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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Strategic and administrative matters

IDENTIFICATION MANUAL

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Introduction

2. At its 11th meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted Resolution Conf. 11.19, transferring the responsibility of the publication of the Identification Manual to the Secretariat.
3. As required in Resolution Conf. 11.19, the Secretariat regularly reported to meetings of the Standing, Animals and Plant Committees.
4. This document is a summary of the reports concerned and provides an overview of the current status of the Identification Manual.
5. The Secretariat would like to draw attention to the fact that Parties, within one year of the adoption of a proposal to include new species in the Appendices, are exhorted to provide appropriate data for inclusion in the Identification Manual (see Resolution Conf. 11.19). See also paragraphs 7 and 28 below.

Identification Manual for Fauna

6. Since 1979, only 23 Parties have submitted draft data sheets. The main contributors have been Switzerland, followed by Germany and Canada, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia, France and the Netherlands.
7. Below, are the Parties listed that have still to submit information for the Identification Manual, together with the names of the species concerned (not included are proponent Parties, for which Identification Manual sheets have been prepared by other Parties):

China	<i>Garrulax canorus</i> (CoP11)
Denmark:	<i>Pseudoryx nghetinhensis</i> (CoP9)
Ecuador:	Trochilidae spp. (CoP6)
France:	<i>Mantella</i> spp. (CoP11)
Germany:	<i>Tanagara fastuosa</i> (CoP10), <i>Callagur borneoensis</i> (CoP10), Acipenseriformes (CoP10), <i>Mantella</i> spp. (CoP11), <i>Latimeria</i> spp. (CoP11)
Ghana:	<i>Pandinus dictator</i> , <i>P. gambiensis</i> , <i>P. imperator</i> (CoP9)
India:	<i>Ptyas mucosus</i> (CoP7); <i>Naja naja</i> (CoP7); <i>Ophiophagus hannah</i> (CoP7)
Israel:	Stony corals, remaining taxa; (CoP7)

Netherlands: *Dyscophus antongilii* (CoP6); *Gracula religiosa* (CoP10); *Leiothrix argenteauris*, *L. lutea* (CoP10); *Liocichla ameimensis* (CoP10); *Tauraco* spp. (CoP9); *Pycnonotus zeylanicus* (CoP10); *Ptilolaemus* spp. (CoP8); *Phyllobates* (CoP6); *Tanagra fastuosa* (CoP10); *Terrapene* spp. (CoP9); *Achatinella* spp. (CoP6); *Bufo periglenes* (CoP9), *Mantella* spp. (CoP11)

New Zealand: *Sphenodon* spp. (CoP9)

Niger: *Addax nasomaculatus* (CoP4); *Oryx dammah* (CoP4); *Gazella dama* (CoP4)

Paraguay: Ramphastidae spp. (CoP8); *Dracaena*, 2 species (CoP7)

Spain: Lacertidae, 3 species (CoP6)

Suriname: *Dendrobates* (CoP6)

United States of America: *Pycnonotus zeylanicus* (CoP10); *Pteropus* spp. (CoP6 and 7); *Phrynosoma coronatum* (CoP8); *Polyodon spathula* (CoP8); *Terrapene* spp. (CoP9); *Saiga tatarica* (CoP9); *Strombus gigas* (CoP8), *Mantella* spp. (CoP 11)

Uruguay: *Dusicyon gymnocercus* (CoP6)

Viet Nam: *Megamuntiacus vuquanghensis* (CoP9)

8. With the exception of Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and Uruguay, none of the Parties having included species in Appendix III have submitted texts on the species concerned (Argentina, Botswana, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nepal, Thailand and Tunisia).

English edition

9. The following sheets were distributed during the period between the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the end of July 2002.

Sheets on ivory identification (36 pages)

Accipitridae (98 sheets)

Amphibia (2 sheets)

Snakes (1 sheet)

Cetorhinus maximus (5 pages)

A new binder for Volume 2 (Volume 2b) was also distributed.

10. The following sheets are being prepared for printing at the time of writing:

Chamaeleonidae: Provided by the Management Authority of Germany; 9 sheets on introduction and identification; 105 sheets on species, these will be published with colour illustrations of the taxa concerned.

Mantella aurantiaca: Provided by the Management Authority of Germany; 1 sheet plus 5 sheets on introduction and key to all the species; will be published with a colour illustration.

