

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**REVISION OF THE TEMPLATE AND GUIDELINES FOR THE DRAFTING OF
PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE APPENDICES**
UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.2

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- Confirm the use of the revised template and guidelines for the submission of proposal to future meetings of the COP.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- Based on the experience of some of its members in assisting Parties in the drafting of proposals submitted to COP12, as well as the experience of other participants in SCC-SC2, the Scientific Council expresses an overall positive evaluation of the revised template and guidelines in terms of user-friendliness and clarity of the guidelines.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Page 6, section 3.2, 1st paragraph

- Proposed to be amended as follows (new text underlined):
Information on whether the entire or only part of the population undertakes migrations should be provided, together with why this should be considered a significant proportion of the population. Where only some parts of the population migrate, a description should be provided. Acknowledging that information gaps exist for some species, detail on the actual or estimated proportion of the species which is migratory should be provided, and the basis on which that is calculated should be stated.

The proposed insertion is in recognition of the knowledge gaps for many species in relation to what proportion of the population migrates.

Page 6, section 3.2, 2nd paragraph

- Note that this paragraph fulfills the request addressed to the Scientific Council through paragraph 6 of Resolution 11.33, to clarify the meaning of the phrase “significant proportion” in Article I, paragraph 1 (a) of the Convention text (see comments on document UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.21.1.35).

Page 9, Section 7.1 (v)

- Proposed to be amended as follows (new text underlined):
 - v. how listing in a CMS Appendix would support measures across all CMS listings and in other multilateral fora, especially those under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), or RFMOs.

The proposed insertion refers to possible benefits to species other than those proposed for listing but facing the same threats, when measures to address those threats would be implemented in response to the listing.