

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF
THE COMMON GUITARFISH (*Rhinobatos rhinobatos*) ON APPENDIX II
AND THE MEDITERRANIAN SEA POPULATION OF THE SAME TAXON
ON APPENDIX I OF THE CONVENTION
UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.25.1.24(a)**

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The Mediterranean population meets the criteria for inclusion in Appendix I of the Convention.
- More information on the migration behavior on species or wider family level would strengthen the proposal.
- It is noted that the species was included in the US Endangered Species Act in 2017.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Section 3.1

- The proposal should include the information on migration behavior as contained in UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC25.1.24b-d for the same species.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- The Mediterranean Sea population is recommended for inclusion in Appendix I of the Convention
- The global population is recommended for inclusion in Appendix II of the Convention, if additional information on the migratory behavior of the species is provided, noting that there is additional information provided in the listing proposals of Togo, Mauritania, and Senegal.