

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



Thirty-second meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 19 – 23 June 2023

NOMENCLATURE

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: the nomenclature specialist (Mr. van Dijk);

Members: representative for Africa (Ms. Maha);

Parties: Cameroon, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, Japan, Namibia, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, International Union for Conservation of Nature, BirdLife International, Center for Biological Diversity, Conservation Force, Fondation Franz Weber, Humane Society International, IWMC-World Conservation Trust, Parrot Breeders Association of Southern Africa, Safari Club International Foundation, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wide Fund for Nature.

Mandate

The Committee established an in-session working group with a mandate to:

- a) consider the matters raised in paragraphs 2 to 5 of document AC32 Doc. 46 and the report of the Secretariat, and advise about possible ways forward to address the use of online databases as standard nomenclature references;
- b) consider the scientific merit of CITES recognition of two species of African elephants, and, as appropriate, recommend the retention or an appropriate replacement nomenclature standard reference for these animals;
- c) consider further the implications of adopting the HBW/BI *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World*, and in particular whether the adoption of one of the subsequent annual updates would be desirable, and if so, up until what year;
- d) provide guidance for the preparation of future checklists based on extracts from online databases;
- e) consider the draft checklists proposed for the lizard family Iguanidae in paragraph 20 and for the genus *Phrynosoma* in Annex 1 to document AC42 Doc. 46;
- f) review the nomenclatural changes summarised in Annex 2 and Annex 3 for possible adoption at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- g) consider the deletion of *Ramphastos vitellinus citreolaemus* from Appendix II, by reducing the scope of the listing of *R. vitellinus* in Appendix II to *Ramphastos vitellinus vitellinus* only;

- h) develop terms of reference for an intersessional nomenclature working group that will incorporate the elements that the in-session working group could not cover and a review of possible changes in nomenclature ahead of AC33; and
- i) report back to the Committee at this meeting.

Recommendations

The working group recommends that the Committee:

- a) encourages the Secretariat to continue its work on the use of online databases as standard nomenclature references and report back to AC33;
- b) acknowledges the scientific merit of recognizing the two species of African elephants, recognizing that hybrids and mixed-species groupings occur, and notes that a relevant nomenclature standard reference for these animals be further deliberated intersessionally, with the outcomes of deliberations reported back to AC33;
[further; requests the Secretariat to include in the Notification described in Decision 19.275 a) a request for suggested publications that can serve as nomenclatural standard reference for African elephants;]
- c) recommends that the review of the implications of adopting the HBW/BI *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World* be continued and that a report be submitted for consideration by the Committee at AC33;
- d) recommends that in terms of the preparation of future checklists based on extracts from online databases, the essential elements to include are the valid species name, taxonomic synonyms, taxonomic hierarchy, and countries of distribution. Desirable but not essential are a distribution map and illustrations for each species. The intersessional working group shall further consider this matter, including options to prepare simplified checklists, with the outcomes of deliberations reported back to AC33;
- e) recommends for adoption by the Parties at CoP20 the checklists proposed for the lizard family Iguanidae in paragraph 20 and for the genus *Phrynosoma* in Annex 1 to document AC32 Doc. 46;
- f) consider the inclusion of *Ramphastos vitellinus citreolaemus* in the periodic review process, and include the matter in the mandate of the intersessional working group (pending inclusion in the periodic review process) and report back to AC33;
- g) agree to establish an intersessional working group on nomenclature with the same membership as the in-session working group with mandate to:
 - i) continue the work on checklists based on time-limited extracts from online databases;
 - ii) identify an appropriate nomenclature standard reference for the African elephant(s);
 - iii) review the nomenclatural changes summarised in Annex 2 and Annex 3 of document AC32 Doc. 46;
 - iv) consider options to address the present status of *Ramphastos vitellinus citreolaemus* in the CITES Appendices; and
 - v) report to AC33.