

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF THE STEPPE EAGLE (*Aquila nipalensis*) ON  
APPENDIX I OF THE CONVENTION  
UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.25.1.13 (a) and (b)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

- The species meets all criteria for listing on Appendix I of the Convention.
- The species is recommended for inclusion in Appendix I of the Convention.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- The Chair of the Avian Working Group noted that two similar, but separate, species listing proposals relating to the Steppe Eagle had been submitted independently by two CMS Parties – Mongolia and Saudi Arabia. Both documents were reviewed simultaneously by the Working Group.
- Both proposals were recognized as very similar in content. They were considered to be comprehensive and convincingly presented the case for the species to be listed on CMS Appendix 1.
- It was noted that the Steppe Eagle is already covered by the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of the Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors MOU).

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

- No amendments proposed.