

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

ACTION PLAN FOR THE EUROPEAN ROLLER
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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- Recommended for adoption.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- Hungary strongly supports the adoption of this plan and is very happy that this plan was prepared with substantial Hungarian contributions. However, some minor amendments are proposed below.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- Page 4 and 5, List of contributors
 - Ministry of Rural Development needs to be replaced by Ministry of Agriculture; Zsolt Ampovics is not working in the Ministry.
- Page 27, para. 5.2.1.1 Habitat loss, and degradation.
 - Specify what the main actions are against habitat loss and degradation, for example which agri-environmental measures will be implemented: banning pesticides or restricting their use to those that are safe for insectivorous birds; plant and/or maintain native trees, hedges and field margins; use crops that can be used as feeding habitat by Rollers (i.e. that host prey insects and are of suitable height for the foraging behaviour of Rollers, such as alfalfa).
- Page 28, para. 5.2.2.3. Illegal trapping and catching as pet.
 - Add a statement on measures in destination countries, for example strengthen control of pet trade, maintain registration system of captive-bred individuals of Rollers in order to identify (illegally) wild-caught specimens.
- Page 28, para. 5.2.2
 - Add action under the section "Trade": Evaluation of this species against criteria of CITES listing. Currently no Roller species is listed in CITES, but it is clear that demand for these species permanently exists. It must be evaluated if a possible CITES Appendix II listing can be beneficial for the European Roller, or not.