

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

Meeting of the Nomenclature Committee (Fauna)  
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This document has been prepared by the representative of the Nomenclature Committee (Flora) and includes comments by Mexico with deletions marked as strikethrough and additions underlined.

The Nomenclature Committee (Flora) held a meeting on the 17 February 2004 in Windhoek, Namibia in association with the 14th meeting of the CITES Plants Committee.

The Nomenclature Committee (Flora) considered the changes resulting from the adoption of Resolution Conf. 12.11. The group also considered the terms of reference for the Nomenclature Committee as laid out in Resolution Conf. 11.1 (Rev. CoP12). The information document PC14 Inf. 4 'The CITES Nomenclature Committee' was also tabled.

The meeting made the following recommendations (relating to plants) with regard to the changes resulting from the adoption of Resolution Conf. 12.11:

- a) The plant 'taxon based' checklists should have at least equal status as the UNEP-WCMC *Checklist of CITES species*; and
- b) That references and checklists recommended by CITES Nomenclature Committee should be put to a meeting of the Conference of the Parties for formal approval and adoption.

The meeting made the following recommendations with regard to the amendment of Res. Conf. 11.1 (Rev. Cop12) and Conf. 12.11:

- a) That a provision be made for alternative representatives on the Nomenclature Committee;
- b) That ~~there be an opportunity for~~ regional input to the Committee is ensured. The most efficient way to achieve this may be by ~~utilizing~~ incorporating to the NC the Regional Representatives on the Animals and Plants Committees. For example, all queries relating to taxa occurring with a region should be copied to the relevant expert on the Animals or Plants Committee. This would allow the Regional Representative to seek taxonomic input from the region for input to the Nomenclature Committee; Mexico suggests that queries be submitted to all the regional representatives (flora or fauna), who will participate during the process for the adoption of new references or updating previously adopted lists. It is suggested that regional representatives have the choice to designate a specialist (taxonomist) to represent them at the NC meetings.
- c) That the participation of the Parties that can be affected by the adoption of a new list or an update of previously adopted ones, is ensured through an official or formal procedure.
- d) That there's a need to define if voting is necessary at the NC meetings for the adoption of certain lists or nomenclatural changes.
- e) That any proposal for adopting or amending checklists or references be distributed at least 150 days prior to the relevant meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It is very important to

define and specify the procedures to compile, revise, and distribute the minutes of the NC meetings. The minutes shall be circulated among the Parties before the next meeting, according to some Rules of Procedure, in the same way as it is established for the other Committees. Ensure that the agenda, working documents, and the proposals for amendment or adoption of new reference lists be published in time by the Secretariat at the Website in the 3 official languages; and

- f) That the implications of the adoption of any checklist reference be clearly outlined in the relevant proposal to allow the Conference of the Parties to make an informed decision on its adoption.
- g) That a detailed procedure (terms of reference) for the functioning of the NC be elaborated. In this procedure the activities and attributions of the NC should be clearly described, as well as the role of the regional representatives, the Parties, and the Secretariat, in the adoption (selection and updating) of the standard nomenclature lists for the different taxa included in the Appendices. This way, the NC will have an efficient, transparent, and consistent working system for decision making, such as the one in place for the Flora and Fauna Committees.
- h) That there's a need to define the way and requisites for the participation of observers at the NC meetings.

The Meeting asked that these recommendations be considered by the Nomenclature Committee (Fauna) and that these and other amendments be included in a Resolution or Resolutions to Go forward to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties.