

## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Correction to Appendix II

1. When the Convention was signed, on 3 March 1973, the species *Bradypus boliviensis* (brown-throated sloth) was included in Appendix II.
2. At its fourth meeting (Gaborone, 1983), the Conference of the Parties adopted *Mammal Species of the World: a Taxonomic and Geographic Reference*<sup>1</sup>, as the standard nomenclatural reference for mammals, in Resolution Conf. 4.23, on *Standard nomenclature*. That reference recognized the name *Bradypus variegatus* as the standard to refer to the species previously included in the Appendices as *Bradypus boliviensis*. Consequently, the name *Bradypus variegatus* has appeared in Appendix II since 29 July 1983.
3. At its 14th meeting (The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted the third edition of *Mammal Species of the World: a Taxonomic and Geographic Reference*<sup>2</sup>, as the standard nomenclatural reference for mammals, in Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP14), on *Standard nomenclature*. This edition recognized the species *Bradypus pygmaeus*, without comment, in addition to the species *Bradypus variegatus*. The changes to the Appendices that would have been required with the adoption of the new reference were discussed by the CITES Nomenclature Committee on the basis of document NC2006 (fauna) Doc. 9<sup>3</sup>, which makes no reference to the genus *Bradypus*.
4. However, the Secretariat's attention was recently drawn to the status under CITES of the species *Bradypus pygmaeus*. The original description of the species, in 2001<sup>4</sup>, indicates that it was split from *Bradypus variegatus*. This conclusion is supported by the specialist on zoological nomenclature on the Animals Committee.
5. Consequently, as the animals now known by the name *Bradypus pygmaeus* were previously included in Appendix II by the Conference of the Parties under the name *Bradypus variegatus*, it is clear that the omission of the species from Appendix II is an oversight. The Secretariat has therefore corrected the CITES Appendices on the CITES website to include *Bradypus pygmaeus*.

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<sup>1</sup> Honacki, J.H., Kinman, K. E. and Koepl, J.W.(eds.) (1982). *Mammal Species of the World: a Taxonomic and Geographic Reference*. Allen Press and the Association of Systematics Collections., Lawrence, Kansas: USA.

<sup>2</sup> Wilson, D.E and Reeder, D.M., (2005). *Mammal Species of the World: a Taxonomic and Geographic Reference. Third edition*. Smithsonian Institution Press. Washington D.C.

<sup>3</sup> See <http://www.cites.org/common/com/NC/2006/E-NC2006-Fa-09.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> Anderson, R. P.; Handley, C. O., Jr. (2001). A new species of three-toed sloth (Mammalia: Xenarthra) from Panama, with a review of the genus *Bradypus*. *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington* 114 (1): 1-33.