

TECHNICAL HANDBOOK – MODULE V

Introduction

The international trade of wild fauna and flora species is regulated by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

This convention establishes rules to ensure that international trade does not threaten the survival of species. Mozambique is a party to CITES and applies its rules through national authorities responsible for conservation.

Functioning of CITES

CITES regulates international trade in species through a system of permits and certificates. Species are classified into different appendices that define the level of control applicable to trade.

The objective is to ensure that trade is compatible with species conservation.

Export of Hunting Trophies

The export of trophies from legal hunting requires prior authorization from the competent authorities. The main requirements include:

- issuance of a CITES license
- certification of the origin of the trophy
- export authorization

These procedures ensure that the trophy originates from a legal and sustainable activity.

Required Documentation

Before exporting a trophy, the following documents must be available:

- CITES license
- export license
- safari operator registration
- hunter's documentation

The absence of any of these documents may prevent export.

Authorities Involved

Control of international trade in species involves several institutions.

In Mozambique, the authority responsible for implementing CITES is the National Administration for Conservation Areas (ANAC).

Other authorities include:

- customs services
- authorities of the destination country

4. PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

Situation: A hunter attempts to export a trophy without a CITES license.

Possible consequences:

- seizure of the trophy at the airport
- administrative fine
- initiation of criminal proceedings

5. CASE STUDY

Frequent problems in trophy export include:

- lack of a CITES license
- incomplete documentation
- errors in trophy registration

To avoid these situations, it is essential to ensure that all documentation is correct before export.

6. MODULE VISUAL MATERIAL

Flowchart – Trophy Export Process

Legal killing of the animal



Trophy registration



Certification by the operator



Issuance of CITES license



Export authorization



Verification by customs authorities



International transport

Learning Outcome

After completing this module, the participant should be able to:

- understand how CITES operates
- properly prepare documentation for trophy export
- avoid infractions related to international trade in species