

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

IDENTIFICATION MANUAL

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.19, paragraph g), the Secretariat herewith provides a report on the progress made with the production of the Identification Manual.
3. The process of converting all published sheets into electronic format is ongoing. Approximately 1800 sheets remain to be scanned and included in the database. All new sheets and translations are prepared in electronic format, and converted in PDF format. The intention is to make all sheets available from the website and to have these linked to the species database.
4. The Secretariat would like to remind Parties that have successfully submitted proposals to include new species in the Appendices that they are exhorted to provide appropriate data for inclusion in the Identification Manual (see Resolution Conf. 11.19).
5. Switzerland has produced sheets for the freshwater turtles that were included in the Appendices at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Santiago, November 2002). Sheets have been prepared for the following species and the Secretariat will shortly print and distribute these to the Parties:

Platysternon megacephalum
Annamemys annamensis
Heosemys depressa
Heosemys grandis
Heosemys leytensis
Heosemys spinosa
Hieremys annandalii
Kachuga dhongoka
Kachuga kachuga
Kachuga smithii
Kachuga sylhetensis

Kachuga tentoria
Kachuga trivittata
Leucocephalon yuwonoi
Mauremys mutica
Orlitia borneensis
Pyxidea mouhoti
Siebenrockiella crassicollis
Chitra chitra
Chitra indica
Pelochelys bibroni
Pelochelys cantori

6. Switzerland is also preparing sheets for the following freshwater turtle species (including the ones included at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Bangkok, October 2004), and the sheets should be available before the end of 2005:

Malayemys subtrijuga
Notochelys platynota
Carettochelys insculpta
Amyda cartilaginea

Chitra vandijki
Pelochelys signifera
Chelodina mccordi

7. The United States of America has informed the Secretariat that it is completing a sheet on *Polyodon spathula*.

8. The Secretariat has received funding from the Netherlands to contribute to the production of the next CITES Identification Guide to be produced by Environment Canada (on amphibians), and for the preparation of sheets on the following species:

Gracula reliogosa
Leiothrix argentarius
Leiothrix lutea
Liocichla omeiensis

Pycnonotus zeylanicus
Tauraco spp. (5 new sheets and updates of existing 7 sheets)

9. The Secretariat is grateful for the support received from Parties on the preparation of ID Manual sheets.