigeye thresher shark) and *C. falciformis* (silky shark) reported to appear in Vietnam but no detail data at species level.
  - *Mobula spp.* recorded in abundance survey but not in species detail.