

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



Twenty-fifth meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 18-22 July 2011

NOMENCLATURAL MATTERS
(agenda item 22)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- Chair(s): The nomenclature specialist on the Animals Committee (Ms Grimm);
- Members: The Chair of the Animals Committee (Mr Ibero Solana);
- Party observers: Belgium, Mexico, the United States; and
- IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC, Conservation International, Humane Society International

Mandate

In order to enable the Animals Committee at its 26th meeting to decide on appropriate recommendations to make to the Conference of the Parties at its 16th meeting,

- a) Develop recommendations regarding the nomenclature issues in paragraphs 4-9 of document AC25 Doc. 22 (Rev. 1); and
- b) Develop recommendations on how to carry out the tasks in Decisions 15.62, 15.63 and 15.64 a).

Recommendations

- a) With regard to paragraphs 4-9 of the document AC25 Doc. 22 (Rev. 1) the WG has formed the following recommendations:
 - i) the WG recommends to propose the adoption of the revision of *Uromastyx* by WILMS et al. (2009) as new standard nomenclatural reference for this genus;
 - ii) the WG recommends to adopt the combination of the current main standard reference BÖHME (2003) together with the new publication of KOCH & al. (2010) as main standard nomenclatural reference for monitor lizards, Varanidae;
 - iii) the WG does not recommend to place the species *Gongylophis conicus* back into the genus *Eryx*;
 - iv) by the listing of certain *Naja taxa* as single species in Appendix II the CITES community has already clearly indicated that they are regarded as species under CITES. Therefore the WG recommends that no action is needed;
 - v) with regard to the question as to which species are covered by the new listing of the frog genus of *Agalychnis* spp. in Appendix II the WG recommends that the Secretariat be requested to clarify this - as appropriate - by a respective footnote to the Appendices and/or a notification to the Parties;

- vi) the WG considers snapshots of the taxonomic online databases for all amphibians, fish and spider species placed on the CITES website as the most suitable solution for standard nomenclature references for these groups and therefore recommends to request the Secretariat to contact the copyright owners of these database in order to explore the conditions under they would be willing to agree to such an arrangement;
- vii) A single special problem has been identified with regard to the frog species *Epipedobates machalilla* which has been transferred recently from the genus *Colosthus* to *Epipedobates*. The WG therefore recommends to solve this problem by preparing a proposal for CoP16 to include *E. machalilla* in Appendix II.
- b) With regard to the tasks as outlined in Decisions 15.62, paragraph b), 15.63 and 15.64, paragraph a), the WG agreed on the following recommendations:
- Decision 15.62, paragraph b)

The WG recommends that the task as outlined in Decision 15.62 paragraph b) be included into Resolution Conf. 12.11 by adding it after letter f) in the Recommendation section of that Resolution.
 - Decision 15.63

The WG recommends that the Animals Committee calls for volunteers to carry out the exercise outlined in this decision for the class of mammals, reptiles other than Testudines and Amphibians in the format as the list already presented in Annex 4 of document AC25 Doc. 22 (Rev. 1) and to transmit these documents to the Nomenclature Specialist on the AC until November 15 2011 so that they can be included in time for the Nomenclature Report to be presented to AC26.
 - Decision 15.64, paragraph a)

The WG recommends to the Animals Committee that an intersessional technical WG of coral specialists be established to identify potential standard coral references and/or suggest ways on how such standard references could be developed and to report the results back to AC 26.