

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**DESIGNATION OF SPECIES FOR CONCERTED ACTIONS
FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2018-2020
UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.26.2**

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- Adopt the list of species designated for Concerted Actions for the triennium 2018-2020 contained in Annex I to the document, with the addition of any of the species covered by the proposals submitted via documents 26.2.1-8 that will be approved

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The Scientific Council considered the possibility to undertake at least in part the review of species previously listed for Cooperative Actions requested by Resolution 11.13 (paras. 3 and 4 of Annex 3 to the resolution) before COP12.
- However, considering the incomplete information at its disposal on the implementation of Cooperative Actions, it eventually considered it preferable to undertake a comprehensive and consistent review during the triennium 2018-2020 on the basis of a more complete information and a set of criteria to be defined, and to transmit the outcomes of this review to COP13 for its consideration.
- The Scientific Council considers that, in order to allow proper monitoring and assessment of the implementation of Concerted Actions, it is essential that, for each species designated for Concerted Action, a specification become available of the conservation and institutional outcomes expected through the Concerted Action and the timeframes within which these outcomes should be achieved, in line with the provisions of operative paragraph 3 of Resolution 11.13. This should be considered a pre-requisite for the designation of a species for Concerted Actions by COP13 and subsequent meetings of the COP.
- The Scientific Council welcomes the Concerted Action proposal mechanism. Existing species on the list should have Concerted Action proposals developed for them by COP13. Species without such proposals by COP13, may then be considered for removal from the Concerted Action list.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- None