

Checklist Committee

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Information Items:

(1) The Checklist Committee was established by the Board of Directors in 1980 to provide advice on mammal species of the world. The Checklist Committee is charged with compiling and updating the publication *Mammal Species of the World: a Taxonomic and Geographic Reference*. *Mammal Species of the World* (MSW) contains the names of all currently recognized species of mammals, in a taxonomic hierarchy that includes Order, Family, Subfamily, and Genus. The first edition was edited by J. H. Honacki et al. (1982) and published by Allen Press and the Association for Systematics Collections. ASM and the Checklist Committee assumed responsibility for maintenance of this database and its periodic revisions.

(2) The complete citation of the most recently published version of MSW is:

Wilson, D. E., and D. M. Reeder, editors. 1993. *Mammal species of the world*. Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, DC. 1206 pp.

MSW is available from Smithsonian Institution Press, 1-800-782-4612 or 703-435-7809. It is also available on-line at:

<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/msw/>.

MSW can be used as an on-line reference, or adapted as an authority file for management activities of mammal collections. An international team of contributors, all of whom serve on the committee, compiled the taxonomic list.

(3) The Checklist Committee is actively involved in preparing the third edition of MSW. It is now in press with an expected publication date of 2005.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,
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