

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

**ENERGY AND MIGRATORY SPECIES**  
**UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.4.6**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

- Consider the draft Decision.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- The Scientific Council notes the relevance of the activities reported in the document for several other activities and initiatives in the CMS family, e.g. the work on climate change and the development of an atlas on animal migration, recommends strengthening the linkages between these initiatives and encourages the progressive involvement of other instruments of the CMS Family, e.g. EUROBATS, into the work of the Energy Task Force.

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

Page 6, Draft Decision

- It is proposed to add a new draft Decision, as follows:  
***Directed to the Energy Task Force and the Scientific Council***  
12.BB The Energy Task Force, with input from the Scientific Council as appropriate, is encouraged to
  - a) investigate best practices in methods for cumulative assessment;
  - b) produce guidance based on that for assessing cumulative impacts of (renewable) energy and power line developments on migratory species, including beyond national borders;
  - c) make suggestions on improving collective understanding of such impacts;
  - d) undertake these activities in collaboration with the specialized organizations referred to in Resolution 7.2, building on the principles expressed in that Resolution;
  - e) report to COP13 on the above activities.
- The activities included in the proposed decision are in line with the agreed activity in the Energy Task Force Programme of Work for its technical working group to “analyse existing guidelines to identify gaps and needs for more technical detail; develop complementary technical notes (e.g. sensitivity mapping, thresholds, data collection and monitoring, mitigation hierarchy and powerlines)”.