

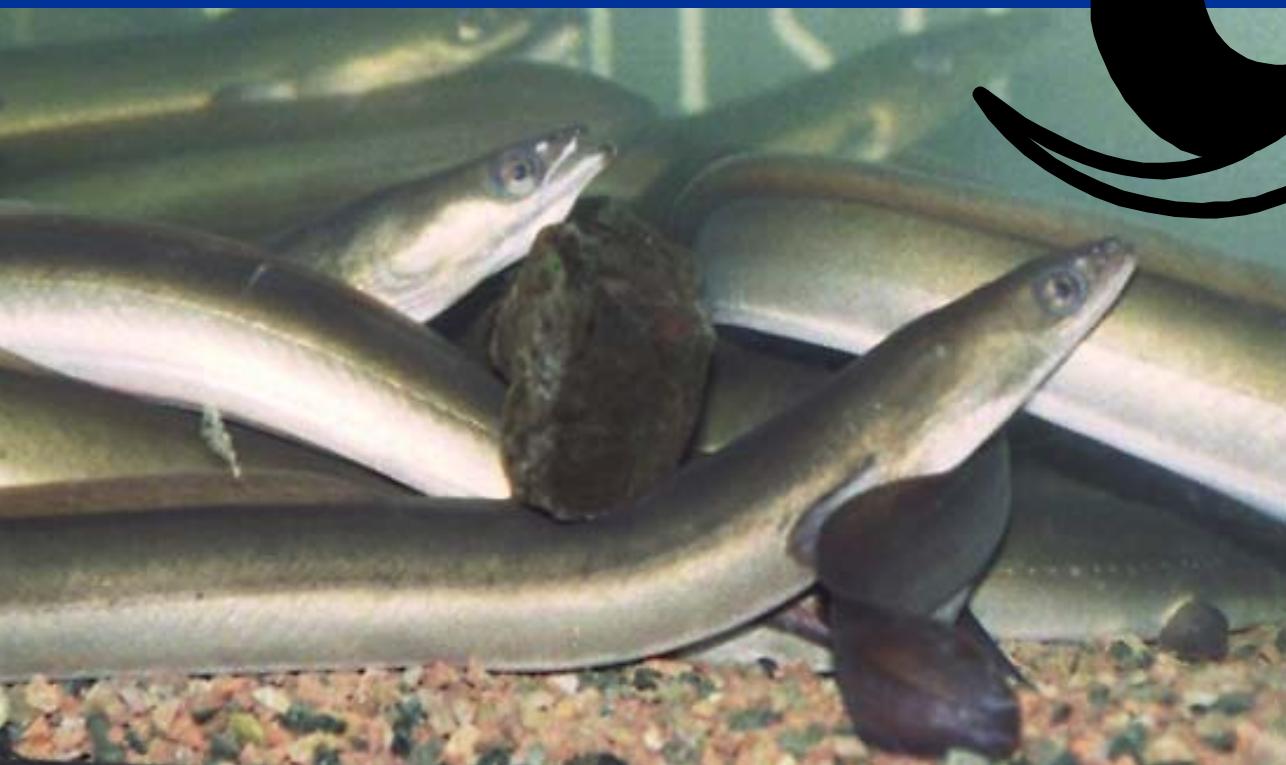
CITES and *Anguilla anguilla*

Glass eel trade – effects of an eventual CITES-listing

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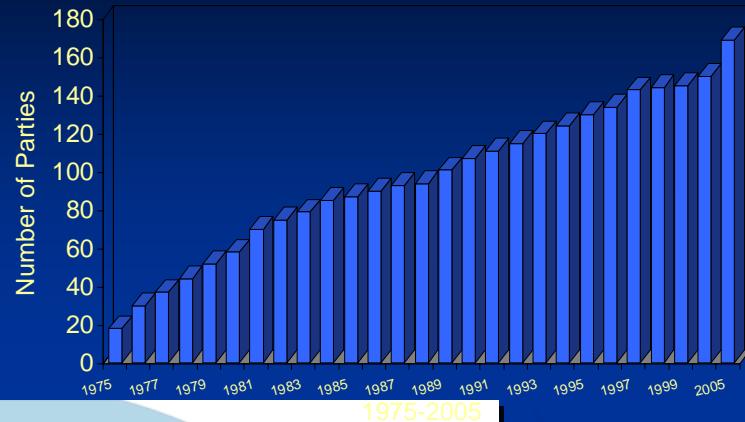
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CITES a steadily growing Convention

More than 30 years of existence

Signature: 3 March 1973 (Washington D.C.)

Entry into Force: 1 July 1975



CITES Appendices – Number of species

		Appendix I	Appendix II	Appendix III
2,1%	Mammals	249	403	68
5,1%	Birds	165	1.409	149
1,8%	Reptiles	70	511	25
0,3%	Amphibians	16	90	
0,2%	Fish	9	68	
6,3%	Invertebrates	68	2.031	16
84,2%	Plants	302	28.077	46
100% (33 771)	Total	879 (2,6%)	32 589 (96,5%)	303 (0,9%)



