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1	2011-	Hanna	University of	First Technology Management Group, Berlin.	
	03-10	Koivula,	Helsinki	Preliminary outlining of data quality services,	
		Jörgen		capable of processing zoological name lists.	
		Palmgren,			
		TMG-group			
2	2011-	Anton	BGBM	Outline of the response defined an output format	
	04-	Güntsch		in XML	
3	2011-	Tommi	University of	Adoption on JSON as the format for both	
	05-12	Koskinen	Helsinki	requests and responses. This aligned the API with	
				the botanical data quality services	
4	2011-	Tommi	University of	A mockup of the service demonstrates the use of	
	06-13	Koskinen	Helsinki	the API for zoological names.	
5	2011-	Tommi	University of	A mockup for demonstrating the use of the API	
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API and mockup for the Zoological names quality service

The first version API followed the original proposal put forward by the coordinator of the Technology Management Group. This included accepting requests of name queries as URL parameters and producing output in XML. This simulation of the API used the eu-nomen.eu web site pages as data source. Pattern matching with regular expressions was used to obtain common names from for exact matches. The address for this version is:

http://seitikka.fmnh.helsinki.fi/ns/common.php?names=canis%20lupus

 An alternative API was put forward by the representatives of Kew. During a teleconference on the 12th of May, it was proposed to align both the botanical and zoological name services APIs along this interface. This new version of the interface uses JSON for both the request and response.

The following examples are best viewed using the JSONView plugin, which is available for the Firefox and Google Chrome browsers. Internet Explorer tends to offer the response for download and in this case the parameter &indent=true can be added to the request URL to get a structured text file for download.

The following example demonstrates multiple query mode with correct request parameters. Two data sources are used: a locally installed database of Catalogue of life and eu.nomen.eu web service via SOAP interface.

The first query string "cordulegaster dorsalis" returns a match from the Catalogue of life but not from eu-nomen.eu. The second query string "cygnus cygnus" returns a match from both sources.

seitikka.fmnh.helsinki.fi/ns/?queries={"q1":{"query":"cordulegaster
dorsalis"},"q2":{"query":"cygnus cygnus"}}

In the following example, both query strings "tribolium castaneum" and "branta leucopsis" return a match from both of the sources.

seitikka.fmnh.helsinki.fi/ns/?queries={"q1":{"query":"tribolium
castaneum"},"q2":{"query":"branta leucopsis"}}

The API includes a Metadata service: when the base URL with no parameters is called, a brief description of the service is returned:

http://seitikka.fmnh.helsinki.fi/ns/





A mockup demonstrating the use of the API for zoological concepts is available at:

http://seitikka.fmnh.helsinki.fi/ns/concept-check-mockup.html