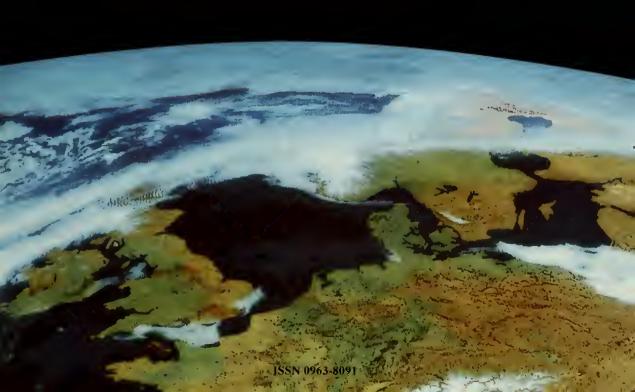


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## Introduction

In April 1991, the Nature Conservancy Council for England (English Nature), Countryside Council for Wales and Scottish Natural Heritage acting together through the Joint Nature Conservation Committee were appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment as the United Kingdom's Scientific Authority for Animals under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). CITES regulates international trade in wild animals and plants and in products derived from them, to help to ensure their conservation on a world-wide scale.

The intention of this work is to provide a combined list of amphibian and reptile species included in the Appendices to CITES, the Annexes of the European Community (EC) Regulation 338/97, and to list their IUCN (World Conservation Union) conservation status category.

This revised edition incorporates additions and amendments to the CITES appendices up to and including those made at the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Zimbabwe in June 1997 (effective from 18 September 1997). The IUCN status categories given here are those current at the time of preparation, as represented in the 1996 IUCN Red List of Threatened Animals (IUCN, 1996).

For background material on the rationale of the IUCN threat categories, readers are referred to IUCN (1996), for background on the workings of CITES, recommended works are Favre (1989) and Wijnstekers (1992). For information by country on the diversity and status of amphibians, reptiles and other taxonomic groups, and for a general review of biodiversity, readers are referred to WCMC (1992) and WCMC (1994).

In a publication of this nature, it is inevitable that users will discover entries that need correcting or updating. The publishers would be grateful if their attention could be drawn to these entries and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre would be grateful to receive details of such changes so that they can be incorporated in the database from which this publication is derived.

## **Explanatory notes**

Each species is typically represented by a block of text including scientific name (with alternatives), common names in the three official CITES languages (where available), geographic range, CITES Appendix, EC Regulation 338/97 Annex, and IUCN Red List category. Where a species has component populations or formal subspecies which are treated differently by CITES, the species entry is subdivided appropriately.

#### Scientific names

Nomenciature follows that used in the CITES Appendices for the forms appearing therein.

For each taxon listed, the scientific name and authority is given first, with alternative names given in parentheses on the following line. In the majority of cases these alternatives are the most frequent synonyms in current use. In a few cases, these are recently proposed taxonomic changes not yet in common use, and in others the scientific name in parentheses is that accepted by taxonomists, but not the name used in the CITES Appendices.

The sequence of families within orders also conforms to the CITES Appendices (thus the amphibian families are in alphabetical order while the reptile families follow a conventional systematic order). The genera and species are in alphabetical order within each family. The primary taxonomic source followed for most of the groups covered is given below; the numerous later changes and additions to these checklists are referenced separately in the relevant species entries.

Amphibians: (Frost, 1985 and Ducliman, 1993)
 adopted by the CITES parties as the standard reference to amphibian nomenclature.
 Testudines: Iverson (second edition, 1992).
 Crocodylia and Rhynchocephalia: King and Burke

Boidae (Stimson, 1969; Sheplan and Schwartz, 1974; Underwood and Stimson, 1990). Colubridae (several sources, see individual entries). Elapidae and Viperidae (Klemmer, 1963; Leviton, 1968).

#### Common names

Common names and trade names appear below the scientific names; few of the listed taxa have regularly or universally used common names. In some cases, identical trade names appear to be used for different taxa.

### Geographical range

After the scientific and common names of each taxon, the geographical range is given in terms of political units, listed in alphabetical order. In several cases, particularly where islands are concerned, further distribution details are given thus 'Indonesia: Sumatra'. When the name of a country is given as part of the range of a certain species, that species may not occur throughout the country and may even be of only peripheral occurrence.

A question mark '?' in parentheses has been used following a country to indicate that there is some uncertainty in the status of the species in that country.

A country where the species is known to be extinct is denoted by '(ex)', or by '(ex?)' where there is still a small possibility that the species survives.

'[ int]' denotes a range state where the species has been introduced. '[re-int]' denotes a range state where the species has been re-introduced.

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