

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

Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Ottawa (Canada), 12 to 24 July 1987

Committee Reports and Recommendations

NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE

1. Terms of Reference

1.1 At the fifth regular meeting, the Conference of the Parties extended the mandate of the Nomenclature Committee to the sixth meeting by adoption of Resolution Conf. 5.19, under which:

- a. an expanded checklist of the turtles and crocodile species of the world would be completed and published;
- b. a preliminary listing of snake species of the world would be compiled; and
- c. the Committee would consult with the Secretariat on matters pertaining to the nomenclature of taxa of concern to the Parties.

1.2 Membership

Following discussions at the meeting of the Nomenclature Committee at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties it was decided that, for reporting purposes, the Committee membership would include those individuals attending the scheduled Committee meeting. Further, the Chairman was instructed to solicit assistance from the best qualified persons in responding to queries and developing checklists.

2. Work of the Committee

Since the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Nomenclature Committee has:

- a. reviewed the nomenclature of all taxa listed in the appendices to assure accurate representation of the Parties intent at the time of the species were listed;
- b. completed expansion of the checklist of Turtle and Crocodile Species of the World and begun preparation of the manuscript for publication;
- c. completed initial compilation of Snake Species of the World;

- d. completed updating of Mammal Species of the World in preparation for the publication of a second edition;
- e. developed the necessary software to handle all future checklists in a database format;
- f. completed conversion of the word processing files of Mammal Species and Amphibian Species to a database format which will permit selective querying based on geographic distribution, protected status, authority, etc.; and
- g. responded to a number of inquiries from Parties and NGOs concerning the nomenclatural status of species in question.

3. Staff Matters

Since the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties the Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee has resigned his position with the Association of Systematics Collections (ASC) and assumed the post of Executive Officer of the Species Survival Commission of IUCN (November, 1986). Under his terms of employment he will continue to serve as Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee and supervise checklist development. Contracted support for development of the checklists will continue through the ASC under the Chairman's supervision.

4. Financial Matters

Inclusion of support for the Nomenclature Committee in the Secretariat's budget (US\$ 20,000/per year for 1986 and 1987) has stabilized the Committee's activities and allowed rational planning and budgeting to be implemented. As a result, productivity has increased and the Parties can expect the Committee to be more responsive in the future. Checklist development will be completed in a more timely manner.

5. Committee Meeting

The Nomenclature Committee will meet jointly with the Identification Manual Committee at 12h30-14h00 on 15 July 1987. The location of the meeting will be posted at registration. Matters to be addressed are:

- 1) Relationship with Identification Manual Committee and Plant Working Group.
- 2) Review of the present work status:
 - a) Turtles and Crocodiles
 - b) Snakes
 - c) Mammals
- 3) Review of future work of the Committee:
 - a) Lizards
 - b) Cacti
 - c) Birds
 - d) List integration; country reports

4) Clarification of nomenclatural issues:

- a) Taxa proposed for listing at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- b) Nomenclatural changes since the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- c) Requested rulings: Boidae

5) Resolution for extending the work of the Committee (attached as Annex).

6. Future Work

At the third meeting of the Plant Working Group in conjunction with the second meeting of the Technical Committee (Lausanne, 23-27 June 1986), it was decided that, of all the higher taxon listings of plants in the appendices, assistance in standardization of nomenclature was most necessary to CITES for the family Cactaceae (the cacti). A draft resolution was presented to the plenary session of the Technical Committee on 27 June 1986 and readily accepted in principle, with certain modifications noted in the minutes of that session and incorporated in a draft resolution presented in conjunction with the report of the Plant Working Group.

The Nomenclature Committee strongly endorses the recommendation of the Plant Working Group and accepts responsibility for preparing the recommended list. All activities of the Committee will be in close collaboration with cognizant members of the Plant Working Group.

During the next biennium the Committee should:

- 6.1 Complete publication of Turtle and Crocodile Species of the World.
- 6.2 Complete review and publication of Snake Species of the World.
- 6.3 Publish the 2nd Edition of Mammal Species of the World, including changes in nomenclatural status and reference to common names of those taxa for which common names exists.
- 6.4 Determine feasibility and cost of making checklists available in a database format for use on micro computers.
- 6.5 Begin compilation of Cacti Species of the World.
- 6.6 Begin compilation of Lizard Species of the World.

7. Budget for 1988-1989

	<u>1988 (US\$)</u>	<u>1989 (US\$)</u>
<u>Staff (Contracted)</u>		
Manager	5,000	5,000
Database development	2,000	2,000
<u>Consultants</u>		
Snakes	6,000	
Lizards	5,000	
Cacti	10,000	10,000*

<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Postage, phone, etc.	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Total	30,000 =====	30,000 =====

* See draft resolution in document Doc. 6.33 Annex.

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Nomenclature Committee

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES*

Nomenclature Committee

RECOGNIZING that the Parties have continued to endorse the activities of the Nomenclature Committee;

NOTING that the Committee presently serves as an advisory body to the Parties for the purpose of reviewing the nomenclatural status of species within the context of the Convention;

NOTING further that the Committee was charged by the Parties in Buenos Aires (Resolution Conf. 5.19), to prepare expanded checklists of turtles and crocodiles, and initiate development of a checklist of snake species for presentation at this meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

RECOGNIZING that US\$ 20,000 per year for 1986-1987 biennium were included in the Secretariat budget for the purpose of preparing of these checklists;

UNDERSTANDING that funds are needed to continue work in the next biennium (1988-1989);

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS

- a) that the work of the Nomenclature Committee be continued until the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- b) that the Parties adopt Turtle and Crocodile Species of the World as the standard reference to nomenclature; and
- c) that the Secretariat provide, within its budget, funding at the level of US\$ 30,000 per year for 1988 and 1989, to:
 - i) complete the preparation and publication of Snake Species of the World;
 - ii) initiate the preparation of Cacti Species of the World;
 - iii) initiate the preparation of Lizard Species of the World;
 - iv) undertake the periodic review of nomenclature of species listed in CITES appendices; and
 - v) provide on-going advice to the Secretariat on matters pertaining to the nomenclature of species of concern to CITES.

* Prepared by the Chairman for consideration by the Committee.