

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

**PROMOTING CONSERVATION OF CRITICAL INTERTIDAL AND OTHER COASTAL  
HABITATS FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES**  
**UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.4.10**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

- Recommended for adoption.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- Baer's Pochard and Ferruginous Duck should not be mentioned in Annex 1 as being significantly dependent on intertidal habitats. Indicators and mapping of intertidal wetlands should be developed in order to monitor the implementation of this resolution.
- In paragraph 6 reference could be made to ACAP as it covers some species which use coastal habitats. In general, the whole resolution could reference coastal seabirds as well as waterbirds. Coastal areas include coastal habitats such as small islets and cliffs that are important for breeding seabirds as well as the intertidal flats that are currently more in the focus of this resolution.

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

Page 2, paragraph 4

- Replace 'create' with 'secure' as the need is to secure those important areas of habitat for migratory species which still remain.

Page 3, para. 2

- Add the role of coastal wetlands in disaster risk reduction

Page 3, Operative para. 1.

- Substitute the words 'and promote the sustainable use of' by 'and ensure sustainability of use of'

Page 4, point 5

- After '...to give urgent protection ...' add 'under national and international mechanisms'
- Dugong is not listed in Appendix I, but Appendix II