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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Trade control and marking issues

IDENTIFICATION MANUAL

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Introduction

2. At its 11th meeting (CoP11, Gigiri, 2000), the Conference of the Parties adopted Resolution Conf. 11.19, transferring the responsibility for the publication of the Identification Manual to the Secretariat.
3. As required in that Resolution, the Secretariat regularly reports to meetings of the Standing, Animals and Plants Committees. This document is a summary of the reports since CoP12 (Santiago, 2002) and provides an overview of the current status of the Identification Manual.
4. The Secretariat would like to remind Parties that have successfully submitted proposals to include new species in the Appendices that they are exhorted to provide appropriate data for inclusion in the Identification Manual (see Resolution Conf. 11.19). These Parties are listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 below.
5. Since 1979, an increasing number of Parties have submitted draft data sheets. The main contributors have been Switzerland, followed by Australia, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
6. The list below indicates the Parties that still have to submit information for the Identification Manual, together with the names of the species concerned included in Appendix I or II. (Not included are proponent Parties for which Identification Manual sheets have been prepared by other Parties.)

Fauna

Denmark:	<i>Pseudoryx nghetinhensis</i> (CoP9)
Ecuador:	Trochilidae spp. (CoP6)
France:	<i>Mantella</i> spp. (CoP11)
Germany:	Acipenseriformes (CoP10)
Ghana:	<i>Pandinus dictator</i> , <i>P. gambiensis</i> , <i>P. imperator</i> (CoP9)
Israel:	Stony corals, remaining taxa; (CoP7)
Netherlands:	<i>Dyscophus antongilii</i> (CoP6); <i>Gracula religiosa</i> (CoP10); <i>Leiothrix argentauris</i> , <i>L. lutea</i> (CoP10); <i>Liocichla omeiensis</i> (CoP10); <i>Tauraco</i> spp. (CoP9); <i>Pycnonotus</i> <i>zeylanicus</i> (CoP10); <i>Phyllobates</i> spp. (CoP6); <i>Terrapene</i> spp. (CoP9); <i>Achatinella</i> spp. (CoP6); <i>Bufo periglenes</i> (CoP9), <i>Mantella</i> spp. (CoP11)
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 5 spp. (CoP8); <i>Dracaena</i> , 2 species (CoP7)
Suriname:	<i>Dendrobates</i> spp. (CoP6)

- United States of America: *Pycnonotus zeylanicus* (CoP10); *Pteropus* spp. (CoP6 and 7); *Phrynosoma coronatum* (CoP8); *Polyodon spathula* (CoP8); *Terrapene* spp. (CoP9); *Saiga tatarica* (CoP9); *Strombus gigas* (CoP8), *Mantella* spp. (CoP11)
- Uruguay: *Dusicyon gymnocercus* (CoP6)
- Viet Nam: *Megamuntiacus vuquanghensis* (CoP9)

Flora

The Netherlands: *Cyclamen* spp., *Galanthus* spp., *Sternbergia* spp.

7. The following Parties have included species in Appendix III but not submitted identification sheets for the species concerned:

Fauna

- Argentina: Ramphastidae 4 spp.
- Canada: *Odobenus rosmarus*
- Colombia: *Semnornis ramphastinus*, *Cephalopterus ornatus*, *C. penduliger*
- Ghana: Anomaluridae (4 spp.), *Hystrix cristata*, Threskiornithidae (3 spp.), Anatidae (11 spp.), *Agelastus meleagrides*, Columbidae (17 spp.), Musophagidae (3 spp.), Passeriformes (69 spp.), Testudinata (3 spp.)
- Guatemala: *Tamandua mexicana*, *Mazama americana cerasina*, *Odocoileus virginianus mayensis*
- Honduras: *Sphiggurus mexicanus*, *Agouti paca*, *Dasyprocta punctata*, *Nasua narica*, *Sarcoramphus papa*
- India: *Marmota caudata*, *M. himalayana*, Canidae (2 spp., 3 ssp.), Mustelidae, (6 spp., 2 ssp.); Viverridae (7 spp.), Herpestidae (4 spp., 2 ssp.)
- Malaysia: *Arborophila orientalis*
- Mauritius: *Bebrornis rodericanus*, *Terpsiphone bourbonensis*
- New Zealand: *Hoplodactylus* spp., *Naultinus* spp.
- South Africa: *Colophon* spp.
- Uruguay: *Sphiggurus spinosus*

