

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

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Nomenclature Committee  
**Fauna and flora**

Lima (Peru), 10 July 2006

Taxonomic databases to support CITES permitting

QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE CITES NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE

1. The Nomenclature Committee proposes that the Secretariat distribute the following questionnaire with a Notification to the Parties.

Many Parties utilise computer databases to support CITES permitting. At the core of such systems is usually a taxonomic database that provides the CITES authorities with information on plant and animal names provided by permit applicants and ensures that a valid scientific name is used in the permit. The Nomenclature Committee, in order to assess relevant needs of Parties, is carrying out a survey of current practice.

The Nomenclature Committee therefore asks you to complete this short questionnaire and return it to the CITES Secretariat by .....

1. Do you keep a taxonomic database to assist in permitting and licensing procedures?

Yes     ☐     go to 2

No     ☐     go to 4

2. What does your database contain?

Scientific species names	Yes/No
Scientific synonyms	Yes/No
Higher taxon names	Yes/No
CITES Appendix listing	Yes/No
Parts controlled	Yes/No
Distribution	Yes/No
Does your database cover animals only?	Yes/No
Other	.....

On what data sources is your database based?

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Who updates and maintains the database?

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Other (please specify)

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3. Is the database available to the public?      Yes/No
4. When you have to check scientific names not included in the UNEP-WCMC *Checklist of CITES species* or the taxonomic standard references, what sources of information do you use?

Please give examples of other sources or databases you have used.

Name of database/source	Taxon concerned
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5. Your name, address and email

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