

**PLAN OF ACTION (POA) FOR  
THE ASEAN COOPERATION ON CITES AND WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT  
(2016-2020)**

SECTOR : FORESTRY  
SUB-SECTOR : -  
RESPONSIBLE WORKING GROUP : ASEAN WORKING GROUP ON CITES AND WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT

<b>STRATEGIC THRUST 1: ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT</b>					
<b>Action Programme</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Sub Activities</b>	<b>Responsible ASEAN Bodies/Lead Country</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)</b>
1.1 Increase of Forest Resource Base and Conserving Existing Forest Resources, including Forest Biological Diversity.	1.1.1 Review and adapt national strategies, plans and programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.		AWG CITES and WE	2016-2020	National strategies, plans and programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in AMS adapted for implementation.
1.2 - Enhancement of Sustainable Forest Management and Use the Resources within Safe Ecological Limits.	1.2.1 Develop regional mechanism on preventing wildlife trafficking in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop ASEAN database on wildlife trade</li> <li>To develop ASEAN reporting protocol on wildlife trafficking</li> </ul>	AWG-CITES and WE	2016-2020	A regional mechanism to detect and prevent wildlife trafficking developed.  ASEAN reporting protocol on wildlife trafficking is developed.
	1.2.2 Develop effective mechanisms for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the commercial utilisation of forest genetic resources, including payment to local communities arising from the use of traditional forest-related knowledge		AWG CITES and WE	2016-2020	

	and technologies developed by them for sustainable forest management.				
	1.2.3 Facilitate the integration of forest ecosystem and biological diversity values into national and local planning, development processes and poverty reduction strategies, and accounts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify rules and regulations related to CITES in the effort to maintain biological diversity</li> </ul>	AWG-CITES and WE	2016-2020	Documents of sustainable management practices prepared and shared among AMS.
	1.2.4 Promoting cooperation in the ASEAN region to reduce the trade in illegal wood products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint campaign on illegal wood trade</li> </ul>	AWG-CITES and WE	2016-2020	National report on efforts in combatting illegal wood trade documented
	1.2.5 Strengthen networking among relevant law enforcement authorities to curb illegal trade in wildlife fauna and flora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Channeling communication among the members of ASEAN Working Group on CITES and WE through utilizing the existing tool (e.g. ASEAN WEN website)</li> <li>[Establish CITES and Wildlife Enforcement Budget Line (Trust Fund) to support activities relevant to CITES and Wildlife Enforcement issues]</li> <li>Joint activities among National Wildlife Enforcement Network in AMS</li> <li>Establish and sustain links and cooperation with other relevant networks and countries outside ASEAN in order to enhance efforts in combating the illicit trade of CITES wild fauna and flora</li> </ul>	<p>Thailand</p> <p>AWG-CITES and WE</p> <p>Indonesia, Partners, ICCWC, CITES Secretariat</p>	2016-2020	<p>The AWG CITES and WE website is updated regularly.</p> <p>ASEAN CITES and WE Budget Line (Trust Fund) established.</p>

STRATEGIC THRUST 2: ENHANCING TRADE FACILITATION, ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND MARKET ACCESS					
Action Programme	Activities	Sub Activities	Responsible ASEAN Bodies/Lead Country	Timeline	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
2.2. Enhancement of Co-operation in Trade of endangered species.	2.2.1 Develop regional mechanism on trade of endangered species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop protocol to share data and information on legal and illegal wildlife trade in ASEAN</li> <li>Study/Analysis on legal and illegal wildlife trade for CITES listed species</li> </ul>	AWG-CITES and WE	2016-2020	Mechanism to facilitate trade of endangered species established
	2.2.2 Encourage industry groups, trade associations/traders and local communities to comply with legality and sustainability requirements of CITES and national regulations on trade in wild fauna and flora, and to support research and capacity building on sustainable management of trade in wild fauna and flora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop code of conduct for the private sectors to comply with the rules and regulations of wildlife trade</li> <li>Training related to sustainable management of trade in wild flora and fauna</li> <li>Cooperation and research of Trade on Endangered Species</li> <li>Documenting Best Practices</li> </ul>	AWG-CITES and WE	2016-2020	code of conduct for the private sectors to comply with the rules and regulations of wildlife trade established

