

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



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Committee I

Standard Nomenclature

DRAFT DECISIONS ON NOMENCLATURE

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat, on the basis of document CoP17 Doc. 81.1, as agreed at the third session of Committee I (see document CoP17 Com. I Rec. 3).

Nomenclature and identification of CITES-listed corals in trade

Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) seek, if possible, a time-specific version of (i) the WoRMS database, and (ii) the new Corals of the World website by John VERON (currently in preparation) that serves the needs of a CITES nomenclature reference, and
- b) report its progress to the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Parties

The Parties shall undertake an internal assessment of the WoRMS database with regard to consistency with their own internal coral nomenclature databases, and report their findings to the Secretariat for communication to the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) consider the report of the Secretariat and the responses of the Parties and recommend a way forward to identify a standard nomenclature reference for CITES-listed corals; and
- b) update its list of coral taxa for which identification to genus level is acceptable, but which should be identified to species level where feasible, once a new standard nomenclature reference for CITES-listed coral species has been identified and provide the updated list to the Secretariat for dissemination.

Use of time-specific versions of online-databases as standard nomenclature references

Directed to the Secretariat

¹ Deletion of the reference to AC29 [see summary record CoP17 Com. I Rec. 3 (Rev 1)]

The Secretariat shall:

- a) reach out to copyright-holders of relevant online-databases that might serve as standard nomenclature references and explore the possible use of time-specific versions for CITES services; for example, relevant databases include but are not limited to WoRMS, Fish Base, ESCHMEYER& FRICKE's Catalog of Fishes, and Amphibian Species of the World; and
- b) report the results of its consultations to the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) evaluate the results of the Secretariat's consultation; and
- b) develop recommendations on the use of time-specific online-databases as standard nomenclature references for decision at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Bird family and order names

Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) subject to the availability of funds, commission an analysis of the implications of adopting a new standard nomenclature reference for birds at the family and order level, taking into account the 3rd and 4th editions of *The Howard & Moore complete checklist of the birds of the world*, and the non-passerine and passerine volume of the *HBW and BirdLife International illustrated checklist of the birds of the world* as well as the Animals Committee discussion regarding a new nomenclature standard reference for birds at the genus and species levels; and
- b) report back the results to the Animals Committee.

Directed to the Animals Committee

The Animals Committee shall:

- a) evaluate the results of the analysis; and
- b) develop a recommendation for decision by at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.