What to do if a species code is missing in the official codelist

Several species listed in the Annexes of the Habitats Directive have been recently revised from a taxonomical point of view, and are now considered to be two or more species. According to Explanatory Notes and Guidelines, where the species listed in the Directive was split into several other species a report is required for each currently recognised (and accepted) species. During the past review of the Article 17 checklist many newly recognised species were already added to the Article 17 checklist and subsequently to the species codelist. However, exceptionally some of the newly recognised species may be missing in both lists. These are in particular species that may only have been described very recently, or have not been included in any of the global and regional taxonomical references used as sources for these lists, and the Member State did not request their addition during the past consultations of the Article 17 checklist. The valid names and codes for these species need to be delivered on an ad-hoc basis.

This note provides additional guidance related to procedure to be followed for obtaining the additional species codes for the Habitats Directive species which are not currently listed in the species codelists: http://dd.eionet.europa.eu/vocabulary/art17_2018/HDspecies/view.

Additional species codes and species names will only be delivered for newly recognised species. For the species already listed in the species codelist the species code and species name 'recommended for the Article 17 reporting' should be used[1] (nationally used synonyms can be provided in addition to recommended name in the field '1.4 Alternative species scientific name')

If the species code is missing in the official codelist, it is not possible to add this species to the checklist in the Article 17 reporting tool.

Delivering additional species codes and names.

The Article 17 reports from Member States containing species codes not listed in the species codelist, will be rejected by the CDR delivery mechanism. In the exceptional cases of newly recognized species, where the species code and name are not already included in the species codelist, a Member State should request the delivery of a new code via the Nature Helpdesk (nature.helpdesk@eionet.europa.eu). As stated above the new species codes with the new 'recommended' species names can only be delivered for species which are not yet listed in the species code list. New codes will not be delivered for synonyms.

The request should contain

- the accepted species name proposed by Member State;
- bibliographical reference(s) related to the species name proposed to be used by Member State;
- any additional information on taxonomy and distribution of the species.

The species codelist

> The species codelists: http://dd.eionet.europa.eu/vocabulary/art17_2018/HDspecies/view. contains
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> - The valid codes and names for Habitats Directive species for which the Article 17 report is expected from one or more Member States as indicated in the Article 17 check list on the Reference portal:
> http://biodiversity.eionet.europa.eu/activities/Reporting/Article_17/Reports_2019/Files_2019/

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[1] The species codes and species names recommended for the Article 17 reporting can be found in the fields 'species code' and 'species name recommended for the Article 17 reporting' of Article 17 species checklist on Reference portal http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/habitats_art17 or in the fields 'Id' and 'Label' in the species data dictionary (species codelist) http://dd.eionet.europa.eu/vocabulary/art17_2018/HDspecies/view

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- The valid codes and names to be used for additional optional reports for distinct species of *Cladonia* subgenus *Cladina, Lycopodium* spp. and *Sphagnum* spp. (see p. 21 of the Explanatory Notes and Guidelines)
- The valid codes and names to be used for additional optional reports for distinct species for which a joint report is expected (see p. 91-99 of the Explanatory Notes and Guidelines)