

**ADDENDUM 1**

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
(arising from ScC-SC6)

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT ACTION PLAN**

**UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.29.4.1**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14**

Recommended for adoption with changes.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

The Scientific Council supports the adoption of the amendments to the Resolution and the endorsement of the revised and updated African Elephant Action Plan (2023).

Noting the International Monetary Fund's report, *The Secret Work of Elephants* (Chami et al. 2020), that calculated that each forest elephant is responsible for ecosystem services worth more than US\$1.75 million, the Scientific Council recommends that innovative funding models be included in the text of the resolution.

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

- Amend Resolution 12.19 as follows:

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cooperate with the CITES Secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme to promote fundraising for the implementation of the African Elephant Action Plan as part of overall fundraising initiatives, including exploration of new and innovative funding models, such as payment for ecosystem services attributable to the role of elephants in the ecosystem;

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*Urges* African Elephant Range States to make full use of the funding opportunities provided through the African Elephant Fund, and to explore the use of new and innovative funding models, such as payment for ecosystem services attributable to the role of elephants in the ecosystem;