

Notification 2026/006

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## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

### AMENDMENTS TO THE APPENDICES OF THE CONVENTION

The Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) held from 23 to 29 March 2026 in Campo Grande, Brazil, decided on the inclusion of 40 taxa on the Appendices of the Convention. These taxa and the Appendices to which they were added are set out in tables 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 COP15, which is **27 June 2026**, except for those Parties that make a reservation. In accordance with Article XI, paragraph 6 of the Convention, during the period of ninety days after COP15, any Party may, by notification in writing to the Depository (the German Federal Foreign Office), make a reservation with respect to an amendment.

Furthermore, COP15 adopted certain taxonomic and nomenclatural changes in accordance with the standard references used by CMS, as presented in document UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.29.3/Rev.1. These changes are summarized in Annex 2 of this Notification.

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## ANNEX 1: Species added to the Appendices of the Convention by COP15

Scientific name	Annotation	Appendix / Appendices
<b>MAMMALIA</b>		
<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Population of Zimbabwe	Inclusion in Appendix I & II
<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I & II
<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I & II
<b>AVES</b>		
<i>Pterodroma leucoptera</i>	Populations of Australia and New Caledonia	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma brevipes</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma defilippiana</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma longirostris</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma cookii</i>	Northern and Southern populations	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma pycrofti</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma axillaris</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma neglecta juana</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma arminjoniana</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma alba</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma barau</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pterodroma cervicalis occulta</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pterodroma cervicalis cervicalis</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma externa</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma hasitata</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pterodroma feae</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma deserta</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma madeira</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pterodroma magentae</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pterodroma incerta</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Ardenna carneipes</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pseudobulweria macgillivrayi</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pseudobulweria aterrima</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pseudobulweria becki</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pseudobulweria rostrata</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Limosa haemastica</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>		Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Sporophila iberaensis</i>		Inclusion in Appendix II

## **PISCES**

<i>Alopias pelagicus</i>	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Alopias superciliosus</i>	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Mustelus schmitti</i>	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i>	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pseudoplatystoma corruscans</i>	Inclusion in Appendix II

## ANNEX 2: Taxonomic and Nomenclature changes adopted by COP15

Scientific name to include in the Appendices	Appendix / Appendices	Comments
<b>MAMMALIA</b>		
<i>Panthera uncia</i>	I	Replacing <i>Uncia uncia</i>
<i>Otocolobus manul</i>	II	Replacing <i>Felis manul</i>
<b>CETACEA</b>		
<i>Balaenoptera ricei</i>	II	Species split of <i>Balaenoptera edeni</i> into <i>Balaenoptera edeni</i> and <i>Balaenoptera ricei</i>
<i>Aethalodelphis obscurus</i>	II	Replacing <i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i>
<i>Cephalorhynchus australis</i>	II	Replacing <i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>
<i>Leucopleurus acutus</i>	II	Replacing <i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>
<b>AVES</b>		
Elanidae spp.	II	Family split of Accipitridae spp. into Accipitridae spp. and Elanidae spp.
Lamprolidae spp.	II	Family split of Rhipiduridae spp. and Monarchidae spp. into Rhipiduridae spp., Monarchidae spp. and Lamproliidae spp.
Paradoxornithidae spp.	II	Family split of Sylviidae spp. into Sylviidae spp. and Paradoxornithidae spp.
Alcippeidae spp.	II	Family split of Leiotrichidae spp. into Leiotrichidae spp. and Alcippeidae spp.
<b>PISCES</b>		
<i>Mobula yarae</i>	I & II	Species split of <i>Mobula birostris</i> into <i>Mobula birostris</i> and <i>Mobula yarae</i>