

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

CLIMATE CHANGE AND MIGRATORY SPECIES
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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

Adopt the consolidated resolution with the proposed revisions, and the draft decisions.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Scientific Council generally supports the proposed consolidation and amendments, with the adjustments proposed below.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

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- Some limited amendment of the paragraph is proposed below, to make the paragraph better readable.
- *Calls on Parties* to ensure that any climate change mitigation and adaptation action and land use planning has appropriate social and environmental safeguards in place at all stages. This should include Strategic Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Assessments, in line with the provisions of Resolution 7.2 on impact assessment and migratory species and Resolution 11.27 on renewable energy and migratory species. Assessments should take into account the needs of CMS-listed species, and actions should involve ~~to undertake this work with~~ multilateral development banks, the energy sector and other stakeholders;

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- The Scientific Council notes that the proposed amendment of this paragraph refers to indirect effects of climate change, referred to as tertiary effect of climate change in scientific literature. The concept is not well established yet, and the proposed redrafting aims at clarifying the type changes in human activities to which reference is made (proposed new text is underlined).
- *Requests Parties and Signatories* to the CMS instruments to assess what steps are necessary to help migratory species cope with climate change and changes in human activities as a result of climate change and of mitigating its effects, that have an impact on migratory species, and take action to give effect to the POW on Climate Change;

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- The Scientific Council notes that turning the interpretation provided in the paragraph into practice might need some further scientific advice, which could be offered by the Council in consultation with the advisory bodies of other relevant CMS instruments, as appropriate.