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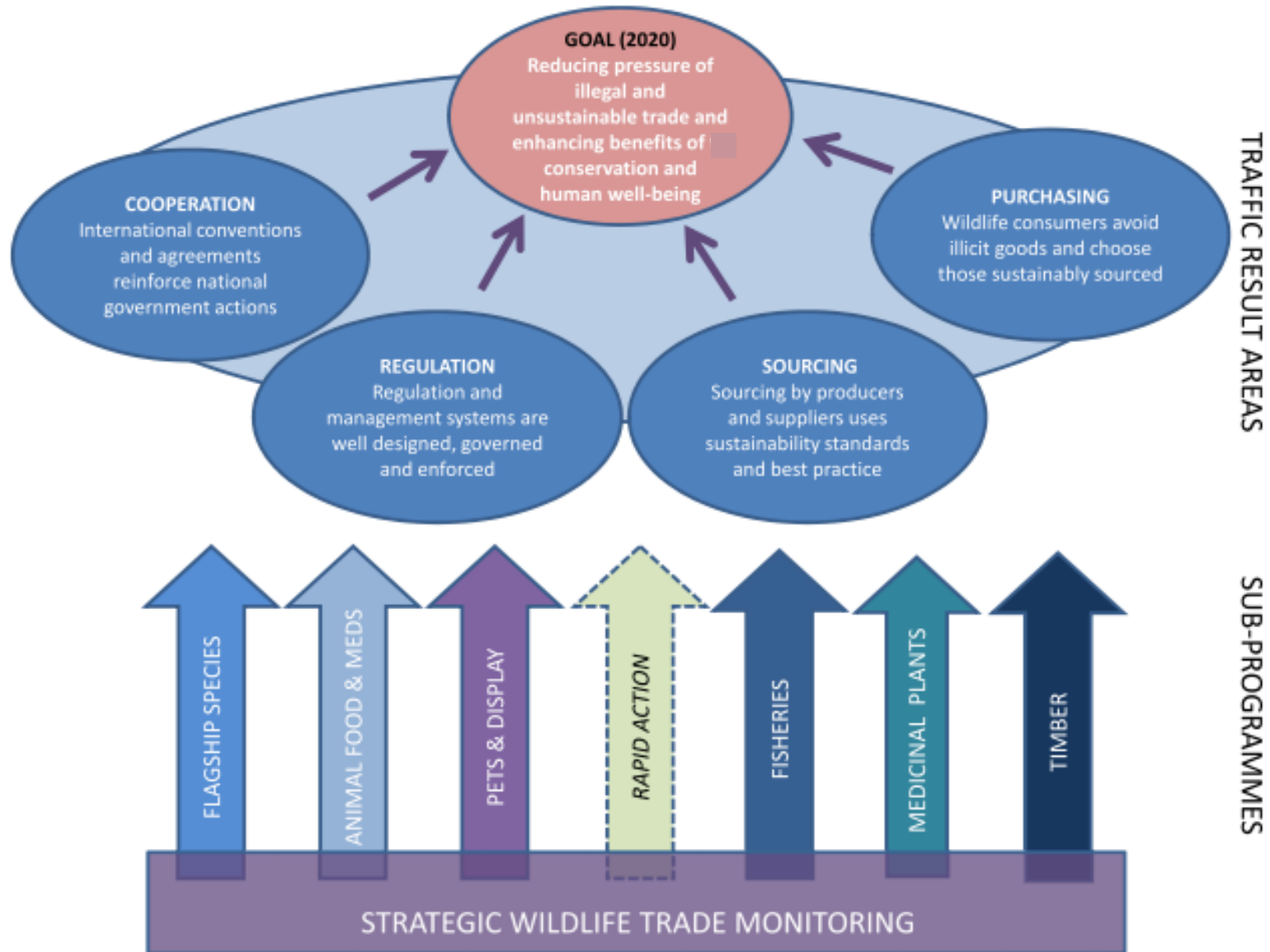
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# Introduction to TRAFFIC



TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network, works to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature.

