A. Proposal

To add an annotation to the species Canis lupus listed in Appendix I and II reading: "Excludes the domesticated form and the dingo which are referenced as Canis lupus familiaris and Canis lupus dingo."

B. Proponent

Switzerland, as Depositary Government, at the request of the Animals Committee*

C. Supporting statement

1. Taxonomy

1.1 Class: Mammalia
1.2 Order: Carnivora
1.3 Family: Canidae
1.4 Genus, species or subspecies, including author and year: Canis lupus LINNAEUS, 1758

2. Background

The former standard reference for mammals [WILSON, D. E. & REEDER, D. M. (1993): Mammal Species of the World: a Taxonomic and Geographic Reference. Second edition. xviii + 1207 pp., Washington (Smithsonian Institution Press)] already treated Canis familiaris as part of the species Canis lupus. However, this had not been recognized until the adoption of the current mammal reference, which not only considers Canis familiaris but, in addition, the Dingo as well, as subspecies of Canis lupus. It is quite obvious that neither domesticated forms of the dog nor the Dingo have ever been considered as being covered by the listing of Canis lupus in the Appendices. (see also Notification to the Parties No. 2008/051). Therefore the Animals Committee recommended in its 24th meeting to add a respective annotation to the listing of Canis lupus.

3. Conclusion

The addition of an annotation to the listing of Canis lupus, as proposed here, has to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP13) and Article XV of the Convention.

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