

Nomenclature Committee

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Mission:

Established in 1928, the Nomenclature Committee provides advice to Society members on problems regarding taxonomy and nomenclature.

Information Items:

(1) The Committee spent time discussing the strange precedent setting case of a new species of Mangaby, *Lophocebus kipungi*, described last year in Science, with the type specimen based on a photograph rather than a specimen. This was done on the advice of the Secretariat of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (ICZM), an action thought to be necessary because in the laws of some countries, a species does not exist until it has a name or it could be so rare that a voucher specimen is out of the question. In the opinion of the committee, The Secretariat doesn't seem to have contemplated all of the consequences of this action. The Nomenclature Committee will be discussing the issue and deciding if a letter to the ICZM is a productive way to proceed.

(2) The committee continues to receive requests for information via the ASM website.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,
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