



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2013/035

Geneva, 16 August 2013

CONCERNING:

Trade in stony corals

List of coral taxa where identification to genus level is acceptable

1. At its 18th meeting (San José, April 2002), the Animals Committee adopted a list of coral genera that could be identified to the species level and of those that could be identified to the genus level only. These lists were accepted by the Conference of the Parties at its 12th meeting (Santiago, 2002) and disseminated by the Secretariat through Notification to the Parties No. 2003/020 of 4 April 2003.
2. At its 15th meeting (CoP15, Doha, 2010), the Conference of the Parties instructed the Secretariat to re-issue Notification to the Parties No. 2003/020 without the list of stony coral taxa identifiable to species level. The Secretariat therefore issued Notification to the Parties No. 2010/014 of 17 June 2010, providing the list of stony coral genera for which identification to genus level only is acceptable. In addition, at CoP15, the Conference instructed the Animals Committee to update this list.
3. At its 26th meeting (Geneva, March 2012), the Animals Committee adopted a revised list of stony coral genera for which identification to genus level only is acceptable for the purpose of implementing Resolutions Conf. 11.17 (Rev. CoP16) on *National reports* and Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP16) on *Permits and certificates*. The revised list was presented in Notification to the Parties No. 2012/047 of 19 July 2012. Nevertheless, these taxa should be identified to species level where feasible.
4. At its 16th meeting (Bangkok, March 2013), the Conference of the Parties adopted a standard nomenclatural reference for the classes Anthozoa and Hydrozoa which can be found in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP16) on *Standard nomenclature*. The adoption of this standard nomenclature necessitated an update of the Animals Committee's list of stony coral genera mentioned above in order to take account of the genera recognized and changes in the number of recognized species in each genus. The updated list, prepared by the Secretariat, can be found in the Annex to this Notification.
5. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2012/047.

Annex

CORAL TAXA WHERE IDENTIFICATION TO GENUS LEVEL IS ACCEPTABLE,
BUT WHICH SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED TO SPECIES LEVEL WHERE FEASIBLE

(Changes to the list in Notification to the Parties No. 2012/047 of 19 July 2012 are shown in **bold**)

Taxa	Number of species in the genus
<i>Acanthastrea</i>	10
<i>Acropora</i>	185
<i>Agaricia</i>	7
<i>Alveopora</i>	14
<i>Anacropora</i>	7
<i>Astreopora</i>	14
<i>Balanophyllia</i>	57
<i>Barabattoia</i>	3
<i>Blastomussa</i>	2
<i>Caulastraea</i>	4
<i>Coscinaraea</i>	9
<i>Ctenactis</i>	3
Cycloseris	1
<i>Cyphastrea</i>	8
<i>Dendrophyllia</i>	25
Diaseris	2
<i>Distichopora</i>	25
<i>Echinophyllia</i>	11
<i>Echinopora</i>	12
<i>Euphyllia</i> (dead)	9
<i>Favia</i>	25
<i>Favites</i>	15
<i>Fungia</i>	31
<i>Galaxea</i>	7
<i>Goniastrea</i>	12
<i>Goniopora</i>	24
<i>Heterocyathus</i>	5
<i>Heteropsammia</i>	3
<i>Hydnophora</i>	6
Isepera	2
<i>Leptastrea</i>	7
<i>Leptoseris</i>	16
<i>Lithophyllon</i>	4
<i>Lobophyllia</i>	10
<i>Madracis</i>	17
<i>Millepora</i>	14
<i>Montastrea</i>	12
<i>Montipora</i>	76
<i>Mussismilia</i>	3
<i>Mycetophyllia</i>	5
<i>Oculina</i>	9
<i>Oxypora</i>	5
<i>Pachyseris</i>	5
<i>Pavona</i>	18

Taxa	Number of species in the genus
<i>Pectinia</i>	8
<i>Physogyra</i> (dead)	2
<i>Platygyra</i>	11
<i>Plerogyra</i> (dead)	8
<i>Pocillopora</i>	17
<i>Porites</i>	60
<i>Psammocora</i>	13
<i>Seriatopora</i>	6
<i>Scolymia</i>	5
<i>Siderastrea</i>	5
<i>Stylaster</i>	77
<i>Stylocoeniella</i>	4
<i>Stylophora</i>	8
<i>Symphyllia</i>	7
<i>Tubastraea</i>	6
<i>Turbinaria</i>	12