## ADDENDUM 1

**In-Session Version**

## SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

## (arising from ScC-SC2)

## PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE DUSKY SHARK *(Carcharhinus obscurus)*

## on Appendix II of the Convention

## UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC25.1.21

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

The Council notes that:

* Three countries have commercial fisheries for dusky sharks (USA, South Africa, and Australia)
* Data collection and capacity for species identification should be improved on an international level
* The FAO Fishstat database contains no data on landings from Australia, from the USA only up until 2003 and few data from South Africa
* Good information on migration behavior was provided; additional information could be added from (<http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/pr/species/Status%20Reviews/nwa_dusky_shark_sr_2014.pdf>)

The Council recommends that:

* Results from the US stock assessment should be included, which shows declines of 73% (http://sedarweb.org/docs/suar/Dusky\_update\_report\_2016.pdf)

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

Section 2

* The decline in fin trade might be due to the catch ban in the USA and/or different methods to assess fin trade data

Section 7.3

* The proposal would benefit from defining Concerted Actions
* The inclusion of the species in Annex 1 of the MOU would be an important 1st step to improve international cooperation; Range States are encouraged to sign the Sharks MOU

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

* The species meets all criteria for listing on Appendix II of the Convention
* The species is recommended for inclusion in Appendix II of the Convention