

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

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Nomenclature Committee (Fauna and Flora)  
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OFFICIAL TASKS OF THE NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE

1. This document has been prepared by the Nomenclature Committee on the basis of Resolutions Conf. 1.1 (Rev. CoP13) and Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CopP13).
2. The Conference of the Parties has determined that the Nomenclature Committee shall:
  - a) **make recommendations on nomenclature** to the Conference of the Parties, other committees, working groups and the Secretariat [Resolution Conf.11.1 (Rev. CoP13), Annex 3, under RESOLVES, paragraph a)];
  - b) **cause standardized nomenclatural references** for animal and plant taxa, to the level of subspecies or botanical variety and including synonyms, to be prepared, or propose for adoption existing nomenclatural references, as appropriate, for all species listed in the Appendices to the Convention [Resolution Conf.11.1 (Rev. CoP13), Annex 3, under RESOLVES, paragraph a)];
  - c) upon its **acceptance of a new or updated reference** (or part thereof) for a given taxon, after following the procedure described in Res.Conf.11.1, **present this to the Conference of the Parties** for adoption as the standard reference for that taxon [Resolution Conf.11.1 (Rev. CoP13), Annex 3, under RESOLVES, paragraph a)];
  - d) **review the existing Appendices** with regard to the correct use of zoological and botanical nomenclature [Resolution Conf.11.1 (Rev. CoP13), Annex 3, under RESOLVES, paragraph a)];
  - e) upon request from the Secretariat, **review proposals to amend the Appendices** to ensure that correct names for the species and other taxa in question are used [Resolution Conf.11.1 (Rev. CoP13), Annex 3, under RESOLVES, paragraph a)];
  - f) upon request from the Secretariat **give advice** on the **correct names** to use for species or other taxa in question **used in proposals** to amend the Appendices [(Resolution Conf. 12.11, under RECOMMENDS, paragraph c)];
  - g) **recommend names for wild and domestic forms** in cases when there are domesticated forms of listed taxa [(Resolution Conf. 12.11, under RECOMMENDS, paragraph b)];
  - h) **coordinate, monitor and analyse the input needed from specialists** [Resolution Conf.11.1 (Rev. CoP13), Annex 3, under RESOLVES, paragraph c)];
  - i) **ensure that changes in nomenclature** recommended by a party **do not alter the scope of protection of the taxon** concerned [Resolution Conf.11.1 (Rev. CoP13), Annex 3, under RESOLVES, paragraph a)];
  - j) **identify** (in cooperation with the Secretariat) cases in which the **proposed change** in the name of a taxon (redefinition of taxon) **would alter the scope** of protection for fauna and flora under the Convention [(Resolution Conf. 12.11, under RECOMMENDS, paragraph f)];

- k) **determine** the most **appropriate taxonomic authority** in cases of conflicts of interpreting the content of a **taxon for which there is no standard reference** adopted by the Conference of the Parties until a formal recommendation to the Conference of the Parties is made [(Resolution Conf. 12.11, under RECOMMENDS, paragraph g)]; and
- l) **give advice** to the Secretariat **on orthographic changes** necessary in the list of species included in the Appendices to the Convention [(Resolution Conf. 12.11, under RECOMMENDS, paragraph i)].