

## Annex 1

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#### Taxonomy Recommendations of the WG1 Report (Rev.2)

It was the view of the meeting that the final decision on taxonomic changes should be made by the nomenclature experts linked to the Animals Committee, but we took the opportunity to comment on the proposed nomenclatural changes, in the hope that it may assist that process:

- The use of *Eryx conicus* rather than *Gongylophis conicus*. The name *Eryx* is commonly used in most range countries.
- *Ptyas mucosus* should probably be retained in preference to *Ptyas mucosa* unless there are compelling technical reasons.
- Clarification as to if the following *Naja* should be species or subspecies.
  - *Naja atra*
  - *Naja kaouthia*
  - *Naja mandalayensis*
  - *Naja naja*
  - *Naja oxiana*
  - *Naja philippinensis*
  - *Naja sagittifera*
  - *Naja samarensis*
  - *Naja siamensis*
  - *Naja sputatrix*
  - *Naja sumatrana*
- *Leiopython albertisii* should be retained unless the evidence to divide it into 6 species is compelling and would not adversely affect trade.
- *Morelia azurea* should be retained as *Morelia viridis* since only genetic markers currently distinguish it.
- Recognizing *Python molurus* and *Python bivittatus* as full species would not compromise CITES trade issues.
- Maintain the use of *Python* (not *Broghammerus*) as the genus for *P. reticulatus* and *P. timoriensis*. Not enough evidence from recognized sources to warrant change.