

Committee Reports and Recommendations
IDENTIFICATION MANUAL COMMITTEE

Introduction

1. The Identification Manual Committee still has no Chairman. The present report has therefore been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat draws attention to the fact that any Party whose proposal to include a species in the appendices is accepted should submit data for inclusion in the Identification Manual within one year of the acceptance (see Resolution Conf. 9.1 Annex 4).
3. As indicated in document Doc. 9.15, presented at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Fort Lauderdale, 1994), the Secretariat has signed a contract with an editor for the production of the English and French editions.

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4. Since 1979, only 23 Parties have submitted manuscripts of data sheets. The main contributor has been Switzerland (47 %), followed by Germany and Canada (10 %), the United Kingdom (9 %), Australia (8 %) and France (5 %).
5. Only one Party (United States of America) that successfully proposed the inclusion in Appendix I or II of new animal taxa at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties has provided the corresponding information to prepare Identification Manual data sheets in accordance with Resolution Conf. 9.1 Annex 4.
6. The following data sheets are still due:

Australia	<i>Hoplocephalus bungaroides</i> (CoP5) <i>Rheobatrachus</i> , 2 species (CoP5)
China	<i>Budorcas taxicolor</i> (CoP5)
Denmark	<i>Pseudoryx nghetinhensis</i> (CoP9)
Ecuador	Trochilidae, 315 species (CoP6)
Germany	<i>Mantella aurantiaca</i> (CoP9)
Ghana	<i>Pandinus dictator</i> (CoP9) <i>Pandinus gambiensis</i> (CoP9) <i>Pandinus 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	<i>Dyscophus antongilii</i> (CoP6) <i>Aceros</i> spp. (CoP8) <i>Anorrhinus</i> spp. (CoP8) <i>Anthroceros</i> spp. (CoP8) <i>Buceros</i> spp. (CoP8) <i>Tauraco</i> spp. (CoP9) <i>Penelopides</i> spp. (CoP8) <i>Ptilolaemus</i> spp. (CoP8) <i>Phyllobates</i> , 5 species (CoP6) <i>Terrapene</i> (CoP9) <i>Achatinella</i> spp. (CoP6) <i>Bufo periglens</i> (CoP9) <i>Mantella aurantiaca</i> (CoP9)
New Zealand	<i>Sphenodon</i> spp. (CoP9)

Niger	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i> (CoP4) <i>Oryx dammah</i> (CoP4) <i>Gazella dama</i> (CoP4) <i>Ammotragus lervia</i> (CoP4)
Paraguay	Ramphastidae spp. (CoP8) <i>Dracaena</i> , 2 species (CoP7)
Spain	Lacertidae, 3 species (CoP6)
Suriname	<i>Dendrobates</i> , 47 species (CoP6)
Switzerland	<i>Lissemys punctata</i> (CoP9) (one sheet <i>Lissemys punctata</i> already exists)
Thailand	<i>Aceros</i> , 5 species (CoP8) <i>Anorrhinus</i> , 2 species (CoP8) <i>Anthracoceros</i> , 3 species (CoP8)
United States of America	<i>Acerodon</i> , 5 species (CoP7) <i>Pteropus</i> , 61 species (CoP6 and 7) <i>Saiga tatarica</i> (CoP9) <i>Phrynosoma coronatum</i> (CoP8) <i>Polyodon spathula</i> (CoP8) <i>Terrapene</i> (CoP9) <i>Strombus gigas</i> (CoP8)
Uruguay	<i>Dusicyon gymnocercus</i> (CoP6) <i>Agelaius flavus</i> (CoP9)
Viet Nam	<i>Megamuntiacus vuquanghensis</i>

7. In addition, apart from Canada and Uruguay, none of the Parties having included species in Appendix III have submitted texts on the species concerned (Colombia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Mauritius, Thailand and Tunisia).

English Edition

8. After the Kyoto meeting, counterpart contributions were received only from Switzerland (67 sheets on birds and 53 sheets on reptiles), France (Shahtoosh, *Eudocimus ruber* and 20 parrot sheets), and the United Kingdom (*Caprinae*).
9. The following sections of volume 1, 1a, 2, 2a, 3, 3a and 4 have been printed and distributed to the Parties:

<i>Pantholops hodgsoni</i>	2 sheets (plus one colour sheet)
Birds	119 sheets
<i>Clemmys insculpta</i>	
<i>Corucia zebrata</i>	
Genus <i>Phelsuma</i>	48 sheets
<i>Shinisaurus crocodilurus</i>	
<i>Buthanitis</i> spp.	4 sheets
<i>Papilio</i> spp.	3 sheets
<i>Teinopalpus</i> spp.	2 sheets
<i>Hirudo medicinalis</i>	
Total	182 sheets

10. The following sections are ready to be printed:

<i>Caprinae</i>	13 sheets
<i>Anas formosa</i>	
Accipitriformes	57 sheets
<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>	
Bucerotidae	5 sheets
<i>Serinus</i>	3 sheets
<i>Pitta</i>	2 sheets
Reptiles	53 sheets
Total	135 sheets

11. France has provided 20 sheets on parrots in French, which will be translated into English and published after the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
12. Thanks to a contribution from the United States of America, the sheets on *Brachypelma* which contained

colour pictures were printed. In addition the United States provided the colour illustrations for the other languages.

