

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

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PROPOSAL TO AMEND APPENDICES I AND II

A. Proposal

Deletion of the annotation "*sensu D'Abrera*" in relation to *Ornithoptera* spp., *Trogonoptera* spp. and *Troides* spp. in Appendix II.

B. Proponent

Switzerland as Depositary Government, at the request of the Nomenclature Committee.

C. Supporting Statement

1. The inclusion in Appendix II of the birdwing butterflies, *Ornithoptera* spp., *Trogonoptera* spp. and *Troides* spp., is annotated "*sensu D'Abrera*". This annotation was adopted when the taxa concerned were included in Appendix II, at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties (San Jose, 1979). It was intended to indicate that the Conference of the Parties adopted the book *Birdwing Butterflies of the World* by Bernard D'Abrera (1975, Lansdowne Press, Melbourne), as the standard nomenclatural reference for these three genera.
2. These three taxa are the only ones in the Appendices that have an annotation to indicate the nomenclature that has been adopted. This annotation was adopted long before the Conference of the Parties established a Nomenclature Committee and before it started to adopt Resolutions on standard nomenclature.
3. The book *Birdwing Butterflies of the World* is now out of date and a new edition by the same author was published in 2003. The Nomenclature Committee will need to decide whether to recommend that the new nomenclature be followed.
4. It is an anomaly that the standard nomenclature for this group of species is specified in the Appendices, and can therefore be changed only through the submission of a proposal to amend the Appendices, in accordance with Article XV of the Convention, while the standard nomenclature for all other species is specified through a Resolution of the Conference of the Parties.
5. The current proposal is intended to eliminate this anomaly. If it is adopted, the standard nomenclature for the genera *Ornithoptera*, *Trogonoptera* and *Troides* will be specified in the Resolution on Standard nomenclature (currently Resolution Conf. 12.11) instead of in the Appendices.