

# Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats



Standing Committee

## Recommendation No. 51 (1996) on action plans for invertebrate species in the Appendices of the Convention

*(Adopted by the Standing Committee on 6 December 1996)*

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under the terms of Article 14 of the Convention,

Having regard to the aims of the convention to conserve wild flora and fauna and their natural habitats;

Recalling that Article 1, paragraph 2 of the convention requires Contracting Parties to give particular emphasis to the conservation of endangered and vulnerable species;

Noting that some invertebrate species listed in the Appendices of the convention have critically endangered populations;

Desirous to avoid a further loss of biological diversity in the continent;

Aware that the design and implementation of Recovery Plans may be a useful tool to redress the situation of threatened invertebrates;

Recalling its own recommendations concerning the conservation of invertebrates, in particular the following recommendations:

- No. 18 (1989) on the protection of indigenous crayfish in Europe,
- No. 21 (1991) on the conservation of insects of the order Hymenoptera and their habitats,
- No. 22 (1991) on the conservation of the pearl mussel (*Margaritifera margaritifera*), and other freshwater mussels (*Unionoida*),
- No. 29 (1991) on the conservation of wetland invertebrates,
- No. 35 (1992) on the conservation of some species of invertebrates listed in Appendix II of the Convention,
- No. 36 (1992) on the conservation of underground habitats;

Recommends that Contracting Parties to the Convention or invites other states, as appropriate, to consider (or, if appropriate, reinforce) recovery plans for endangered endemic species and for species listed in Appendix A to this recommendation.

## APPENDIX A

### 1. First priority species

#### INSECTA

##### *Odonata*

Leucorrhinia pectoralis  
Ophiogomphus cecilia  
Stylurus flavipes

##### *Coleoptera*

Graphoderus bilineatus  
Osmoderma eremita

##### *Lepidoptera*

Coenonympha hero  
Coenonympha oedippus  
Hypodryas maturna  
Maculinea nausithous  
Maculinea teleius  
Parnassius mnemosyne

#### CRUSTACEA

##### *Decapoda*

Austropotamobius pallipes

#### Molluscs/Mollusques

#### BIVALVIA

##### *Unionoida*

Margaritifera auricularia  
Margaritifera margaritifera

### 2. Second priority species

#### INSECTA

##### *Odonata*

Coenagrion mercuriale  
Leucorrhinia albifrons  
Leucorrhinia caudalis  
Oxygastra curtisii

##### *Coleoptera*

Buprestis splendens  
Dytiscus latissimus

##### *Lepidoptera*

Lopinga achine  
Maculinea alcon  
Maculinea arion  
Maculinea rebeli