

**Draft Decision**

**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) to report its progress to AC29.

***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 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of 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 at its 29th meeting and recommend a way forward to identify a standard nomenclature reference for CITES-listed corals.
- 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.