

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



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IDENTIFICATION OF CITES-LISTED CORALS IN TRADE [DECISION 15.64 B)]

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 18th meeting (April 2002), the Animals Committee adopted, *inter alia*, a list of coral genera that can be identified to genus level only. This list was circulated in Notification to the Parties No. 2003/020, which provided in its Annex 2 the list adopted by the Animals Committee of coral taxa where identification to genus level is acceptable, but which should be identified to species level where feasible (49 taxa). This list is included in the Annex to the present document.
3. At its 15th meeting (CoP15, Doha, 2010), the Conference of the Parties adopted the following Decisions on Identification of CITES-listed corals in trade:

Directed to the Animals Committee

15.64 *The Animals Committee shall:*

- a) *identify existing coral reference materials that could be adopted as standard nomenclatural references for CITES-listed corals; and*
- 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, and provide the updated list to the Secretariat for dissemination.*

Directed to the Secretariat

15.65 *The Secretariat shall, upon receiving the updated list from the Animals Committee, transmit this information to the Parties through a Notification to the Parties, and by publishing the list on the CITES website.*

4. Paragraph a) of Decision 15.64 is addressed in document AC25 Doc. 22. Concerning paragraph b) of this Decision, the Committee is invited to update the list in the Annex to the present document in order for this to be transmitted to the Parties by the Secretariat.

**Coral taxa where identification to genus level is acceptable,
but which should be identified to species level where feasible**

Taxa	Number of species in the genus
<i>Acanthastrea</i>	10
<i>Acropora</i>	127
<i>Agaricia</i>	7
<i>Alveopora</i>	12
<i>Anacrapora</i>	5
<i>Astreopora</i>	11
<i>Balanophyllia</i>	56
<i>Barabattoia</i>	3
<i>Caulastrea</i>	4
<i>Coscinaraea</i>	9
<i>Ctenactis</i>	3
<i>Cyphastrea</i>	7
<i>Dendrophyllia</i>	21
<i>Distichopora</i>	23
<i>Echinophyllia</i>	8
<i>Echinopora</i>	9
<i>Euphyllia</i> (dead)	9
<i>Favia</i>	18
<i>Favites</i>	9
<i>Fungia</i>	25
<i>Goniastrea</i>	8
<i>Goniopora</i>	20
<i>Leptastrea</i>	6
<i>Leptoseris</i>	14
<i>Lobophyllia</i>	7
<i>Madracis</i>	15
<i>Millepora</i>	17
<i>Montastrea</i>	9
<i>Montipora</i>	56
<i>Mussismillia</i>	3
<i>Mycetophyllia</i>	5
<i>Oculina</i>	9
<i>Oxypora</i>	3
<i>Pavona</i>	17
<i>Pectinia</i>	5
<i>Physogyra</i> (dead)	2
<i>Platygyra</i>	9
<i>Plerogyra</i> (dead)	4
<i>Pocillopora</i>	7
<i>Porites</i>	41
<i>Psammocora</i>	11
<i>Scolymia</i>	5

Taxa	Number of species in the genus
<i>Siderastrea</i>	4
<i>Stylaster</i>	75
<i>Stylocoeniella</i>	3
<i>Stylophora</i>	5
<i>Symphyllia</i>	7
<i>Tubastrea</i>	6
<i>Turbinaria</i>	12