

Notification 2024/004

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## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

### AMENDMENTS TO THE APPENDICES OF THE CONVENTION

The Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14) held from 12 to 17 February 2024 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, decided on the inclusion of fifteen taxa on the Appendices of the Convention. These taxa and the Appendices to which they were added are set out in the table contained in Annex 1 of this Notification.

In accordance with Article XI, paragraph 5 of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force for all Parties ninety days after COP14: 17 May 2024, except for those Parties that make a reservation. During the period of ninety days after COP14, any Party may, by notification in writing to the Depositary (the German Foreign Ministry), make a reservation with respect to an amendment, in accordance with Article XI, paragraph 6 of the Convention.

Furthermore, COP14 adopted certain taxonomic and nomenclatural changes in accordance with the standard references used by CMS<sup>1</sup>, as presented in document UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.31.1. These changes are summarized in Annex 2 and Annex 3 of this Notification.

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<sup>1</sup> [UNEP/CMS/Resolution 12.27\(Rev.COP14\)](#) *Taxonomy and Nomenclature*, which will be made available on the [CMS website](#) shortly

## ANNEX 1: Species added to the Appendices of the Convention by COP14

Scientific name	Annotation	Appendix / Appendices
<b>MAMMALIA</b>		
<i>Lynx lynx</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Lynx lynx balcanicus</i>	Using Kitchener et al. (2017) "A revised taxonomy of the Felidae. The final report of the Cat Classification Task Force of the IUCN/SSC Cat Specialist Group" as the standard reference.	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Felis manul</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Lama guanicoe</i>	Corresponds to <i>Lama glama</i> in Wilson and Reeder 2005, and applies only to wild populations.	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Tursiops truncatus gephyreus</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I & II
<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Baltic Proper population	Inclusion in Appendix I
<b>AVES</b>		
<i>Pelecanus thagus</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I & II
<i>Pluvianellus socialis</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Gypaetus barbatus meridionalis</i>	Southern African population	Inclusion in Appendix I
<b>PISCES</b>		
<i>Carcharias taurus</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I & II
<i>Glaucostegus cemiculus</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Glaucostegus cemiculus</i>	Mediterranean Sea population	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Aetomylaeus bovinus</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Aetomylaeus bovinus</i>	Mediterranean Sea population	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Rhinoptera marginata</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Rhinoptera marginata</i>	Mediterranean Sea population	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Brachyplatystoma rousseauxii</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Brachyplatystoma vaillantii</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II

## ANNEX 2: Nomenclature changes adopted by COP14

Scientific name	Annotation	Appendix / Appendices	Comments
<b>MAMMALIA</b>			
<i>Otaria byronia</i>		II	Replacing <i>Otaria flavescens</i>
<i>Platanista gangetica</i>		I / II	Replacing <i>Platanista gangetica gangetica</i>
<b>AVES</b>			
<i>Grus vipio</i>		I / II	Replacing <i>Antigone vipio</i>
<del><i>Antigone</i> spp.</del>		II	Delete <i>Antigone</i> spp., as listed as a higher taxon ( <i>Grus</i> spp.)
<i>Eulacestomatidae</i> spp.		II	Replacing <i>Eulacestomidae</i> spp.
<b>PISCES</b>			
<i>Mobula alfredi</i>		I / II	Replacing <i>Manta alfredi</i>
<i>Mobula birostris</i>		I / II	Replacing <i>Manta birostris</i>
<i>Mobula eregoodoo</i>		I / II	Replacing <i>Mobula eregoodootenkee</i>

### ANNEX 3: Taxonomic changes adopted by COP14

Scientific name	Annotation	Appendix / Appendices	Comments
<b>MAMMALIA</b>			
<i>Halichoerus grypus grypus</i>		II	Replacing <i>Halichoerus grypus</i> (only Baltic Sea populations)
<i>Cephalorhynchus commersonii commersonii</i>		II	Replacing <i>Cephalorhynchus commersonii</i> (South American population)
<i>Sousa plumbea</i>		II	Species split of <i>Sousa chinensis</i> (listed in Appendix II) to <i>Sousa plumbea</i> , <i>Sousa chinensis</i> , <i>Sousa sahalensis</i>
<i>Sousa sahalensis</i>		II	Species split of <i>Sousa chinensis</i> (listed in Appendix II) to <i>Sousa plumbea</i> , <i>Sousa chinensis</i> , <i>Sousa sahalensis</i>
<b>PISCES</b>			
<i>Acipenser baerii</i>	(regional population of the Lake Baikal and its tributaries)	II	Replacing <i>Acipenser baerii baicalensis</i>
<i>Mobula japonica</i>		I / II	Species merger, <i>Mobula japonica</i> was merged with <i>Mobula mobular</i>
<i>Mobula rochebrunei</i>		I / II	Species merger, <i>Mobula rochebrunei</i> was merged with <i>Mobula hypostoma</i>
<i>Squalus suckleyi</i>	(northern hemisphere population)	II	Species split of <i>Squalus acanthias</i> (listed in Appendix II) to <i>Squalus acanthias</i> and <i>Squalus suckleyi</i>