

**Crocodile Specialist Group Steering Committee Meeting**  
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**Trade Monitoring**

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Currently, data on world trade in crocodilians are obtained from CITES annual reports and the reports from the Crocodile Farmers Association of Zimbabwe. Annual reports to CITES should be submitted by 31 October of the year following that in which the trade occurred and therefore 2024 is the most recent year for which we have reasonably complete data. The deadline for 2024 reports is long past but as usual, some crocodilian producer countries have failed to submit their reports. Although problematic, this is not necessarily disastrous as the data from an exporting country may be recorded in the annual reports of importing countries. The real problem occurs when both ends of the trade route fail to report adequately.

Since the 27th Working Meeting in Darwin, Australia, skin trade data for 2022 and 2023 has been collated for the IACTS reports for the years up to 2024 ([here](#)). A further IACTS report is scheduled for completion in June 2026 covering the triennium 2022-2024.

At the time of the initial analysis for the most recent IACTS report (February 2025), several CITES annual reports that might have contained important crocodilian data had not been received by the CITES Secretariat. These included Australia (2022 and 2023), Brazil (2021), Madagascar (2021), Malawi (2021), Venezuela (2021 and 2023) and Viet Nam (2022).

Important missing reports that have now been received include Australia (2020), Mexico (2022), Suriname (2021), USA (2021 and 2022) and Viet Nam (2022 and 2023), and their data have been input to the CITES Trade Database.

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At the 27th CSG Working Meeting, it was noted that China had reported importing over 400,000 *Crocodylus siamensis* skins from Viet Nam in 2022. In the absence of an annual report from the exporting country it was thought that this may have been an error in the CITES Trade Database. However, subsequent analysis, including annual reports from Viet Nam, has shown that this figure was real, and that further large quantities of skins were exported in both 2023 and 2024.

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