

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE ANGELSHARK (*Squatina squatina*)
ON APPENDIX I AND II OF THE CONVENTION
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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- The species meets all criteria for inclusion in Appendices I and II of the Convention.
- The species is strongly recommended for inclusion in Appendices I and II of the Convention.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The Angleshark is considered migratory under the definition of the Convention
- The proportion of the population that migrates is considered significant, bearing in mind that we are dealing with highly depleted fragmented populations.
- In the case of Angelshark, “significant proportion” could also be defined as the low-density depleted population that occupies a large proportion of the historic range of the species. with the idea that restoration of these depleted populations is a conservation goal.
- The species was recently included in the US Endangered Species Act.