



CONSERVATION IMPLICATIONS OF ANIMAL CULTURE AND SOCIAL COMPLEXITY

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(Prepared by the Committee of the Whole)

DRAFT DECISIONS

Directed to the Expert Working Group on Culture and Social Complexity

12.AA Subject to the availability of resources, the Expert Group is requested to:

- a) develop a workplan to take this work forward, using the case studies appended to the full report contained in UNEP/CMS/COP12/Inf.14 as a basis for identifying and developing further case studies for CMS-listed species;
- b) develop a list of priority species listed on the CMS Appendices for a comprehensive investigation of culture and social structure and commence more detailed analysis as appropriate, including for example developing a list of key factors that should be taken into consideration for effective conservation;
- c) using the model developed by Whitehead and Rendell at the 2014 workshop (see UNEP/CMS/COP11/Inf.18), develop a taxonomy of culture across other taxa of relevance to CMS to assist in determining priority species for case studies;
- d) make recommendations to the Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council preceding the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, based on the evidence presented in the case studies appended to UNEP/CMS/COP12/Inf.14.

Directed to the Secretariat

12.BB The Secretariat should:

- a) subject to the availability of resources, convene a workshop to assist the Expert Working Group on Culture and Social Complexity to:
 - develop a list of key factors for identifying priority species and populations listed under CMS where social learning may influence their conservation;
 - explore the opportunities for engagement across the CMS daughter agreements.

Directed to the Scientific Council

12.CC The Scientific Council should:

- a) subject to the availability of resources, consider the outputs of the Expert Group on Culture and Social Complexity and make recommendations to the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13), based on its findings.