

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AUTHORS OF THE MOSS CHECKLIST OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

1. Countries and areas to be included

The same as those of the checklist of Hepatics and also Azores. Andorra could also be segregated if some authors agree to prepare the list.

2. Authors of partial lists:

Some changes are necessary with respect to the hepatics checklist:

-For France: a new author should be found. The secretary and Vicente Mazimpaka will look for someone.

-For Sicily: Marisa Privitera would like to collaborate.

-For Azores: Rosalina Gabriel will be asked to participate.

-For Andorra: Montserrat Brugués and Rosa María Cros will be asked to prepare the list.

3. External collaboration

The collaboration of someone having a chorologic database of the Mediterranean mosses and also a taxonomic one will be looked for, as for instance Lars Söderström and Brian O'Shea.

A nomenclature expert will be contacted when needed.

4. Format

The checklist of mosses will have a similar format as those of the Mediterranean hepatics and anthocerotes.

The checklist will include two list of names:

- The **list of accepted names** : which will have the format of a table with different symbols, depending of the age of the reports.

- Report based on collections published before 1962.
- Report based on at least one collection published during or after 1962.
- (○) Doubtful report based on collections published before 1962.
- (●) Doubtful report based on at least one collection published during or after 1962.
- + Report without precise collection data or locality.

Only in the case of species reported only once for a country or area, the reference will be given of the original cite (first paper giving a record) and omitting those who later have compiled the cite of previous authors. In the table it will be indicated with a number written in small size.

- The **list of synonyms** used in the publications related to the country or region concerned that are no longer used, with indication of the valid equivalent name.

For the authors of the synonyms, Database TROPICOS will be followed. In case of problems, authors could contact specialists.

Author abbreviations will always follow Brummit & Powell (1992).

6. Nomenclature:

-The European checklist of the European mosses of **Hill et al. (2006)** will be followed when possible.

7. Planning

The first draft should be sent to the Secretary (Rosa María Ros) by the end of **April 2008**.