

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



Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Panama City (Panama), 14 – 25 November 2022

Committee I

Standard nomenclature

DRAFT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of document CoP19 Doc. 84.1 after discussion in the fourth session of Committee I (see documents CoP19 Com. I Rec. 4).

Development of a standardized global checklist of species

19.AA

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

Subject to external funding, the Animals and Plants Committee shall, through their respective nomenclature specialists, participate in the initiative of the International Union of Biological Sciences to develop a standardized global checklist of species, and report on progress to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Aloe* spp.**

Directed to the Secretariat

19.A1 The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:

- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an updated standard nomenclature reference for *Aloe* spp., taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 5 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31 and the Annex to PC25 Com. 5; and
- b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.A2 The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.A1;
- b) provide input to assist with the preparation of the updated *Aloe* spp. checklist, as noted in paragraph 5 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and

- c) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

***Pachypodium* spp.**

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.B1 The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:
- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an updated standard nomenclature reference for *Pachypodium* spp., taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 6 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
 - b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.B2 The Plants Committee shall:
- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.B1;
 - b) provide input to assist with the preparation of the updated *Pachypodium* checklist, as noted in paragraph 6 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
 - c) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Nomenclature (Cactaceae Checklist and its Supplement)

Directed to Parties

- 18.304 (Rev. CoP19) Parties shall inform the Secretariat on their experience in using the CITES Cactaceae Checklist (3rd edition) and its Supplement (2018) and any issues that may arise as they apply these lists, including feedback to improve it in the light of relevant updates of cacti taxonomy.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 18.305 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall:
- a) liaise with the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) to obtain feedback on the utility of the CITES Cactaceae Checklist (3rd edition) and its Supplement (2018) and any queries that arise as they update relevant databases, taking into account feedback provided by Parties as per Decision 18.304 (Rev. CoP19); and
 - b) report to the Plants Committee of this feedback and any comments it receives from the Parties in order for the Committee to review this at its regular meetings.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 18.306 (Rev. CoP19) The Plants Committee shall review any report from the Secretariat related to the implementation of Decision 18.305 (Rev. CoP19) and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Nomenclature of *Diospyros* spp. (populations of Madagascar)

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.C1 The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:
- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an updated standard nomenclature reference of *Diospyros* spp. (populations of Madagascar), taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 8 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
 - b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.C2 The Plants Committee shall:
- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.C1; and
 - b) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Nomenclature of Appendix-II listed orchids

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.D1 The Secretariat shall:
- a) seek feedback from Parties and relevant experts on their experience in using the standard nomenclature reference for Appendix-II listed orchids, in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature*, including suggestions to improve the standard nomenclature in light of relevant updates in orchid taxonomy;
 - b) subject to the availability of external resources, and in close collaboration with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee, commission the drafting of an update of the standard nomenclature references for Appendix II-listed orchids, taking into account feedback received under paragraph a) of this Decision; and
 - c) report to the Plants Committee the feedback received for review.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.D2 The Plants Committee shall review any report from the Secretariat related to the implementation of Decision 19.D1 and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

Nomenclature —*Taxus* spp.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 19.E1 The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:
- a) subject to the availability of external resources, commission the drafting of an update of the standard nomenclature reference for *Taxus* spp., taking into consideration relevant elements of paragraph 10 of the Addendum to document PC25 Doc. 31; and
 - b) report on progress or results of this work to the Plants Committee.

Directed to the Plants Committee

- 19.E2 The Plants Committee shall:
- a) consider progress and results reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 19.E1; and

- b) make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Production of a CITES Checklist for *Dalbergia* spp.

Directed to the Secretariat

18.307 (Rev. CoP19) The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the nomenclature specialist of the Plants Committee:

- a) subject to availability of external resources, develop an annotated CITES Checklist of *Dalbergia* spp., taking into consideration:
 - i) the Checklist as included in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP19) on *Standard nomenclature*;
 - ii) research and other work needed for the production of such a Checklist; and
 - iii) aspects related to its publication; and
- b) report on progress to the Plants Committee at its regular meetings and seek its advice and input.