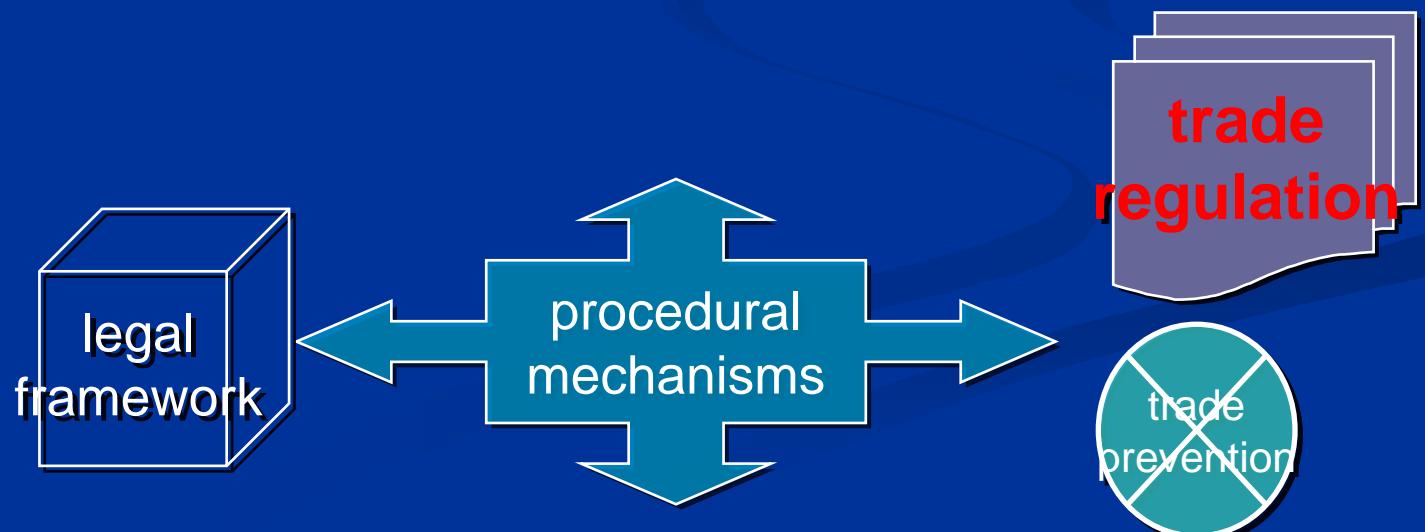
CITES Precautionary approach

CITES Appendix II-listing criteria:

“B. It is known, or can be inferred or projected, that regulation of trade in the species is required to ensure that the harvest of specimens from the wild is not reducing the wild population to a level at which its survival might be threatened by continued harvesting or other influences.”

Critère d'inscription à l'Annexe II de la CITES:

“B. Il est établi, ou il est possible de déduire ou de prévoir, qu'une réglementation du commerce de l'espèce est nécessaire pour faire en sorte que le prélèvement de ses spécimens dans la nature ne réduit pas la population sauvage à un niveau auquel sa survie pourrait être menacée par la poursuite du prélèvement ou d'autres influence .”



CITES Appendix II – Legal framework

EXTERNAL Trade only (no CITES control inside EU):

- Export permit (customs control by exporter and importer)
- EU import permit
- Re-export certificate
- Individual Sanctions in case of violations
- Country trade Suspension in case of non-compliance
- Additional measures = export quotas, marking, ... through
 - Resolutions
 - Decisions
 - Significant Trade Review



CITES for the European Eel

Support European Plans for the recovery of Eel stocks

- Regulation of international / EXTRA-EU trade (**Reg. (EC) 338/97**
+ Commission Regs.)
- Reduce illegal exports: reduce poaching by reducing smuggling
- Monitoring of international trade
- Stimulate international policy for Eel management including
 - other species (*A. rostrata*) and
 - collaboration with FAO (MoU with CITES)



Eel at CITES CoP14

3-15 June 2007, The Hague, Netherlands

Additional CITES tools:

- IDENTIFICATION tools to distinguish ALL specimens from other species, particularly glass eels
- NOTIFICATION to the Parties: Use of a separate CITES code for glass eel
- RESOLUTION & DECISIONS (with deadlines):
 - Formalise links with « Recovery Plan »
 - Work on other species of Eels, particularly with USA on *A. rostrata*
 - Requirements for the Annual Report (CITES trade database)
- ANNOTATION:

"The entry into effect of the inclusion of Anguilla anguilla in Appendix II of CITES will be delayed by 18 months to enable Parties to resolve the related technical and administrative issues, such as the possible designation of an additional Management Authority." (= entry into force on 13 March 09)

Estimates from EU Customs data

Volume (tonnes) of live eels (mostly glass eels?) exported from EU (Eurostat data)

(Source: Caroline Raymakers pers. comm. to CITES Management Authority of Sweden, 17 November 2006)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average/year
China	8,40	23,0	106,1	40,8	45,9		17,5	56,70	36,00	30,80	47,20	41,24
Hong Kong	139,30	183,6	341,0	95,1	83,7		38,1	45,60	53,50	25,80	21,40	102,71
Japan	10,70	4,2	5,5	1,1	2,6		0,9	0,10			0,30	3,18
Korea(South)	0,80	0,0	0,0	1,2	2,8		5,9	12,90			4,10	3,46
Rest of the World	21,50	43,3	22,9	18,7	8,9		1,8	1,80	7,60	7,70	1,70	13,59
TOTAL	180,70	254,1	475,5	156,9	143,9		64,2	117,10	97,10	64,30	74,70	(128,1) 162,85

EU exports of Live eels - "Anguilla spp." CN Code 0301 92 00 - Eurostat data.

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000*	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
tonnes	180,70	254,1	475,5	156,9	143,9		64,2	117,10	97,10	64,30	74,70
EUR/kg	72,7	99,9	133,8	202,3	154,7		253,7	175,6	194,7	388,4	705,0

*Data could not be extracted from Eurostat

** (400 million) half a billion glass eels

A glance of EU exports

