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IDENTIFICATION MANUAL COMMITTEE

Introduction

1. At its 10th meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected Mrs Ruth Landolt (Switzerland) as Chairman of the Identification Manual Committee and Mr Chris Schürmann as its Vice-Chairman. In 1998 Dr P. Dollinger and Mr J. Luthy (Switzerland) joined the Identification Manual Committee as members.
2. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee met on two occasions with staff of the Secretariat to discuss issues related to the preparation and distribution of the CITES Identification Manual.
3. The Chairman of the Identification Manual Committee would like to draw attention to the fact that within one year of the adoption of a proposal to include new species in the appendices the Committee shall obtain from the proponent Party appropriate data for inclusion in the Identification Manual (see Resolution Conf. 9.1 Annex 4). See also paragraphs 5 and 30 below.

Identification Manual on Fauna

4. Since 1979, only 23 Parties have submitted draft data sheets. The main contributors have been Switzerland, followed by Germany and Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, France and the Netherlands.
5. Below, are the Parties listed that have still to submit information for the Identification Manual, together with the names of the species concerned:

Denmark:	<i>Pseudoryx nghetinhensis</i> (CoP9)
Ecuador:	Trochilidae, 315 species (CoP6)
Germany:	<i>Tanagara fastuosa</i> (CoP10), <i>Callagur borneoensis</i> (CoP10), Acipenseriformes (CoP10)
Ghana:	<i>Pandinus dictator</i> , <i>P. gambiensis</i> , <i>P. imperator</i> (CoP9)
India:	<i>Ptyas mucosus</i> (CoP7); <i>Naja naja</i> (CoP7); <i>Ophiophagus hannah</i> (CoP7)
Israel:	Stony corals, remaining taxa; (CoP7)
Netherlands:	<i>Dyscophus antongillii</i> (CoP6); <i>Gracula religiosa</i> (CoP10); <i>Leiothrix argenteauris</i> , <i>L. lutea</i> (CoP10); <i>Liocichla ameimensis</i> (CoP10); <i>Tauraco</i> spp. (CoP9); <i>Pycnonotus zeylanicus</i> (CoP10); <i>Ptilolaemus</i> spp. (CoP8); <i>Phyllobates</i> , 5 species (CoP6); <i>Tanagara fastuosa</i> (CoP10); <i>Terrapene</i> spp. (CoP9); <i>Achatinella</i> spp. (CoP6); <i>Bufo periglenes</i> (CoP9)
New Zealand:	<i>Sphenodon</i> spp. (CoP9)
Niger:	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i> (CoP4); <i>Oryx dammah</i> (CoP4); <i>Gazella dama</i> (CoP4)
Paraguay:	Ramphastidae spp. (CoP8); <i>Dracaena</i> , 2 species (CoP7)
Spain:	Lacertidae, 3 species (CoP6)
Suriname:	<i>Dendrobates</i> , 47 species (CoP6)

Switzerland: *Lissemys punctata* (CoP9) (one sheet for *Lissemys punctata punctata* already exists)

United States of America: *Pycnonotus zeylanicus* (CoP10); *Pteropus*, 61 species (CoP6 and 7); *Phrynosoma coronatum* (CoP8); *Polyodon spathula* (CoP8); *Terrapene* spp. (CoP9); *Saiga tatarica* (CoP9); *Strombus gigas* (CoP8)

Uruguay: *Dusicyon gymnocercus* (CoP6); *Agelaius flavus* (CoP9)

Viet Nam: *Megamuntiacus vuquanghensis*

6. In addition, apart from Canada and Uruguay, none of the Parties having included species in Appendix III have submitted texts on the species concerned (Argentina, Botswana, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nepal, Thailand and Tunisia).
7. At the beginning of 1999, the Secretariat noted that the Identification Guide for Ivory and Ivory Substitutes (written by E.O. Espinoza and M-J. Mann, published as a booklet in 1991) was no longer available in any of the three working languages of the Convention. In consultation with the authors, the Secretariat has reformatted the text to allow its inclusion as a separate section in the Identification Manual. The authors checked the text and made changes where necessary.

English edition

8. In the period since CoP10, the following sheets have been received: Australia (*Hoplocephalus bungaroides*; *Rheobatrachus*, 2 species), Germany [Chamaeleonidae (116 sheets), *Mantella aurantiaca*], the Netherlands (23 sheets on Bucerotidae), Switzerland (71 sheets on Accipitridae).
9. The following sheets were distributed during the period between the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the end of November 1999.