Flora

- Nepal: *Dipteryx panamensis*, *Gnetum montanum*, *Magnolia liliifera* var. *obovata*, *Meconopsis regia*, *Tetracentron sinense*

IDENTIFICATION MANUAL FOR FAUNA

English edition

8. The following sheets were distributed during the period between CoP12 and the time of writing of this report (end of April 2004).

Marsupialia	(10 species; updated sheets)
Accipitridae	(1 species)
Psittacidae	(19 species)
Testudinata	(10 species + a simplified key to the species of <i>Cuora</i>)
Orectolobiformes	(<i>Rhincodon</i> species identification and parts)

9. In preparation:

<i>Chaetophractus nationi</i>	(submitted by the Management Authority of Bolivia)
Psittacidae	(31 species, submitted by the Management Authority of Switzerland)
<i>Garrulax canorus</i>	(submitted by the Management Authority of China)

Chamaeleonidae (105 species, submitted by the Management Authority of Germany)
Uromoastix spp. (submitted by the Management Authority of Germany)
Carcharodon carcharis (submitted by the Management Authority of Australia)

10. Ready for distribution:

Latimeridae (2 species + introduction, submitted by the Scientific Authority of Germany)
Atrophaneura (2 species, submitted by the Scientific Authority of Germany)
Tangara fastuosa (submitted by the Scientific Authority of Germany)

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

Total	Date	30/11/99	31/07/02	30/04/04
	Data sheets published		1886	2028
Ready for distribution		84		4
Being prepared for printing		112	142	148
TOTAL		2082 (74)	2170 (74)	2213 (84)

Numbers in brackets relate to updated data sheets

French edition

12. The following sheets have been distributed between CoP12 and the time of writing of this report:

Anatidae (1 species)
 Accipitridae (2 species)
 Megapodiidae (1 species)
 Cracidae (14 species + introduction)
 Phasianidae (1 species)
 Burhinidae (1 species)
 Scolopacidae (3 species)
 Laridae (1 species)
 Psittacidae (33 species)
 Musophagidae (7 species)
 Bucerotidae (introduction)
 Cotingidae (4 species)
 Testudinata (11 species)
 Cordylidae (22 species + general remarks and key; 5 sheets)
 Gekkonidae (34 species)
 Serpentes (59 species; 8 pages of general remarks)
 Ambystomatidae (3 species + general remarks)
 Cryptobranchidae (2 species)
 Ranidae (2 species)
 Papilionidae (9 species)
 Hirudinidae (1 species)
 Corals (19 sheets)
 Turtle shell (1 sheet)

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

Marsupialia (8 species + 2 updated sheets)
Psittacidae (31 species)
Chamaeleonidae (105 sheets)

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

Total	Date	30/11/97	31/07/02	30/04/04
Data sheets printed		1334	1479	1959
Data sheets ready for printing		110		
Data sheets translated; being prepared for printing		144	143	154 (2)
TOTAL		1588	1722	2113 (2)

Spanish edition

15. The following sheets were distributed between CoP12 and the end of April 2004:

Psittacidae (20 species)
Brachypelma (8 species + 5 pages introduction)

16. In preparation:

Pseudalopex gymnocercus (submitted by the Management Authority of Uruguay)

17. Ready for printing and distribution:

Lacertidae (3 species, submitted by the Management Authority of Spain)

18. The status of the Spanish Identification Manual can be summarized as follows:

Volume 1: 79 sheets
Volume 1a: 190 sheets
Volume 2: 189 sheets
Volume 2a: 175 sheets
Volume 3: 256 sheets
Volume 4: 110 sheets
Volume 5: 98 sheets

19. The Management Authority of Spain has informed the Secretariat that its Scientific Authority intends to translate another series of Identification Manual sheets into Spanish. The Secretariat has provided it with the sheets that were available in electronic format. The Secretariat is very grateful to Spain for this important contribution to the Identification Manual.

