

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



Twenty-third meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva, (Switzerland), 19-24 April 2008

NOMENCLATURAL MATTERS

1. This document has been submitted by the specialist on zoological nomenclature.

New Appendices following the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP14)

2. At its 14th meeting (The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted a number of new taxonomic references for mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and tarantulas. In addition, they accepted a rearrangement of the animal species in the Appendices to present them alphabetically at the order, family and genus levels. The specialist on zoological nomenclature of the Animals Committee assisted in the tremendous work that had to be carried out by the Secretariat and UNEP-WCMC in order to implement the decisions of the CoP.

Taxonomic requests by Parties

3. As usual a number of enquiries regarding the nomenclature of taxa listed in the Appendices has had to be dealt with during the period since CoP14.

Checklist of chelonians of the world

4. The taxonomic reference for Testudines - until recently only available as a PDF document on the CITES website has now been officially published as FRITZ, U. & HAVAŠ, P. (2007): *Checklist of Chelonians of the World*. Vertebrate Zoology, 57(2): 149-368. Dresden. The specialist on zoological nomenclature suggests that the current checklist on the CITES homepage be substituted by this publication at CoP15.
5. Unfortunately, illegal copies of the checklist, obviously produced from documents available on the Internet, have been offered for sale. This issue, especially on how to avoid such misuse in the future, could be further discussed at the present meeting by the Nomenclature Working Group (see below).

Meeting of the Nomenclature Working Group

6. The specialist on zoological nomenclature suggests the formation of a Nomenclature Working Group during the present meeting to discuss the following matters:
 - a) *Checklist of CITES species*: update (UNEP-WCMC);
 - b) Papilionidae;
 - c) Corals;

- d) Species described after the adoption of the current taxonomic references;
- e) Specific taxon issues: *Hirudo medicinalis*;
- f) Illegal copies of checklists available on CITES website; and
- g) Any other business related to nomenclature.