

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

RESOLUTIONS TO REPEAL IN PART
RESOLUTION 11.33, GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSING LISTING PROPOSALS TO
APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION
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GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

None

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

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The Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council considered the issue at its first meeting (Bonn, 2016). Discussions at the meeting pointed out to difficulties in producing an interpretation that would be applicable across all taxa covered by CMS and different circumstances that could be encountered, and the consequence need to consider each case on its own merits.

The issue was further considered in the context of the revision of the template for the submission of proposals for the amendment of CMS Appendices, that Resolution 11.33 mandated the Scientific Council and the Secretariat to undertake. In the explanatory note concerning section 3.2 "*Proportion of the population migrating, and why that is a significant proportion*" of the revised template, the following text was included:

"It is difficult to provide a guide on a numerical proportion that should be considered 'significant' due to differences in life history and ecology of the range of taxa to which the Convention applies. Bearing this in mind, a pragmatic approach should be taken. In the spirit of the Convention text, and in the light of existing listings, the species or particular population should benefit from cross-border conservation action. However, some explanation of why the proposal covers a significant proportion of the species concerned (whether a global listing or a geographically distinct population) should be provided to enable reviewers to assess whether the definition is met, as it is the migratory nature of species populations that provides the basis for international co-operation under the Convention."

The revised template for the submission of proposals for the amendment of CMS Appendices was approved by the 45th Meeting of the Standing Committee (StC45) for approval of its use for the proposals to be submitted to the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12). The template is submitted to COP12 in UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.2 for confirmation of its use for the submission of proposals also to subsequent meetings of the COP.

The Scientific Council considers the request in draft Decision 12.BB as fulfilled.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- Consider the work requested in paragraph 6 of Resolution 11.33 and converted in draft Decision 12.BB as completed
- Repeal paragraph 6 of Resolution 11.33