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**Group of Experts on
Protected Areas and Ecological Networks**

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**Draft form for requesting exceptions to national reference lists (Emerald Network)
for species listed in Annex I of Resolution No. 6 (1998) of the Standing Committee
to the Bern Convention**

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Annex I of Resolution No. 6 (1996) of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention lists species requiring specific habitat conservation measures. The first list of species was adopted by the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention in 1998. The list was revised in 2012 in order to get harmonised with the list of species for which EU Member States have to designate Special Protection Areas (SPAs) under Annex I of the Birds Directive and propose Sites of Community Interest (SCIs) for further designation as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) under Annex II of the Habitat Directive, as part of the Natura 2000 network.

A number of species in Annex I to the Resolution are marked with the sign “#”, with the explanation that “some species may be abundant in parts of Europe and may not require specific habitat conservation measures everywhere”.

Contracting Parties planning to request an exception from including one or more species marked with the sign “#” in their national reference lists of species and habitats (for which they have an obligation of designating an Emerald site) should submit a written demand to the Secretariat of the Bern Convention. Each request should be submitted, using the form provided below, dully filled in with all required information. One request should be submitted per species, in case two or more exceptions are envisaged.

The requests will be examined by the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks. Other Groups of Experts meeting in the frame of the Bern Convention may also be consulted, according to the specific species concerned. Each exception will be submitted for official agreement by Standing Committee to the Convention, after the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks has provided its opinion.

Please provide information on (at all appropriate levels, national, regional and local)¹:

- 1) Contracting party submitting the request (including contact person for additional questions concerning this species)

- 2) Species name (from the list available in Annex I below)

- 3) Official national (and where relevant, regional and local) protection status, with reference to relevant laws

- 4) Detailed information on population size and distribution, including trends

- 5) Distribution (including distribution maps)

- 6) Information on (typical) habitats for the species and possible threats

- 7) Information on hunting/fishing/collecting/harvesting regulations (including information on quantity/quotas, etc.)

¹ Please add as many additional sheets as necessary.

8) Conservation status (national, European and global levels)

9) Information on population management (including eventual Action Plan(s) targeting the species)

10) Information on international aspects, i.e. trans-boundary issues

11) Justification of sustainable management, without a specific designation of Emerald sites, at a “favourable” conservation status of the species

12) Important references/literature/publications/webpages, relevant for the taxonomy, conservation status and geographical distribution

Annex I

List of species marked with the sign “#” in Annex I of Resolution No. 6 (1998)

SPECIES NUMBER	TAXONOMIC GROUP	SPECIES NAME
1188	A	Bombina bombina
1193	A	Bombina variegata
1166	A	Triturus cristatus
1171	A	Triturus karelinii
A037	B	Cygnus bewickii
A038	B	Cygnus cygnus
A098	B	Falco columbarius
A014	B	Hydrobates pelagicus
A390	B	Oceanodroma castro
A140	B	Pluvialis apricaria
1102	F	Alosa alosa
1989	F	Alosa caspia vistonica
1103	F	Alosa fallax
2490	F	Alosa macedonica
2491	F	Alosa pontica
1130	F	Aspius aspius
1149	F	Cobitis taenia
1113	F	Coregonus oxyrhynchus
1163	F	Cottus gobio
1099	F	Lampetra fluviatilis
1096	F	Lampetra planeri
1095	F	Petromyzon marinus
1134	F	Rhodeus sericeus amarus
1106	F	Salmo salar
1078	I	Callimorpha quadripunctaria
1911	M	Alopex lagopus
1352	M	Canis lupus
1337	M	Castor fiber
1912	M	Gulo gulo
1364	M	Halichoerus grypus
1355	M	Lutra lutra
1361	M	Lynx lynx
1340	M	Microtus oeconomus arenicola
1365	M	Phoca vitulina
1351	M	Phocoena phocoena
1910	M	Pteromys volans
1335	M	Spermophilus citellus
2608	M	Spermophilus suslicus

SPECIES NUMBER	TAXONOMIC GROUP	SPECIES NAME
1349	M	Tursiops truncatus
1354	M	Ursus arctos
1961	P	Luzula arctica
1969	P	Primula scandinavica
1528	P	Saxifraga hirculus
1279	R	Elaphe quatuorlineata
1293	R	Elaphe situla