

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Trade control

IDENTIFICATION MANUAL

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.19, paragraph g), the Secretariat herewith provides a report on the progress made with the production of the Identification Manual.
3. The database on all published sheets of the Identification Manual has been completed, and the database will be active on the CITES website in the course of 2006.
4. Switzerland has provided the Secretariat with sheets for the freshwater turtles that were included in the Appendices at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Santiago, 2002) and these have been distributed to the Parties. They cover the following species:

*Annamemys annamensis*

*Chitra chitra*

*Chitra indica*

*Heosemys depressa*

*Heosemys grandis*

*Heosemys leytensis*

*Heosemys spinosa*

*Hieremys annandalii*

*Kachuga dhongoka*

*Kachuga kachuga*

*Kachuga smithii*

*Kachuga sylhetensis*

*Kachuga tentoria*

*Kachuga trivittata*

*Leucocephalon yuwonoi*

*Mauremys mutica*

*Orlitia borneensis*

*Pelochelys bibroni*

*Pelochelys cantorii*

*Platysternon megacephalum*

*Pyxidea mouhotii*

*Siebenrockiella crassicollis*

5. Switzerland has also provided sheets for the following freshwater turtle species (including the ones included in the Appendices at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties [Bangkok, 2004]):

*Amyda cartilaginea*

*Carettochelys insculpta*

*Chelodina mccordi*

*Chitra vandijki*

*Malayemys subtrijuga*

*Notochelys platynota*

*Pelochelys signifera*

These will be formatted and distributed at a later date.

6. The Secretariat has received funding from the Netherlands to contribute to the production of the next CITES Identification Guide to be produced by Environment Canada (on amphibians), and the guide is expected to be completed in October 2006. With funding from the Netherlands, sheets on the following species have also been prepared and distributed to the Parties.

*Gracula religiosa*  
*Leiothrix argenteauris*  
*Leiothrix lutea*  
*Liocichla omeiensis*

*Pycnonotus zeylanicus*  
*Tauraco* spp. (5 new sheets and updates of existing 7 sheets)

7. No new sheets for plants have been prepared since the 15th meeting of the Plants Committee (Geneva, May 2005).
8. The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, which is the Scientific Authority for plants of the United Kingdom, has published Volume 4 of the *CITES Orchid Checklist* which covers the genera *Aerides*, *Coelogyne*, *Compsotheca* and *Masdevallia*. The checklist is also provided on a CD-ROM that includes Volumes 1 to 3 of the Orchid Checklists. Parties are invited to review this checklist in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP13), paragraph h) under RECOMMENDS, as it will be nominated as a standard reference at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in The Hague, Netherlands, in June 2007.
9. The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, has also published *CITES and Slipper Orchids*, the third in a series of CITES User's Guides, which covers the genera *Cypripedium*, *Paphiopedilum* and *Phragmipedium*. This book also includes a fully illustrated PowerPoint training presentation with speaker notes on CD-ROM.
10. The Secretariat dispatched a copy of these two books to all Parties with Notification to the Parties No. 2006/029 of 28 April 2006.
11. The Secretariat is grateful for the support received from Parties for the preparation of Identification Manual sheets.