Directed to the Plants Committee

18.308 (Rev. CoP19) The Plants Committee shall:

- a) consider progress reported by the Secretariat as per Decision 18.307 (Rev. CoP19); and
- b) make recommendations to the Secretariat and the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

Nomenclature (Bird family and order names)

Directed to the Animals Committee

- 19.AN1 a) evaluate the implications of adopting the HBW/BI Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World as the new standard nomenclature reference for birds at the species, family and order levels, including the production of a listing of supplementary nomenclatural standard references that may be needed; and
- b) develop a recommendation for decision at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Higher Taxon Listings in the Appendices

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

19.AN2 The Animals and Plants Committees shall, taking into consideration document AC31 Doc. 38 with its Annex and its addendum, as well as the provisions of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17), Annex 3, review the impacts of existing and future higher taxon listings in the Appendices and propose further guidance and recommendations as necessary, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.AN3 The Standing Committee shall take into account the guidance and recommendations from the Animals and Plants Committees and make any recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as required.

Taxonomy and Nomenclature of African Elephants (*Loxodonta* spp.)

Directed to the Secretariat

19.AN4 The Secretariat shall:

- a) issue a Notification seeking the perspectives of Parties and other stakeholders on the potential effects of recognizing African forest elephant (*Loxodonta cyclotis*) as a separate species to African savannah elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) for CITES purposes;
- b) develop a list of all current Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties that would be impacted by such a change of nomenclature;
- c) collate the responses to the Notification to the Parties and prepare a review of the potential impacts of recognising *L. cyclotis* as a separate species for CITES purposes, including the potential impacts on Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties; and
- d) prepare a report of its findings pursuant to a), b) and c) above and submit this report to the Standing Committee for its consideration.

Directed to the Animals Committee

19.AN5 The Animals Committee shall:

- a) in consultation with the IUCN African Elephant Specialist Group, review the taxonomic-nomenclatural history of African elephant *Loxodonta africana* in CITES and the nomenclature that reflects accepted use in biology, at its 32nd meeting; and
- b) if appropriate, make a recommendation on adopting a new standard nomenclature reference for African elephants, for decision at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.AN6 The Standing Committee shall:

- a) review the report submitted by the Secretariat under paragraph d) of Decision 19.BB; and
- b) provide advice and any recommendations on the potential impacts of recognizing *L. cyclotis* as a separate species for CITES purposes, including the potential impacts on Resolutions and Decisions of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Nomenclature of Appendix III listings

Directed to the Animals and Plants Committees

18.313 (Rev. CoP19) The Animals and Plants Committees shall, taking into consideration the current guidance in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) on *Standard nomenclature*, paragraph 2 g), evaluate how nomenclature changes affect Appendix-III listings and propose further guidance and recommendations as necessary, that address how such nomenclature changes are to be handled, for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Directed to the Standing Committee

18.314 (Rev. CoP19) The Standing Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat, shall take into account the guidance and recommendations from the Animals and Plants Committees and make recommendations to address nomenclature changes that affect an Appendix-III listing, including possible amendments to Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP18) or Resolution Conf. 9.25 (Rev. CoP18) on *Inclusion of species in Appendix III*, for consideration at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Use of time-specific versions of online- databases as standard nomenclature references

[Maintain current Decision 18.309]

Directed to the Secretariat

18.309 The Secretariat shall:

- a) continue to engage copyright-holders of relevant online-databases that might serve as standard nomenclature references and explore the possible use of time-specific versions for CITES services; for example, relevant databases include but are not limited to WoRMS, Fish Base, ESCHMEYER & FRICKE's Catalog of Fishes, Amphibian Species of the World, and Corals of the World as standard references; and
- b) report the results of its consultations to the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

18.310 (Rev. CoP19) The Animals Committee shall:

- a) evaluate the results of the Secretariat's consultation;
- b) develop recommendations on the use of time-specific online-databases as standard nomenclature references for decision by the Conference of the Parties at its 20th meeting.

Nomenclature and identification of corals

[Maintain current Decision 18.311]

Directed to the Secretariat

18.311 The Secretariat shall:

- a) seek, if possible, a time-specific version of the WoRMS database; and
- b) report on progress to the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

18.312 (Rev. CoP19) The Animals Committee shall

- a) consider the report of the Secretariat and proceed towards recommending for adoption of a standard nomenclature reference for CITES-listed corals;
- b) update its list of coral taxa for which identification to genus level is acceptable, but which should be identified to species level where feasible, once a new standard nomenclature reference for CITES-listed coral species has been identified and provide the updated list to the Secretariat for dissemination; and
- c) report with recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.