IDENTIFICATION MANUAL FOR FLORA

English edition

20. The following sheets were distributed to the Parties between CoP12 and the end of April 2004:

Agavaceae	(4 species)
Fouquieriaceae	(3 species)
Portulacaceae	(2 species)
Crassulaceae	(2 species)

All those sheets were submitted by the United States of America.

21. In preparation:

Aloe (22 species, submitted by the Management Authority of Switzerland)

French edition

22. No sheets were distributed in the reporting period.

Spanish edition

23. No sheets were distributed in the reporting period.

Sheets in preparation

24. Ready for printing and distribution:

CITES Appendix-I cacti (translated into Spanish under contract to the Secretariat)

25. Requiring editing and formatting:

Timber identification: 24 pages introduction and sheets on 17 species (Spanish)
Identification of cacti by their vegetative characteristics (Spanish)

26. To be translated:

Sheets on timber species (11, French)
CITES Appendix-I cacti (French)
Identification of cacti by their vegetative characteristics (French)
Medicinal plants: introduction (18 pages) and sheets on 12 species (French and Spanish)

Future activities

27. The conversion of all the published sheets into electronic format is progressing well, and has been completed for all the sheets on mammals in English. Progress, however, has been hampered by the significant reduction in the Identification Manual budget at CoP12.

28. The development of the database on the CITES Identification Manual is progressing very well. Data on the sheets in Volumes 1 to 3 have been included in the three languages.

29. The database will provide the following search options:

For external use:

Selection of sheets by language, country, Appendix, family, genus, or species
Links to the UNEP-WCMC species database

For internal use by the Secretariat:

Management of the preparation of the sheets (e.g. language status, translation contracts, etc.)
Registration of amendments (scientific names, change of Appendices, etc.) for inclusion in updated versions

30. The Secretariat hopes to be in a position to post the database and all available sheets in electronic format on the CITES website in the near future. In preparation for this the Secretariat has begun to publish Identification Manual sheets with colour illustrations.
31. Parties that have colour illustrations available for any of the species included in the Identification Manual are requested to provide these to the Secretariat.
32. Finally, the Secretariat would like to commend the work carried out by Environment Canada which has created a series of identification guides designed specifically for persons responsible for the implementation of CITES at the national level. A simple and pleasant visual approach facilitates identification of many species that are in trade. In particular the volumes on Sturgeons, Turtles and Tortoises and Hunting Trophies are very useful since many of these species are not well covered by the contents of the Identification Manual. These manuals can be accessed on the Environment Canada website (http://www.cites.ec.gc.ca/cites/html/eng/sct5/sct5_1_e.htm). Pdf versions are available on the CD-ROM 'Electronic Library of Wildlife Law Enforcement Resources', recently published by TRAFFIC international.
33. A *Guide to the Identification of Seahorses* (prepared by Project Seahorse and TRAFFIC North America, in collaboration with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and US NOAA Fisheries) was distributed with Notification to the Parties No. 2004/042 of 24 Mai 2004.
34. *CITES World* Issue number 12 (December 2003) contains a number of references to other national initiatives to prepare identification guides for national or wider use.
35. Until the database has been published on the CITES website, Scientific Authorities or Management Authorities interested in obtaining a list of CITES species in their country for which sheets have been published in the Identification Manual can request these from the Secretariat.