STRATEGIC THRUST 4: INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT					
Action Programme	Activities	Sub Activities	Responsible ASEAN Bodies/Lead Country	Timeline	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
4.1. Promotion and Implementation of Training Programmes in Forestry.	4.1.1 Identify existing training facilities and available training programmes on CITES and wildlife enforcement in the region and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each country to inform other AMS on their plan to conduct relevant training</li> </ul>	Thailand and AWG CITES and WE	2016-2020	List of existing training facilities and available training programmes, including mechanisms for sharing them, compiled.

	develop mechanisms for sharing of such training facilities and programmes.				
	4.1.2 Undertake professional training programmes for judges in forest legislation, particularly those at the level of courts that deal with CITES and wildlife enforcement issues as well as for customs and border guards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct collaborative training sessions on wildlife law enforcement at national, bilateral and multilateral levels for Customs, police, quarantine and veterinary inspectors, Forestry Department, Wildlife Department, Fisheries Department, and other law enforcement officers, prosecutor and judges, port/airport authorities, private sectors, CITES authorities, etc on specific skills e.g. species identification, handling of information and sharing of intelligence, developing and sharing advanced forensic, identification and marking systems, exchanging technical expertise such as lab analyses, tissue samples and genetic materials to build up DNA database for forensic analyses of CITES wildlife specimens</li> </ul>	AWG CITES and WE	2016-2020	List of conducted professional trainings in forest legislation for judges, customs and border guards in AMS compiled and disseminated
	4.1.3 Promote greater awareness and legal literacy among local communities whose livelihoods are dependent on the goods and services provided by forests (wildlife fauna and flora).		AWG CITES and WE	2016-2020	Strategic measures to further enhance local communities on the provisions in forest laws and legislation in AMS developed and implemented
4.2 Enhancement of Sharing Experiences and Lessons Learned.	4.2.1 Conduct workshops and seminars, and webinars including focused group discussions, on topics of wildlife enforcement and CITES in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Meeting of the AWG CITES and WE</li> </ul>	AWG CITES and WE	2016-2020	List of conducted workshops, seminars and focused group discussions compiled and disseminated.

	the region.				
	4.2.2 Promote research, monitoring and information exchange on CITES and wildlife enforcement related issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish the AWG CITES and Wildlife Enforcement page on the ASEAN Forest Clearing House Mechanism</li> <li>Update regularly the ASEAN Forest CHM on activities related CITES and wildlife enforcement</li> </ul>			Page for AWG-CITES and WE on ASEAN Forest CHM established and regularly updated.

**THRUST 5: STRENGTHENING ASEAN'S JOINT APPROACHES ON REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE FORESTRY SECTOR**

Action Programme	Activities	Sub Activities	Responsible ASEAN Bodies/Lead Country	Timeline	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
5.1. Strengthened ASEAN Co-ordinated Actions at Regional and International Fora.	5.1.1 Strengthen regional and sub-regional collaboration in the implementation of agreed outcomes of forest and forest-related international agreements and fora (UNFF, CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD, CITES, etc).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop ASEAN approaches and joint position at COP CITES</li> </ul>	AWG CITES and WE	2016-2020	Annual report/ documentation of forum activities and extent of integration of issues discussed in the agenda of relevant ASEAN Bodies
	5.1.2 Adopting effective and enforceable legislation for CITES implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote adoption of Category 1 CITES-enabling legislation throughout ASEAN, in line with existing deadlines already specified by the CITES Secretariat's National Legislation Project</li> <li>Promote awareness programmes for the judiciary and other law enforcement agencies on the social and economic implications of conservation threats posed by illegal trade in CITES Wild Fauna and Flora</li> </ul>	Philippines, Lao PDR, AWG CITES and WE (in collaboration with CITES Secretariat)  Partner: CITES Secretariat		Annual report on activities in promoting adoption of CITES documented.  AWG CITES WE to provide assistance for all AMS to be promoted under category 1

5.2. Enhancement of ASEAN Joint Approaches in Addressing Regional and International Forestry Issues.	5.2.1 Adopt and articulate ASEAN common positions and influence the outcomes of the deliberations at international and regional fora (UNFF, CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD, CITES, etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document lessons learned and common problems (e.g. gaps and conflicts) in ASEAN members' CITES enabling legislation.</li> <li>• Update, where appropriate, social and economic incentives into national wild fauna and flora trade policy and legislation, complementing the policies of neighbouring States where possible, to promote compliance with CITES</li> </ul>	AWG CITES and WE	2016-2020	Mechanisms for adopting and articulating ASEAN common positions at international and regional fora developed, applied, documented and resulting products and information routinely shared
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