

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



Twenty-ninth meeting of the Animals Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 18-22 July 2017

Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

NOMENCLATURE  
[RESOLUTION CONF. 12.11 (REV. COP17) AND  
DECISIONS 17.308, 17.310, 17.312 AND 17.313]  
(agenda item 35)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: the nomenclature specialist (Mr. Van Dijk);

Parties: China, Italy, South Africa, Switzerland, United States of America, and Zimbabwe; and

IGOs and NGOs: UNEP-WCMC; IUCN; Blue Resources Trust, Center for Biological Diversity, EIA, Humane Society International, and Zoological Society of San Diego.

Mandate

Review document AC29 Doc. 35 and its annexes, and the proposals made therein, and make recommendations for the Animals Committee to consider.

Recommendations

1. The Animals Committee recommends the Secretariat to advise on the process to change the listing of the Indian lion population in Appendix I from '*Panthera leo persica*' to '*Panthera leo* (population of India)', and proceed accordingly.
2. The Animals Committee recommends the Secretariat to advise on the process to change the current listing of '*Ovis aries* (...)' in Appendix II to '*Ovis aries arkal*' and '*Ovis aries cycloceros*', and proceed accordingly.
3. At its 30th meeting, the Animals Committee should consider the merit of proposing, for adoption at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18), the IUCN Cat Specialist Group taxonomy (*Cat News* #11) as nomenclatural standard reference for *Felidae*.
4. The Animals Committee should consider including in the Periodic Review of Species in Appendices I and II (Resolution Conf. 14.8 [Rev. CoP17]) the Eurasian species of the genus *Ovis* that are included in the CITES Appendices.

5. The Animals Committee recommends that Parties evaluate the usefulness of adopting Lourie, Pollom and Foster (2016)<sup>1</sup> as nomenclatural standard reference for Seahorses at CoP18.
6. The Animals Committee recognizes that at present it is not appropriate to accept the proposed synonymization of the Ray genus *Manta* into *Mobula* (White et al., 2016)<sup>1</sup>.
7. The Animals Committee and Secretariat should liaise with INFORMEA and UNEP-WCMC to identify ways to complete the comparison of current and potential nomenclatural standard references with regard to CITES-listed birds.
8. The Animals Committee recommends that the Parties support UNEP-WCMC to compile references to taxonomic and nomenclatural changes of CITES-listed species and share these with its Nomenclature Specialist.
9. The Animals Committee should bring the case of the viper *Daboia russelii* to the attention of the working group on Appendix III, and support the working group's deliberations with regard to nomenclatural aspects of Appendix III.
10. The Animals Committee requests the Secretariat to investigate options to host a digital library and/or portal of nomenclatural standard references, with particular regard to the issue of intellectual property rights.
11. The Animals Committee should engage with UNEP-WCMC to explore options to clarify in its database the distinction between taxonomically valid names and invalid taxonomic synonyms.

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<sup>1</sup> See document AC29 Doc. 35 for full citations of articles.