

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND MIGRATORY SPECIES**  
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**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

The Scientific Council generally supports the proposed consolidation and amendments, with the adjustments proposed below.

**COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION**

- Page 6, para. 2bis
- Some limited amendment of the paragraph is proposed below, to make the paragraph better readable.
  - *Calls on Parties to ensure that any climate change mitigation and adaptation action and land use planning has appropriate social and environmental safeguards in place at all stages, including Strategic Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Assessments, in line with the provisions of Resolution 7.2 on impact assessment and migratory species and Resolution 11.27 on renewable energy and migratory species, taking into account the needs of CMS-listed species, and to undertake this work with multilateral development banks, the energy sector and other stakeholders;*
  - *[it was suggested that this paragraph is too complex and hard to read. However, the Secretariat could not identify a better version until now. The para. is placed in this version of the comments to stimulate possible suggestions of redrafting during the plenary session on Thu 13]*
- Page 6, para. 3
- The Scientific Council notes that the proposed amendment of this paragraph refers to indirect effects of climate change, referred to as tertiary effect of climate change in scientific literature. The concept is not well established yet, and the proposed redrafting aims at clarifying the type changes in human activities to which reference is made (proposed new text is underlined).
  - *Requests Parties and Signatories to the CMS instruments to assess what steps are necessary to help migratory species cope with climate change and changes in human activities as a result of climate change and of mitigating its effects, that have an effect on migratory species, and take action to give effect to the POW on Climate Change;*
- Page 7, para. 9
- The Scientific Council notes that turning the interpretation provided in the paragraph into practice might need some further scientific advice, which could be offered by the Council in consultation with the advisory bodies of other relevant CMS instruments, as appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

Adopt the consolidated resolution with the proposed revisions, and the draft decisions.