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**RECOMMENDATION 5.3, DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE GREAT  
CORMORANT IN THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN REGION**

*(Prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the Standing Committee)*

Summary:

This document repeals in part Recommendation 5.3, [Development of an Action Plan for the Great Cormorant in the African-Eurasian Region](#).

## RESOLUTIONS TO REPEAL IN PART

### **RECOMMENDATION 5.3, DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE GREAT CORMORANT IN THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN REGION**

1. Recommendation 5.3 calls for the preparation of an action plan for the great cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*). The action plan was prepared but it does not appear that the action called for in paragraphs 4 through 8 were completed. Those actions, such as the request to establish an advisory committee of experts drawn from the Scientific Council and with fisheries expertise, constitute Decisions.
2. If the Parties accept the advice of the Secretariat, three paragraphs of this recommendation will be repealed and the other five will become Decisions. Consequently, this Resolution would be repealed.
3. To complete the process for providing advice by the advisory committee, as originally envisaged by Recommendation 5.3, the Secretariat has added a decision that would require the Secretariat to communicate that advice to the Parties and Range States. That provision is underlined in Annex 3.
4. In deciding how to proceed, the Parties may wish to take note of AEWA Conservation Guidelines No.8, [Guidelines on reducing crop damage, damage to fisheries, bird strikes and other forms of conflict between waterbirds and human activities](#), last updated in 2005.
5. It is recommended that the Parties
  - a) Repeal Recommendation 5.3; and
  - b) Adopt the Decisions included in Annex 2.

**ANNEX 1**

DRAFT RESOLUTION

**RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION 5.3 (REV. COP12)<sup>1</sup>**

**DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE GREAT CORMORANT IN THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN REGION**

NB: Proposed new text is underlined. Text to be deleted is ~~crossed-out~~.

<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>Recalling</i> that the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (Nairobi, 1994) adopted a recommendation on the conservation of the Great Cormorant in the African-Eurasian region;	Retain if any of the operative paragraphs are retained
<i>Noting</i> that Denmark and the Netherlands declared that they were willing to take the initiative for the preparation of an action plan for the Great Cormorant;	Retain if any of the operative paragraphs are retained
<i>Considering</i> that the aim is to draw up such an action plan on the basis of the most recent scientific and other findings, incorporating measures to minimise the conflict between fisheries interests and cormorant populations, and at the same time maintaining a favourable status for the Great Cormorant as required under the Convention;	Retain if any of the operative paragraphs are retained
<i>Considering also</i> the results of the international workshop of experts in Lelystad, Netherlands, on 3 and 4 October 1996, where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a report with the most recent scientific information on the Great Cormorant was discussed;</li> <li>- the continuing increase of the breeding population of the subspecies <i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i> in some areas and its expanding geographical range were stated; and</li> <li>- management options and their effectiveness were studied; and</li> </ul>	Retain if any of the operative paragraphs are retained
<i>Considering further</i> that this problem should be examined and appropriate action coordinated at the international level;	Retain if any of the operative paragraphs are retained
<i>The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals</i>	
<del>1. Recommends that Denmark and the Netherlands to finalize their work on an action plan for the Great Cormorant, focussing initially on the subspecies <i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i> before the end of 1997;</del>	Repeal; work completed
<del>2. Proposes that the action plan shall include management guidelines inter alia to deal with possible serious damage caused by <i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i> in the fisheries sector while maintaining a favourable conservation status of the species;</del>	Repeal; work completed
<del>3. Invites Denmark and the Netherlands to take the necessary steps, involving all interested Range States, to bring together an international group of experts from the nature conservation and fisheries sectors, to complete the action plan mentioned in no. 1, taking into account the relevant national and international legislation, having regard to the</del>	Repeal; action plan has been prepared

<sup>1</sup> Previously Recommendation 5.3.

Paragraph	Comments
<del>activities of the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Wetlands International working groups;</del>	
<del>4. Proposes that the completed action plan be communicated to the Scientific Council of the Convention and be distributed to the Range States;</del>	Repeal and convert to Decision
<del>5. Recommends that for the purpose of advising on the implementation of the action plan and to facilitate coordination at the international level, an advisory committee of experts be established as a subgroup reporting to the Scientific Council of the Convention;</del>	Repeal and convert to Decision
<del>6. Recommends that the advisory committee shall include experts from the nature conservation and fisheries sectors. Every interested Range State shall be entitled to be represented by at least two such persons;</del>	Repeal and convert to Decision
<del>7. Proposes that the advisory committee, based on the framework of the action plan, which may include a range of management techniques including control, and on the reports of its implementation, shall advise inter alia on measures to prevent serious damage to fisheries; and</del>	Repeal and convert to Decision
<del>8. Proposes that each interested Range State covers the full costs of its national delegation. To ensure maximum participation in the work of the advisory committee, individual Range States may offer financial support to other national delegations.</del>	Repeal and convert to Decision

DRAFT DECISIONS

**Directed to Denmark and the Netherlands**

- 12.A Denmark and the Netherlands are requested to communicate the completed action plan for the Great Cormorant to the Secretariat.

**Directed to the Secretariat**

- 12.B ~~Proposes that the~~ The Secretariat shall communicate the completed Action Plan ~~be communicated for the Great Cormorant~~ to the Scientific Council of the Convention and ~~be distributed to the Range States.~~
- 12.C The Secretariat shall communicate to all Parties and Range States the advice provided by the advisory committee.

**Directed to the Scientific Council**

- 12.D ~~Recommends that~~ The Scientific Council shall, for the purpose of advising on the implementation of the action plan and to facilitate coordination at the international level, establish an advisory committee of experts as a subgroup reporting to the Scientific Council of the Convention. ~~Recommends that the~~ The advisory committee shall include experts from the nature conservation and fisheries sectors. Every interested Range State shall be entitled to be represented by at least two such persons;

**Directed to the Advisory Council**

- 12.E ~~Proposes that the~~ The advisory committee, based on the framework of the action plan for the Great Cormorant, which may include a range of management techniques including control, and on the reports of its implementation, shall advise, *inter alia*, on measures to prevent serious damage to fisheries.

**Directed to the Parties and Non-Parties**

- 12.F ~~Proposes that~~ Each interested Range State shall cover the full costs of its national delegation. To ensure maximum participation in the work of the advisory committee, individual Range States may offer financial support to other national delegations.