Amandava formosana

and *Padda oryzivora*: Switzerland

Cuora spp. eight species provided by the Management Authority of Switzerland

11. In preparation:

28 sheets on parrots (Switzerland)

12. The state of production of the English Identification Manual sheets for fauna can be summarized as follows:

Date ®	31.12.87	31.09.89	01.01.92	30.06.94	31.03.97	30.11.99	31.07.02
Total							
Data sheets published	1020	1293	1359 (38)	1525 (74)	1707 (74)	1886	2028
Ready for distribution	77	25	0	80 (37)	135 (5)	84	-
Being prepared for printing	354	256	254	15 (23)	20	112	142
Total	1451	1574	1613 (38)	1620 (74)	1862 (74)	2082 (74)	2170 (74)

Numbers in brackets relate to updated data sheets

French edition

13. The following sheets have been distributed between CoP11 and the end of July 2002:

Accipitridae (120 sheets)
 Cercopithecidae: general remarks: 2 pages
 Procyonidae: general remarks (2 pages) plus 1 species
 Equidae: general remarks (2 pages) plus 2 species
 Artiodactyla: 16 species
 Pittidae: 2 species
 Fringillidae: 3 species
 Sheets on ivory identification (37 pages)

14. The following sheets are being translated or are being prepared for printing:

Phelsuma spp. (38 sheets)
 Chamaeleonidae (105 sheets)

15. The status of the French Identification Manual can be summarized as follows:

Total	Date ®	01.01.92	30.06.94	31.03.97	30.11.97	31.07.02
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Data sheets printed		105	426	912	1334	1479
Data sheets ready for printing		-	38	77	110	-
Data sheets translated; being prepared for printing		70	463	55	144	143
TOTAL		195	927	1044	1588	1722

Spanish edition

16. At the beginning of 1999 the Secretariat sent Volume 1 of the Spanish edition to the Spanish-speaking Parties. The Secretariat is very grateful to the Scientific Authority of Spain for preparing the translation of these sheets.
17. Also in 1999 the Scientific Authority of Spain published a CD-ROM containing the Spanish version of all Identification Manual sheets published until 1991. Copies of this CD-ROM were sent to all Spanish-speaking Parties, and are still available from the Secretariat.
18. The Secretariat is also preparing a printed copy of these identification sheets. Volumes 1a, 3 and 5 were distributed shortly before CoP11. Volumes 2, 2a and 4 have been delayed, but they will be sent shortly after the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
19. The following sheets were distributed between CoP11 and 31 July 2002:

Sheets on ivory identification (37 pages)

20. The status of the Spanish manual can be summarized as follows:

Volume 1:	79 sheets
Volume 1a:	190 sheets
Volume 2:	189 sheets
Volume 2a:	155 sheets
Volume 3:	246 sheets
Volume 4:	110 sheets
Volume 5:	98 sheets

21. The following sheets are ready for distribution at the time of writing of this report:

Brachypelma spp. (11 sheets)

Russian edition

22. No activities took place during the reporting period.

Identification Manual for Flora

English edition

23. The following sheets were distributed to the Parties between CoP11 and the end of July 2002:

Timber identification Introduction (24 pages) introduction and sheets on 14 species
Identification of Cycads by their leaves (18 pages, with colour illustrations)
Identification of Cacti by their vegetative characteristics (49 pages)
Medicinal plants: Introduction (18 pages) and sheets on 18 species, all with colour illustrations
CITES Appendix-I Cacti (book and CD-ROM), prepared by the Management Authority of Switzerland

French edition

24. The following sheets were distributed to the Parties between CoP11 and the end of July 2002:

Timber identification (24 pages introduction and sheets on 6 species)

Spanish edition

25. No sheets in Spanish were distributed between CoP11 and the end of July 2002

Sheets in preparation

26. Requiring editing and formatting

Timber identification 24 pages introduction and sheets on 17 species (Spanish)
Identification of Cacti by their vegetative characteristics (French and Spanish)

27. To be translated:

Sheets on timber species (11, French)
CITES Appendix-I Cacti (French and Spanish)
Medicinal plants: Introduction (18 pages) and sheets on 12 species (French and Spanish)

28. In preparation:

22 species of Aloe (Switzerland)
11 sheets on various plant species (United States of America)

29. The following Party has not provided the required identification materials due:

Netherlands: Cyclamen, Galanthus, Sternbergia (CoP7)

Future activities

30. Depending on available time, money and man power, priority will be given to include the Identification Manual on the CITES web site. In preparation for this, the Secretariat has contracted the former editor of the CITES Identification Manual, Dr J.-P. Biber, to convert all the published sheets into electronic format.

31. A first trial regarding the format for the inclusion of the Identification Manual on the CITES website has already been prepared for the Flora sheets, and will be available as soon as possible on site.

32. Finally, the Secretariat would like to commend the work carried out by Environment Canada which has created a series of identification guides designed specifically for individuals responsible for the application of CITES in various countries. A simple and pleasant visual approach facilitates identification of several species that are traded. These can be accessed on their website:

http://www.cites.ec.gc.ca/cites/html/eng/sct5/sct5_1_e.htm.