

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2ND CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN ICHTHYOLOGISTS
IN PARIS; 7-11 SEPTEMBER 1976

I. The 2nd European Congress of Ichthyologists recognizes with satisfaction the creation of the European Union of Ichthyology, an organisation which henceforth can ensure inter alia, in the most efficient way, future congresses of European ichthyologists.

The members of the executive Committee of the E.U.I., elected by the Congress for the period 1976 to 1979, are:

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II. The 2nd European Congress of Ichthyologists

— recognizing the urgent necessity of achieving, for the **European collections of recent and fossil fishes**, an inventory comparable with that recently made for the United States and Canada by the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists

— expresses the wish that:

1 — the European Union of Ichthyology be entrusted with the execution of such a work (Organisers: J.P. GOSSE and J.C. HUREAU)

2 — Dr. Bruce COLLETTE from the National Marine Fisheries Service, who contributed so efficiently to the success of the American National Plan for Ichthyology, by associated with this project.

III. The 2nd European Congress of Ichthyologists expresses the wish that

— a second publication be prepared in the near future with the provisional title of **Fauna of the Fishes of the North-Eastern Atlantic and of the Mediterranean**. Such a volume would form an invaluable complement to Clofnam as it would contain descriptions, illustrations and keys for determining the various species;

— UNESCO support the meeting of a Committee made up of seven ichthyologists: C. ALMACA (Portugal), A. BEN TUVIA (Israel), J.C. HUREAU (France), J. NIELSEN (Denmark), M. STEHMANN (W.-Germany), E. TORTONESE (Italy) (provisional Secretary) and P. WHITEHEAD (U.K.). The objective of the Committee would be all participants of the 2nd European Congress of Ichthyologists.

– the Committee investigates the possibility of publication of this fauna.

IV. The 2nd European Congress of Ichthyologists seeks the approval and support of UNESCO for the organizing of the Committee as soon as possible and for the fulfillment of this following project:

A group of specialists on the African ichthyofauna has come together and recognizes the necessity of making available to the African nations and to local research workers a basic document summarizing all existing data on African freshwater fishes.

It is proposed to produced as a first step a **catalogue of the freshwater fishes of Africa (CLOFOA)** with a complete bibliography; as a second step to publish a complete fauna with keas, descriptions of species and illustrations. It is decided that a Scientific Committee shall be formed to define the way in which such a catalogue can be produced. The following ichthyologists agreed to become members of that Committee' J. ARNOULT (France), J. DAGET (France) (provisional Secretary), M. POLL (Belgium), T.R. ROBERTS (U.S.A.) and D.E.K. THYS VAN DEN AUDENAERDE (Belgium). They also inted to invite the following ichthyologists to join them: P.H. GREWOOD (U.K.), R.A. JUBB (U.K.), A.F.A. LATI (Egypt), V.O. SAGUA (Nigeria).

V. The 2nd European Congress of Ichthyologists expresses the wish that:

– a check-list of fishes, established according to the rules adopted by Clofnam, be prepared and published for the region immediately to the south of the Clofnam area whose southern limit was 30°N/ and extending southward to the mouth of Cunene River (17°15'S); the western limit will be determined later.

– the provisional name ot the project be: **Check-list of the Fishes of the eastern tropical Atlantic (CLOFETA).**

– Mr J.C. QUERO, Institut Scientific et Technique des Pêches Maritimes, 17 000 La Rochelle, France, will serve as interim coordinator for this project.

– UNESCO includes this project in its scientific program and gives support for its achievement.

VI. The 2nd European Congress of Ichthyologists also expresses the wish:

– that a comparable project be undertaken for the South American coast.

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