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

	31.12.87	31.09.89	01.01.92	30.06.94	31.03.97
Data sheets published	1020 ¹	1293 ¹	1359 (38)	1525 (74)	1707 (74)
Data sheets in print	77	25	0	80 (37)	135 (5)
Contributions received	225	39	164	0	20
Contributions under preparation	129	217	90	15 (23)	not known
Total	1451¹	1574¹	1613 (38)	1620 (134)	1862 (79)

¹ Figures include updated data sheets

() Numbers in brackets relate to updated data sheets

14. In 1995, the Secretariat prepared a new list of data sheets included in each volume, an index of general data sheets and an index of species included in the data sheets.
15. In 1995, the Secretariat re-arranged the Identification Manual by adding a new binder (volume 3A) to include amphibians and invertebrates.

17. The Government of France has provided important additional funding, which will allow for the translation, printing and distribution of additional copies, free of charge, to French-speaking countries.

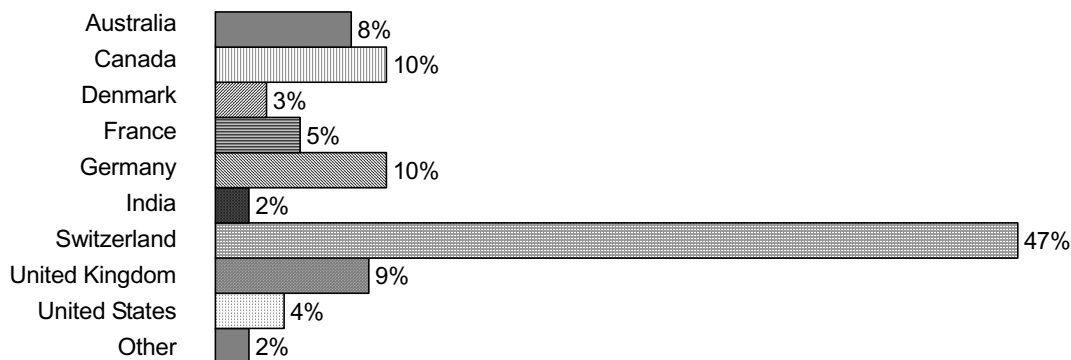
18. The National Natural History Museum (Paris, France) has provided a generous contribution for the translation.

19. It is expected that the publication of the first six volumes in French will be finalized for the end of 1997. The binders for volumes 1, 1a, 2a and 3 have been made and distributed.

French Edition

16. All the previous problems related to the French edition have now been solved and production of this edition continues to progress.

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20. In 1995 and 1996 486 sheets from volume 1, 1a, 2, 2a and 3 were printed and distributed. The following sheets are ready for printing:

Mammals	4 sheets
Birds	2 sheets
Reptiles	71 sheets
Total	77 sheets

	01.01.1992	30.06.1994	31.03.97
Data sheets printed	105	426	912
Data sheets ready for printing	–	38	77
Data sheets translated	70	463	55
Data sheets in translation	20	0	0 ¹
TOTAL	195	927	1044

¹ Contract for translation of data sheets will be made later in 1997

Francophone African Edition

21. Thanks to the donations from the Fondation Roi Baudouin (Belgium) and WWF (Gabon), it has been possible to prepare an Identification Manual that includes all the sheets of African countries available in French. The Secretariat has prepared the binder and a checklist of African species. The Manual will be distributed before the end of 1997.

Russian Edition

22. Thanks to a grant provided by Germany, the translation into Russian of the Manual has been made possible. About 1,300 data sheets have been translated and printed. The seven binders have been distributed to Russian-speaking countries as well as to some eastern European countries.
23. At the end of 1996, Germany provided a second grant, which will allow the update and translation of recently produced sheets.

