

The move comes after the South Korean biomedical company BioFusion Tech claimed in July that it had implanted a cloned human embryo into a woman, and that she was then two months pregnant. BioFusion is an affiliate of Clonaid, a US company that promotes human cloning.

## Camel joins top division of most endangered animals

**Munich** A wild Asian camel that is renowned for its extraordinary survival skills has been placed on the United Nations' (UN) list of most threatened species.

Numbers of the bactrian camel (*Camelus bactrianus serus*, which roams desert areas in China and Mongolia, are down to around 1,000, conservation experts told a meeting of

the UN Convention on Migratory Species last week in Bonn, Germany. The UN placed the species on the convention's Appendix 1 list of most endangered animals, a move that should help campaigners to raise money to protect the animals. Mongolian delegates pledged to combat camel hunting and illegal gold and oil mining, which are thought to have caused the decline in camel numbers.

"If nothing happens, the camels will become extinct within the next 25 years," says John Hare, an adviser to the convention and founder of the UK-based Wild Camel Foundation.

Other species newly listed in Appendix 1 include the great white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*) and three species of whale.

## PhD publication is key to what a Greek earns

**Athens** A contentious performance-related pay scheme for PhD students has been unveiled by the Greek Ministry of Education.

Under the plan, which is the first ever government funding for three-year university PhD placements, supervisors will be able to apply for a maximum of 80,000 euros (US\$79,000) for their students. Three-quarters of this is earmarked for publications — 7,000 euros can be earned for each of up to three publications in a peer-reviewed

journal or conference proceedings during the studentship. Two submitted, but not yet accepted, papers will be rewarded with 6,000 euros provided that the PhD is awarded. A maximum of only 10,000 euros is available for research materials.

The scheme, which makes use of European Union funding, has angered some Greek academics, who say it threatens the quality of basic research by making it a hostage to financial bargaining. They also complain that the ministry has not defined exactly what it means by a peer-reviewed publication.

## Jan Hendrik Schön

Following the conclusion of an inquiry commissioned by Bell Labs (see Opinion, page 417, and News, page 419), readers should be aware that the following *Nature* papers co-authored by Jan Hendrik Schön have been shown to include falsified data. *Nature* is in touch with the authors to arrange for formal corrections to the scientific record.

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Uncertain future: hunting has put the bactrian camel at risk of extinction within 25 years.