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- Aim: to strengthen capacities to implement and enforce CITES in Central Asia and Russia

- Funding: from the European Union to the CITES Secretariat

- TRAFFIC: compiled three reports examining various wildlife trade related issues in Central Asia
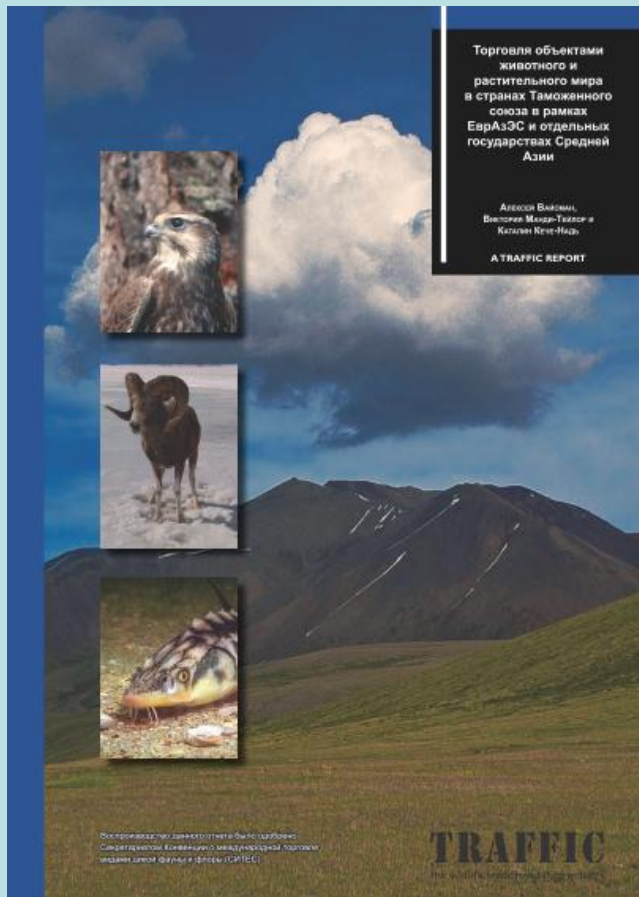
# Report 1 - Eurasian Customs Union (ECU)

*Wildlife trade in the Eurasian Customs Union and in selected Central Asian countries*

*Торговля объектами животного и растительного мира в странах Таможенного союза в рамках ЕврАзЭС и отдельных государствах Средней Азии*

Examines the implementation of CITES in the ECU and in selected Central Asian countries

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# Eurasian Customs Union (ECU)



Legend:
- Территория Таможенного союза (сент. 2012 г.)
- Следующая фаза ожидаемого расширения Таможенного союза
- Направление торговли Таможенный союз-ЕС
- Направление торговли Таможенный союз-Китай

Current members of the **ECU**:
- BY
- KZ
- RU
- *KG – accession country*

*Source*: Map drawn on information after Silitski (2010), taken from TRAFFIC, 2012.

**Abbreviations**: AM – Armenia, AZ – Azerbaijan, BY – Belarus, CN- China, EE – Estonia, FI – Finland, GE – Georgia, JP – Japan, KG – Kyrgyzstan, KP – Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ – Kazakhstan, LT – Lithuania, LV – Latvia, MN – Mongolia, PL – Poland, RU – Russia, TJ – Tajikistan, TM – Turkmenistan, UA – Ukraine, UZ – Uzbekistan.

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# ECU

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- Removal of internal border controls - formally NOT intended to affect implementation and enforcement of obligations under CITES

- In practice, it could result in free and undeclared movements of wildlife within the ECU

# ECU – why could this be a problem?

**Possible examples of issues:**

- **"permit shopping"** – a CITES export permit not granted in one member State could be granted for the same specimen in another member State

- **"exploiting the weakest link in the chain"** – potentially shifting trade routes towards less scrutiny at the borders

- **"concerns raised by the importer"** – regarding the true country of origin within the ECU
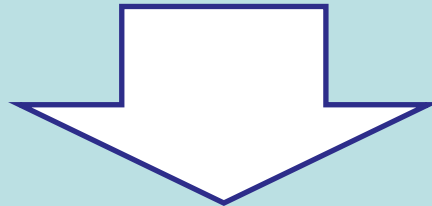
**need for a well-coordinated approach to regulate wildlife trade, for a regular exchange of information** in order to prevent potential negative impacts on the survival of Central Asia's wildlife

# ECU – selected sections of the report

**Summaries of country visits**
- National CITES legislation
- National CITES authorities and interagency co-operation on CITES
- **Training and capacity building**
- Reported illegal trade



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**CITES implementation in other Customs unions and regional organisations – examples for coordination and cooperation**
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- European Union (EU)
- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- Southern African Customs Union (SACU)