Caprinae	13 sheets
Accipitridae	84 sheets
Bucerotidae	23 sheets
Other birds	6 sheets
Reptiles	53 sheets
Total	179 sheets

10. The following sheets are ready for distribution at the time of writing:

The sheets on ivory identification (37 pages)
 Accipitridae (44 sheets)
 Amphibia (2 sheets) prepared by Australia
 Snakes (1 sheet) prepared by Australia

11. The following sheets were being prepared for printing at the time of writing:

Chamaeleonidae: Provided by the Management Authority of Germany; 9 sheets on introduction and identification; 105 sheets on species, these will be published with colour illustrations of the taxa concerned.

Mantella aurantiaca: Provided by the Management Authority of Germany; 1 sheet plus 5 sheets on introduction and key to all the species; will be published with a colour illustration.

Amandava formosana
 and *Padda oryzivora*: Switzerland

12. The state of production of the English Identification Manual sheets for fauna can be summarized as follows:

Total ↓	Date →	31.12.87	31.09.89	01.01.92	30.06.94	31.03.97	30.11.99
Data sheets published		1020	1293	1359 (38)	1525 (74)	1707 (74)	1886
Ready for distribution		77	25	0	80 (37)	135 (5)	84
Being prepared for printing		354	256	254	15 (23)	20	112
Total		1451	1574	1613 (38)	1620 (134)	1862 (79)	2082 (79)
Numbers in brackets relate to updated data sheets							

French edition

13. Binders for Volumes 3a, 4 and 5 have been distributed. In addition the following sheets were distributed during the period between the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the date of writing of this report. Funds to support these activities were generously provided by the Management Authority of France.

Mammals	13 sheets
Birds	84 sheets
Reptiles	174 sheets
Amphibia	4 sheets
Pisces	7 sheets
Mollusca	8 sheets
Arthropoda	41 sheets
Parts and Derivatives	91 sheets
Total	422 sheets

14. The following sheets are ready for distribution:

Accipitridae (45 sheets)
Bucerotidae (28 sheets)
Sheets on ivory identification (37 pages)

15. The following sheets are being translated or are being prepared for printing:

<i>Phelsuma</i> spp. (38 sheets)
Chamaeleonidae (106 sheets)

16. The status of the French Identification Manual can be summarized as follows:

Total ↓	Date →	01.01.1992	30.06.1994	31.03.97	30.11.97
Data sheets printed		105	426	912	1334
Data sheets ready for printing		–	38	77	110
Data sheets translated; being prepared for printing		70	463	55	144
TOTAL		195	927	1044	1588

Families, genera and species: Bromeliaceae: introduction (4 pages)
Tillandsia: 8 pages identification + sheets on 8 species
Byblidaceae: *Byblis* (2 pages)
Cephalotaceae: *Cephalotus follicularis* (2 pages)
Droseraceae: *Dionaea muscipula* (2 pages)
Nepenthaceae: *Nepenthes* (8 pages)
Sarraceniaceae: *Darlingtonia californica* (2 pages) *Sarracenia*
(16 pages)

Parts and derivatives: No sheets yet available
The sheets on carnivorous plants were prepared by the Chairman of the IUCN/SSC Carnivorous plants specialist group, under contract with the Secretariat; the sheets on Bromeliaceae (including Tillandsia) were prepared by the Scientific Authority of Germany.

25. Sheets on the identification of timber (24 pages introduction and 90 sheets on 24 species), in the English version, will be distributed to the Parties before the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The text for these sheets has been prepared by the Scientific Authority of Spain; financial support for translating, editing and printing in colour is provided by the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Adaptation of the Spanish version and translation into French has been initiated.
26. The Management Authority of Switzerland is currently preparing identification sheets for all Appendix-I cacti.
27. A key for the identification of cacti on the basis of vegetative characteristics is currently being prepared under contract with the Secretariat.
28. Sheets on cycads, euphorbs and *Pachypodium* species still require editing and formatting.
29. As for fauna, also for the Identification Manual on flora there are still Parties that have not provided identification materials on species for which they have successfully submitted amendment proposals. Materials have been received from the following Parties: Germany (Bromeliaceae, *Tillandsia*), India (*Gentiana kurroo*, *Nardostachys grandiflora* and *Taxus wallichiana*; needs to be edited and formatted).
30. The following Parties have not provided the required identification materials due:

Germany: *Prunus africana* (CoP9)
India: *Aquilaria malaccensis*, *Rauvolfia serpentina*, *Podophyllum hexandrum* (CoP7)
Netherlands: *Cyclamen*, *Galanthus*, *Sternbergia* (CoP7)
United States
of America: *Agave arizonica*, *A. parviflora*, *A. victoria-reginae*, *Dudleya stolonifera*, (CoP4)
D. traskiae, *Fouquieria columnaris*, *F. fasciculata*, *F. purpusii*, (CoP4)
Hydrastis canadensis, *Lewisia cotyledon*, *L. maguirei*, *L. serrata* (CoP4)
Nolina interrata (CoP4).