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LISTING OF CMS APPENDIX II SPECIES

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Introduction

At the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the representative of Norway stated that, with reference to the proposals of inclusion of *Phocoena phocoena* (North-West African population) and *Grampus griseus* (Mediterranean population) in Appendix II, it was unsure whether these populations met the criteria set out by the Convention because of the lack of estimates of population size and forecasts of trends.

It was therefore recommended that the Scientific Council should review the criteria for inclusion of species in Appendix II, which were regarded as relatively vague, and at the same time ensure consistency with the situation under other conventions.

Article IV, paragraph 1, of the text of the Convention sets out that:

“Appendix II shall list migratory species which have an unfavourable conservation status and which require international agreements for their conservation and management, as well as those which have a conservation status which would significantly benefit from the international cooperation that could be achieved by an international agreement.”

The CMS Scientific Council has already been given some consideration to this issue. In particular, some efforts towards the definition of criteria for listing species on the CMS Appendices were made at the 11th Meeting of the Scientific Council where the Appointed Councillor for by-catch, Dr. Baker, presented a report on the implications of the IUCN listing criteria for CMS.

The Scientific Council revised and subsequently endorsed the document to be used as guidance for species listings. It was however remarked that the IUCN categories and criteria while providing some assistance for the evaluation of proposals for inclusion of species or populations in Appendix II do not fully address the provisions of the Convention.

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Action requested:

Participants are invited to:

- a) consider relevant information documents (UNEP/CMS/ScCAP/Inf.1, UNEP/CMS/ScCAP/Inf.2, UNEP/CMS/ScCAP/Inf.3, UNEP/CMS/ScCAP/Inf.4 and UNEP/CMS/ScCAP/Inf.5) for discussion on how to take forward the definition of criteria for inclusion of species in CMS Appendix II