

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



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NOMENCLATURE

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Chair: the nomenclature specialist (Mr. van Dijk);
- Parties: Argentina, Australia, China, India, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America; and
- IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, IUCN, DGHT, Humane Society International, ProWildlife, Safari Club International, Safari Club International Foundation, Species 360 and The European Federation of Associations for Hunting & Conservation (FACE).

Mandate

The in-session working group shall review document AC30 Doc. 32 and its Annexes, and the proposals made therein, and make recommendations for the consideration of the Animals Committee to consider.

Recommendations

Regarding paragraph 2 of document AC30 Doc. 32, the in-session working group notes the discussion at the 29th meeting of the Animals Committee and recommends the adoption of the Cat Specialist Group taxonomy (*Cat News #11*) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as nomenclatural standard reference for the Family Felidae.

Regarding paragraph 3, the working group recommends adoption of the WoRMS database for corals, subject to a time-limited download becoming available and recommends that, if such a download does not become available in a timely manner for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18), that the Decisions 17.306-17.308 be continued into the next intersessional period.

Regarding paragraph 4, the working group notes that the work under Decisions 17.309-17.310 regarding online databases is not finalized and recommends that these Decisions be renewed for the next intersessional period.

Regarding paragraph 5, the working group recommends that the study should go forward and should include an exploration of the impact of adopting the latest treatment of the *Handbook of the Birds of the World* del Hoyo & Collar, 2014, 2016), and recommends that Decisions 17.311-312 be renewed for the next intersessional period.

Regarding paragraphs 6 and 7, the working group notes that, with the exception of the genus *Ovis* which is discussed under paragraph 8, the issues raised do not impact CITES-listed species and recommends that no further action is required on this matter by the nomenclature working group at this time.

Regarding paragraph 8, the working group recommends that Parties at CoP18 consider the adoption of the revised taxonomy of the genus *Ovis* in its subchapter in the *Handbook of Mammals* (Valdez & Weinberg, 2011) as Nomenclatural Standard Reference for the genus *Ovis*, with the proviso that the population of *Ovis* in Cyprus,

currently referred to as *Ovis aries ophion* and placed in Appendix I, be retained in Appendix I as '*Ovis gmelini* (population of Cyprus)', and that the previously recognized names be retained in the CITES Checklist as synonyms, as appropriate.

Regarding paragraph 9, the working group notes that the Appendix III working group is reviewing this issue and recommends that no further action is required on this matter by the nomenclature working group at this time.

Regarding paragraphs 10-11 (including Annex 2) and paragraph 12, the working group recommends that this information be revisited during the next intersessional period, recognizing that the birds will be treated as part of the study under Decision 17.311, and corals as part of the wider evaluation of WoRMS under Decisions 17.306-17.308.