

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**ADOPTION OF THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT ACTION PLAN**  
**UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.3.3/Rev.1**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

- Recommended for adoption.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- The Working Group welcomed the proposal and recommended the adoption of the resolution by COP.
- Given the increasing number of vultures that fall victim to poisoned elephant carcasses a provision addressing the matter should be included in the Resolution on the Adoption of the African Elephant Action Plan.

**COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION**

- Page 2, para. 6  
The question was raised to the Secretariat on whether the adoption of the African Elephant Action Plan by COP would substitute the negotiation of any plans under the CMS Western African Elephant MoU. The Secretariat replied that indeed this was the vision, in an effort to channel resources into implementation of the African Elephant Action Plan rather than spend further resources on developing a plan for the MoU, which would merely duplicate what was already agreed by all African Elephant Range States.