

# CITES

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Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora Introduction The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was signed by 80 countries in March 1973 and amended at Bonn in 1979 with the firm goal of protecting species of fauna and flora from the negative effect of International trade. The preamble states , a) Recognizing that wild fauna and flora in their many beautiful and varied forms are irreplaceable: b) Recognizing that peoples and states are and should be the best protectors of their own wild fauna and flora: c) Conscious of the ever growing value of wild fauna and flora from the aesthetic, scientific, cultural, recreational and economic points of view; d) Recognizing in addition, that international cooperation is essential for the protection of certain species of world fauna and flora against over exploitation through international trade; e) Convinced of the urgency of taking appropriate measures to this end: Today, nearly 160 parties including nations of the Greater Mekong Sub-region have subscribed to the convention and species of wild fauna and flora are listed in the three Appendices viz; Appendix I which prohibits international trade in fauna and flora except under special circumstances, Appendix II which controls the international trade of these flora and fauna , Appendix III which restricts international trade of certain flora and fauna from certain countries. The Greater Mekong River is a one of longest and largest rivers in the world. It flows with a fertile wealth of its biodiversity comprising nearly 1300 species of fish a well known ' Giant Cat fish' one of the largest fresh water fish from China in the North through Myanmar, Lao, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. This Greater Mekong region covers area of 2.3 million square kilometer and is rich in natural resources with tropical forest, a wide variety of minerals, petroleum, natural gas and coal.

	Myanmar	Lao PDR	Thailand	Vietnam	Yunnan	Cambodia
articles accepted	25	25	25	25	25	No of Year
enacted	1983	1983	1997	1975	1975	1975
Form of trade	--	--	--	--	--	Forest ecosystem
Ivory, Baby elephant, Body parts as traditional medicine						
Meat, Skin rugs, Pets and tourism, Souvenirs, Decorations, Snake skin products,						
Ivory, Baby elephant, Body parts as traditional medicine, Meat, Skin ,Pets and tourism, Souvenirs, Turtle shell, Leather products,						
Ivory, Body parts as traditional medicine, Meat, Skin Pets and tourism, Souvenir, Leather products,						
Ivory, Baby elephant, Body parts as traditional medicine, Meat, Skin rugs, skull, claws, teeth, Pets trade and tourism, Souvenir, Wild meat tonic foods Snake skin products Bears' paw soup						
Ivory, Baby elephant, Body parts as traditional medicine, Meat, Skin ,Pets and tourism, Souvenir, Snake skin products Turtle shell,						
Ivory, Baby elephant, Body parts as as traditional medicine, Meat, Skin ,Pets and tourism, Souvenir, Turtle shell,						
Fresh water ecosystem						
Food, Aquarium						
Food, Aquarium						
Food ,Aquarium						
Food, Aquarium						
Marine Ecosystem						
Shark Fin soup,						
Shark Fin soup,						
Shark Fin soup,						
Endangered Species						
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Forest ecosystem						
Elephants, Tigers,						
bears, Asiatic Black bears, Snakes, Crocodile, Hill mynas						
Elephants, Tigers, gaur, silvered leaf, bears, tapir,						
Asian rhinoceros, musk pangolin Snakes						
Elephants, Tigers, bears, Asiatic Black bears, Snakes, musk pangolin						
Elephants, Tigers bears, Asiatic Black bears, Snakes, gaur, monkeys, gibbons, leopards, panthers, Dugongs, Monitor Lizards						
Elephants, Tigers, bears, Asiatic Black bears, Hill mynas, Snakes						
Elephants, Tigers, bears, Hill Mynas, Snakes bears, tapir, musk Pandas						
Fresh water ecosystem						
Giant catfish						
Giant catfish						
Giant catfish Tiger perch						
Asian Arowana, Tiger perch						
Marine						
Asian Arowana, Tiger perch						
ecosystem						
Irrawaddy-dolphin, Dugongs, Sea Turtles						
Irrawaddy-dolphins, Dugongs, Sea Turtles						
Irrawaddy -						
dolphins, Dugongs, Sea Turtles						
Laws and Regulations						
Law on Environmental Protection						
and Natural Resources Management 1993,						
The Protection of Wildlife and Wild Plants and Conservation of						
Natural Areas Law (SLORC Law No/94), The State-owned Economic Enterprises Law1989,Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law (SLORC Law No 9 /90)						
Law on Environmental Protection 1998,Forest Law 1996,Water and Water Resources Law 1996,Decree No.118 of the Council of Ministers on the Management .List of prohibited plants and animals Under decree No118,Prime Ministerial decree No 164 on National Biodiversity Conversation Areas, COM Decree 185,Defining the Protection of Certain Species of Wild Animals 1991						
Plant variety Protection Bill 1994,						
Traditional Medicine Bill, Tai Patent Act 1992 ,Wild Animals Reservation and Protection Act 1972, Seeds Act 1975, Plant Quarantine Act						
Promotion of Wildlife Protection Law on Forest Protection and Development						
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Authorized Agencies						
Ministry of Environment						
National Council of Environment, Affairs (NCEA), Ministry of Forestry,						
Ministry Of Fisheries						
Science, Technology and Environment Organization						
Ministry of Commerce,						
Ministry of agriculture						
Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment						
http://www.moste.gov.vn						
Ministry of agriculture						

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[www.forest.go/botany/flora/forest\\_type.htm](http://www.forest.go/botany/flora/forest_type.htm) [www.wwfindochina.org/conservation/marine/marine.htm](http://www.wwfindochina.org/conservation/marine/marine.htm)  
[www.stayfinder.com/travelguide/thailand/sights\\_and\\_attractions/thailand](http://www.stayfinder.com/travelguide/thailand/sights_and_attractions/thailand). [www.asiaobserver.com/burma/](http://www.asiaobserver.com/burma/)  
[www.mekonginfo.org/](http://www.mekonginfo.org/) [www.exxun.com/ekio/ea\\_CITES.html](http://www.exxun.com/ekio/ea_CITES.html) [www.zhb.gov.cn/](http://www.zhb.gov.cn/) [www.tatnews.org/others/2249.asp](http://www.tatnews.org/others/2249.asp)

