

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

**CONSERVATION IMPLICATIONS OF ANIMAL CULTURE AND SOCIAL COMPLEXITY**  
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**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

- Recommended for adoption

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- The Sessional Committee noted that this document addresses important aspects for the Convention's work. It will be important, as this work area progresses, to focus on how the increasing knowledge of culture and social complexity of animals applies to the efforts to conserve them.
- The importance of continuing work as a cross-taxa initiative was emphasized.

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

- Page 15, Draft Decision paragraph 12.AA
- d) consider simply referring to the Meeting of the Sessional Committee preceding the COP.