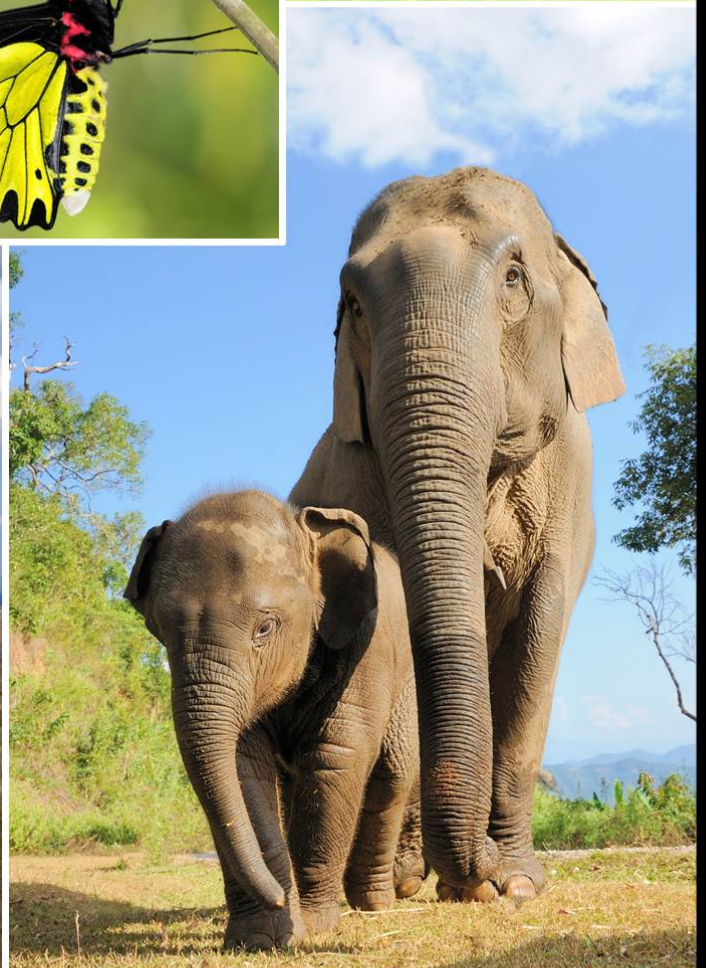




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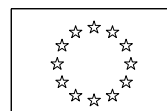
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INTRODUCTION

The Conference of the Parties recognizes the *Checklist of CITES species* as an official digest of scientific names contained in the official standard references. The *Checklist of CITES species* is now dynamically linked to the Integrated Species Information Platform, managed by UNEP-WCMC, for the first time, allowing taxonomic and listing changes to be reflected within this document as they are updated.

Structure

The *CITES species index* is an alphabetical list of all animal and plant taxa included in the CITES Appendices. The only exceptions to this are Appendix-II orchids. These are only included if they are listed in the *CITES Orchid Checklist*, volumes 1-4, published by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, or in the *Checklist for Bulbophyllum and allied taxa* (Sieder, Rainer & Kiehn, 2007). For the orchid species not found in these references, the *CITES species index* contains a record of the genera to which they belong, e.g. *Aa* spp, but not of the individual species in each genus.

Three types of record are included in the *CITES species index*:

- 1) scientific names, which are the main records and contain all information;
- 2) common names, which refer to the main record; and
- 3) scientific synonyms, which refer to the main record.

1 The scientific name record

This record is the main record that contains all the information available for each taxon including CITES Appendix, higher taxonomic information (Family and Class), annotation to the CITES listing, and common names in the three official CITES languages (English, Spanish and French), where available (see Figures 1 (Fauna) and 2 (Flora)). Note that a key to all abbreviations and annotations (superscripts and # annotations) is available here: [Key to CITES abbreviations and annotations](#).

Taxonomic names that have been officially adopted by the Conference of the Parties (see [current list of Standard nomenclatural references in Resolution Conf. 12.11 \(Rev. CoP15\)](#)) appear in **boldface** in the *Checklist*, e.g. ***Acinonyx jubatus*** (the cheetah). This is the case for most taxa. In some cases, nevertheless, a standard nomenclatural reference for the constituent species of a higher taxon has not yet been adopted. In such instances, a reference identified by UNEP-WCMC has been used. The names of these taxa are not in boldface, e.g. *Abyssopathes lyra* (a coral species).