Identification Manual on Flora

24. In its report to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat indicated that, for a few taxa, it had initiated the preparation of the first sheets for the Identification Manual on Flora. In that report, the Secretariat was, however, too optimistic in its prediction about when these would be finalized, printed and distributed to the Parties. The amount of time involved turned out to be rather more than estimated. Production of the texts on the identification of wild-collected and artificially propagated succulents involved the preparation of the translations into French and Spanish, to ensure cost efficient printing of colour plates and related legends. The translation into French was done in the Secretariat. The translation into Spanish was done by staff of the Botanic Garden of Cordoba (Spain).
25. The preparation of identification sheets for timber turned out to be much more complicated than initially thought. The Secretariat has had consultations with various institutes with expertise in timber identification. As a result it could only conclude that it would not be sufficient to just provide sheets on the species currently included in the appendices. Other timber species in trade, not included in the CITES appendices, could easily be confused with the CITES species. Timber identification is not easy and requires a certain level of expertise. Providing insufficient information to first-line inspectors would only create confusion and would not be in the interest of efficient implementation of the Convention. The Timber Working Group also discussed the problems of identification (see document Doc. 10.52) and recognized that timber identification is not an issue that can be considered lightly. The Secretariat is now, through various members of the Timber Working Group, investigating what information is available on the identification of timber species included in the CITES appendices and on related species. It hopes that, on the basis of this, and with the co-

operation of the countries concerned, a set of identification materials can be compiled that can be used for CITES purposes. External funding is already available to finance this work.

26. Another problem with regard to the preparation of identification sheets for plants is the lack of support from many of the Parties. With Notification to the Parties No. 801 the Secretariat requested the Parties to provide it with copies of any existing identification materials for plants included in the appendices. Only one response was received, this being from Thailand.
27. Only Germany (*Tillandsia*) has, in accordance with Resolution Conf. 9.1 Annex 4, provided information for inclusion in the Identification Manual, on species for which it made an amendment proposal that was accepted.
28. Although the start of the production of the sheets for the Identification Manual for Flora was difficult, the Secretariat is pleased to report that the process has gradually gained momentum.
29. In the years up to 1996, relatively little money was spent on the preparation of the Identification Manual for Flora. However it is expected that the production of sheets will now continue at a steady pace. The work will involve the translation of the texts into the two other languages of the Convention, the editing of the sheets concerned, and the printing. This will involve the printing of colour sheets for the sets on the identification of wild-collected and artificially propagated orchids and on *Prunus africana*. The total estimated expenditure for all the work currently planned is about CHF 95,000. From the approved budget for 1997 CHF 30,000 is available. If the programme of work is to be completed in the period 1997 to 1999, CHF 32,500 will be required for each of the years 1998 and 1999. If the budget allocations proposed for the years 1998-2000 are approved, it will be possible not only to complete this work but also to initiate the preparation of identification sheets for other taxa. The Secretariat will of course continue its efforts to acquire additional financial support from external sources.
30. If the proposal to exclude certain artificially propagated hybrids and cultivars (Prop. 10.68) is adopted by this meeting of the Conference of the Parties, sheets to identify these taxa will be prepared immediately. Most probably external funding will be available for the printing of these.
31. The status of production of the Identification Manual sheets for flora is summarized in the following tables:
 - Table 1: The work that has been completed at the time of writing the present document (1 April 1997); and
 - Table 2: Identification sheets that are currently in preparation.

Table 1 – Status of Identification Sheets on 1 April 1997

Taxon	Language	No. of Sheets	Status
Bromeliaceae	E ¹	2	printed
<i>Tillandsia</i>	E ¹	13	printed
Wild and artificially propagated succulents	E ²	7 + 3	printed
Wild and artificially propagated succulents	F	7 + 3	printed
Wild and artificially propagated succulents	S	7 + 3	printed
Carnivorous plants	F ³	4	being edited
<i>Byblis</i>	F ³	1	being edited
<i>Cephalotus</i>	F ³	1	being edited
<i>Darlingtonia</i>	F ³	1	being edited
<i>Dionaea</i>	F ³	1	being edited
<i>Nepenthes</i>	F ³	2	being edited
<i>Sarracenia</i>	F ³	4	being edited
E = in English; F = in French; S = in Spanish			
¹ Prepared by Germany			
² Prepared with financial support from the Netherlands			
³ Prepared by IUCN/SSC Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group			

Table 2 – Identification Sheets that are Currently in Preparation

Taxon	Language	No. of sheets	Status
Cycads	F ¹	2	draft received
Zamiaceae	F ¹	3	draft received
<i>Ceratozamia</i>	F ¹	1	draft received
<i>Chiqua</i>	F ¹	1	draft received
<i>Microcycas</i>	F ¹	2	draft received
<i>Encephalartos</i>	F ¹	2	draft received
Cycadaceae	F ¹	2	draft received
<i>Cycas beddomei</i>	F ¹	1	draft received
Stangeriaceae	F ¹	1	draft received
<i>Stangeria eriopus</i>	F ¹	1	draft received
<i>Pachypodium</i>	F ¹	8?	in preparation
<i>Euphorbia</i> (Appendix I species)	F ¹	10?	in preparation
Wild and artificially propagated orchids	E ²	7 + 3	draft received
<i>Prunus africana</i>	E ³	3 – 4	draft received
E = in English; F = in French; S = in Spanish			
¹ To be prepared by France			
² Prepared with financial support from the Netherlands			
³ Prepared by Germany			