

RESOLUTION 5.3

INTERPRETATION OF CERTAIN TERMS OF THE CONVENTION

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Fifth Meeting (Geneva, 10-16 April 1997)

Noting that the Scientific Council reached consensus on a definition of “endangered”, which would achieve maximum compatibility with the IUCN “Categories of Threat”, whilst still keeping within the definition given in Article I, paragraph 1 (e), of the Convention text; and

Considering that the Standing Committee concluded that the Council’s recommendation regarding the term “endangered” should be submitted to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration;

*The Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Decides* to interpret the term “endangered” in Article I, paragraph 1(e), of the Convention, as meaning “facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future”; and
2. *Shall be guided*, in assessing the endangered status for the purposes of listing in Appendix I, by the findings of the 40th Meeting of the IUCN Council or by an independent assessment by the Scientific Council based on the best available data.