# ECU – CITES exports of hunting trophies

**Reported exports\* of *Ovis ammon* hunting trophy items from the target countries (2000-2010), exporters' reports\*\***
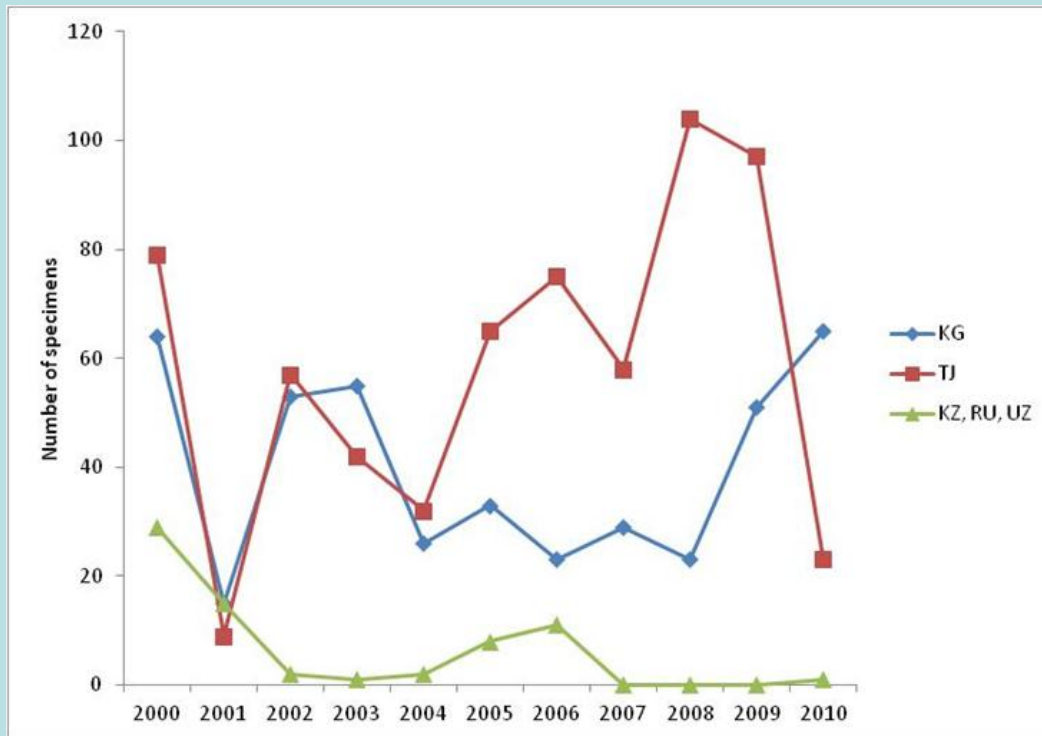


*Source*: CITES trade statistics derived from the *CITES Trade Database*, UNEP-WCMC, Cambridge, UK.

\*Includes both: (i) trophies reported as direct exports from the target countries; and (ii) trophies for which a target country was reported as the country of origin.

\*\*Importers' reports are used for Russia (for 2006 only), for Kyrgyzstan (2000-2008) and for Tajikistan (all years).

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# ECU – Selected recommendations

**CITES in the ECU - addressed to ECU member States**

- **need for organized and co-ordinated approach to CITES** implementation and enforcement ➡️ to ensure **consistency**;

- **establish co-ordinating mechanisms** ➡️ to allow for **regular and frequent information exchange and consistent decision-making** on **scientific** to **management** and **enforcement** issues;

  - to **formalize** these co-ordinating **mechanisms in ECU legislation**;

  - **nationally set export quotas** in the ECU context;

- to establish a **Wildlife Enforcement Network**;

- to establishment new **real-time information-sharing mechanisms** between authorities across the ECU.



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# Report 2 - NDF framework



- *Framework for CITES non-detriment findings for hunting trophies with a focus on Argali Ovis ammon*

- *Структура процесса CITES, позволяющего сделать вывод о ненанесении вреда природным популяциям в ситуации трофейной охоты,  с аргали (Ovis ammon) в качестве основного объекта Анализа*

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# NDF framework



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- **NDF** – **N**on-**D**etriment **F**inding under CITES

- **Step by step guide** in determining whether trade in a particular trophy species is likely to be detrimental to its survival