Figure 1: Example of Fauna scientific name record and explanation

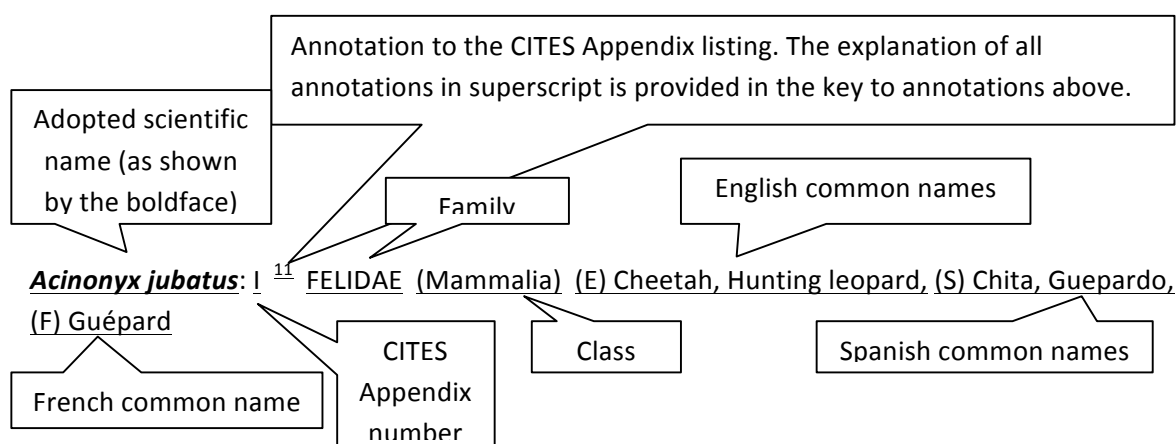
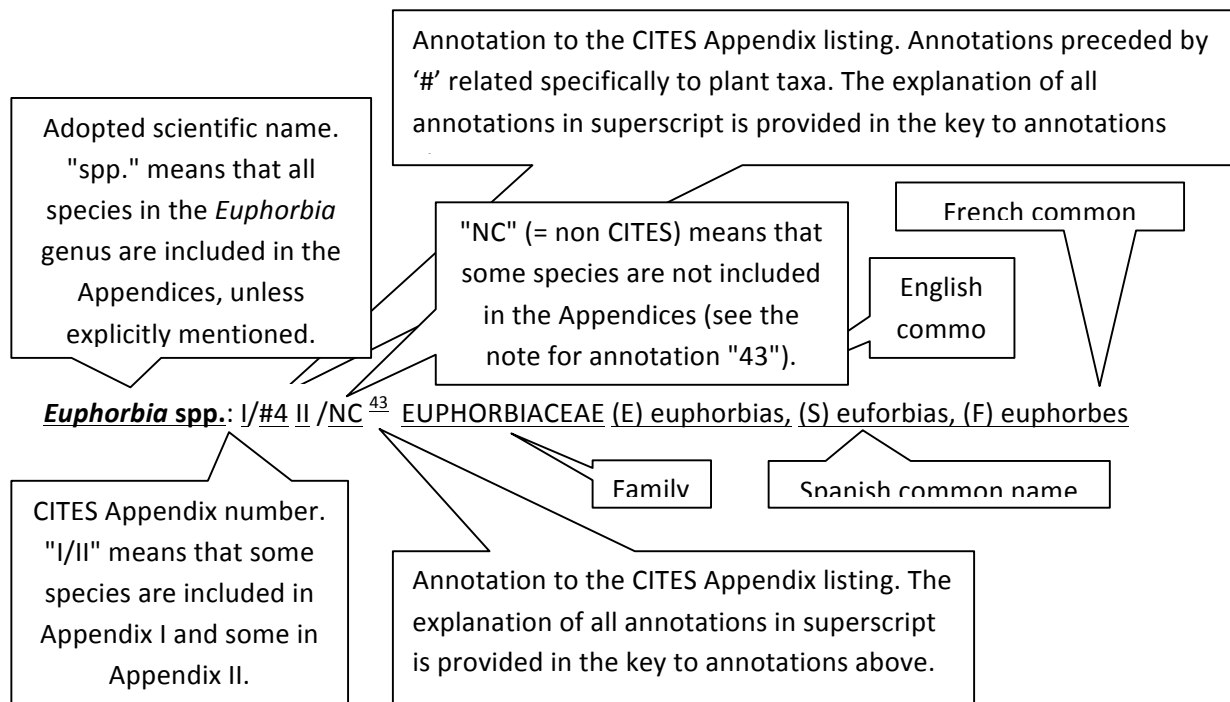


Figure 2: Example of Flora scientific name record and explanation

2 The common name record

Where available, English (E), Spanish (S) and French (F) common names are provided. The common name is followed by the corresponding scientific name under which all information is recorded. There is only one entry for each common name, e.g. there is an entry for 'Eagle, Golden' but not for 'Golden Eagle'.

Examples of common name records and explanation

- 1) Hummingbird, Emerald-chinned (E): *Abeillia abeillei*
= go to "*Abeillia abeillei*" to see the full record of the "emerald-chinned hummingbird".
- 2) parrots (E): PSITTACIFORMES (Aves)
= go to "PSITTACIFORMES" to see the full record of "parrots".
- 2) orchids, slipper (E): *Paphiopedilum* spp. / *Phragmipedium* spp.
= go to "*Paphiopedilum* spp." and "*Phragmipedium* spp." to see the full record of "slipper orchids", because the same common name is used for both genera.

3 The synonym record

A synonym is followed by '=' and the scientific name under which all information is recorded.

Example of synonym record and explanation

Tirucallia goetzei = *Euphorbia goetzei*

Explanation: *Tirucallia goetzei* is a synonym of *Euphorbia goetzei*. Go to "*Euphorbia goetzei*" to see the full record of "*Tirucallia goetzei*".

Note: A species name may be displayed as both a synonym and an accepted name due to differences in the author names. Within the Checklist website, users can select "Show Author names" in order to display Author names both in the web display and within the downloads. This will help clarify these situations.