# NDF guidance

# Report 3 - Trophy hunting in Central Asia



ТРОФЕЙНАЯ ОХОТА НА ВИДЫ, ВКЛЮЧЕННЫЕ В СПИСКИ СИТЕС, В СРЕДНЕЙ АЗИИ

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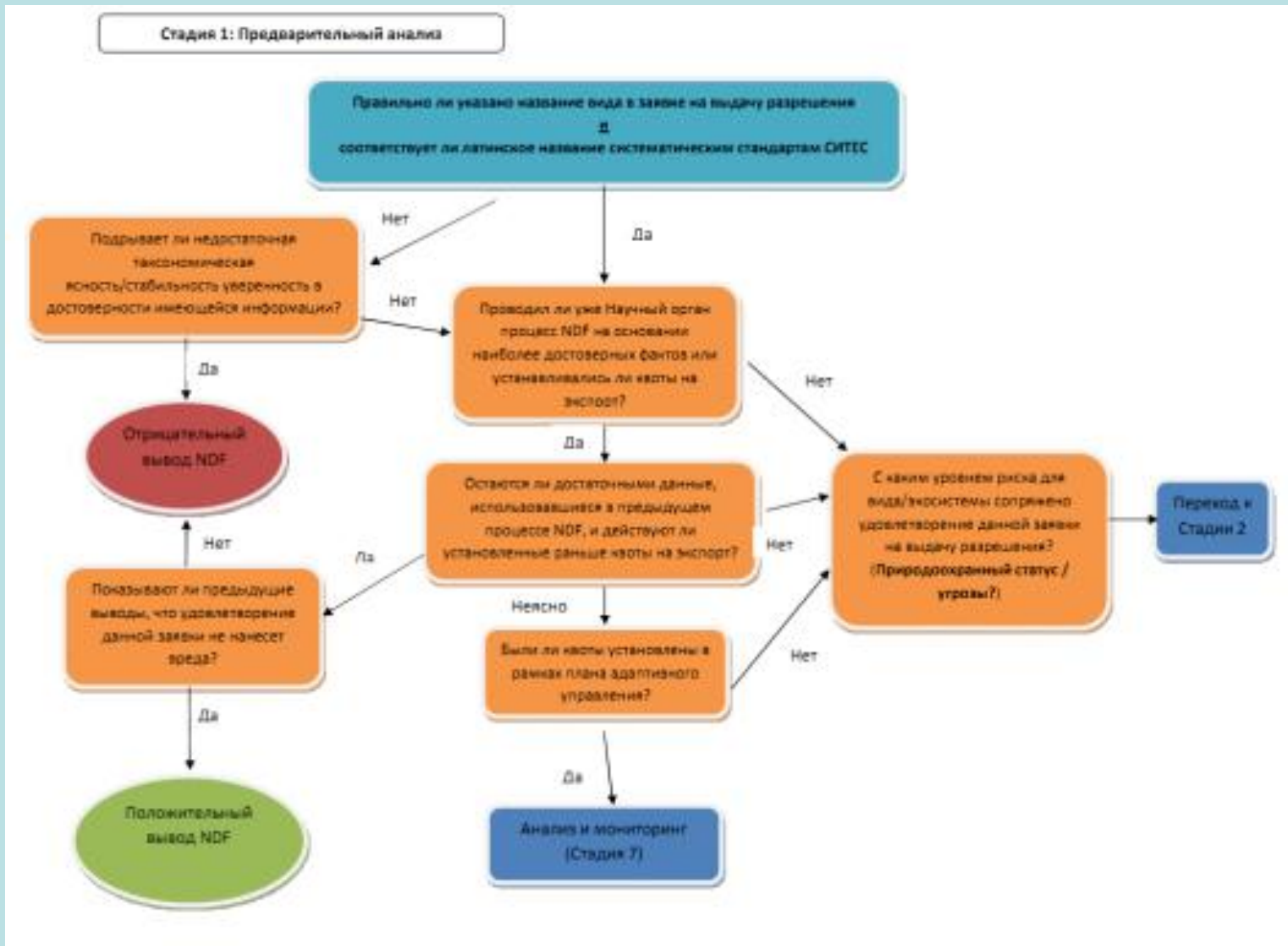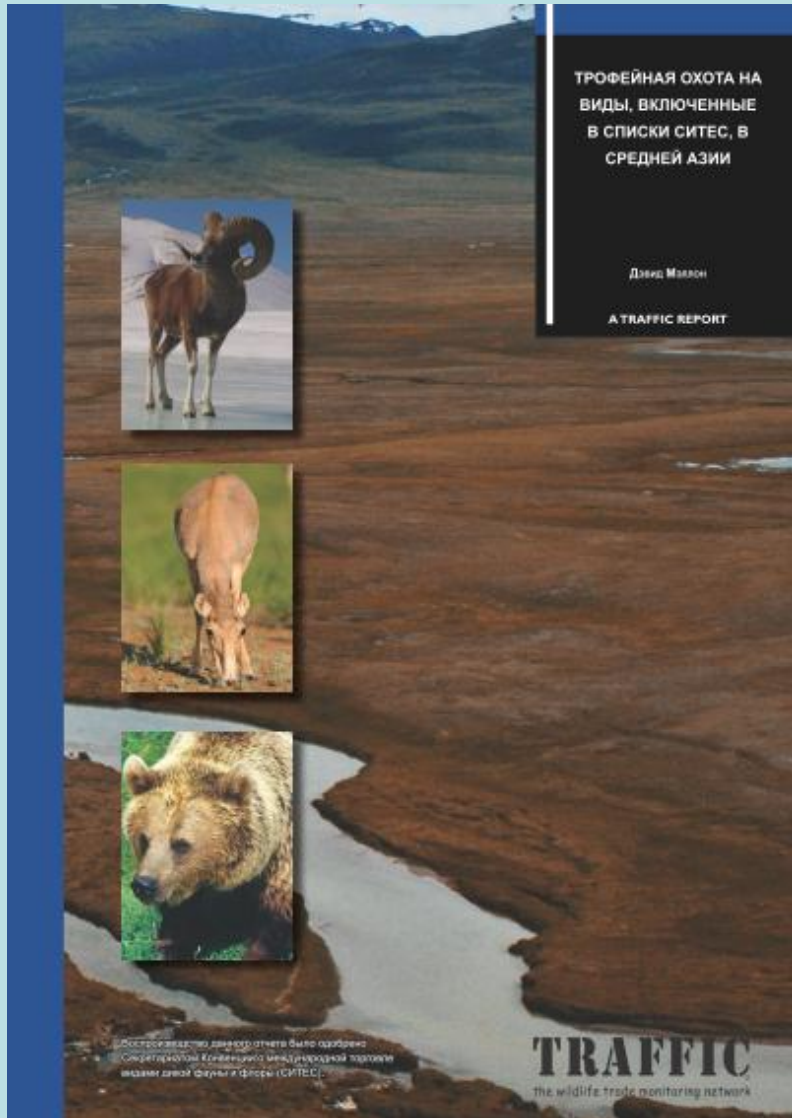
- reviews policies and regulations concerning trophy hunting in selected range States of the Argali *Ovis ammon*

- provides a framework for the establishment of sustainable hunting programmes that support conservation

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# Report 3 - Trophy hunting in Central Asia Selected sections

**Poaching and illegal trade**

**Wildlife management**

**Transboundary initiatives**

**Best practice in community-based trophy hunting programmes**

- Pakistan, Africa

**Discussion**

- Taxonomy, split listings

- Contribution to livelihoods / species conservation

- Ecotourism

- Developing trophy hunting in the region

- Developing community-based programmes

- Governance

**Conclusions and recommendations**

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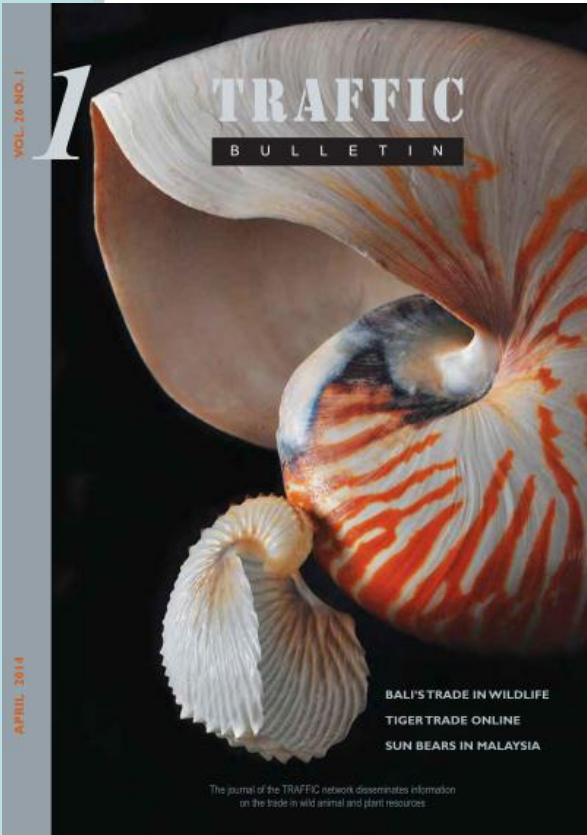
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