

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF THE LAPPET-FACED VULTURE
(*Torgos tracheliotos*) ON APPENDIX I OF THE CONVENTION
UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.25.1.16 (a) and (b)

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The Chair of the Avian Working Group noted that two similar, but separate, species listing proposals relating to the Lappet-faced Vulture had been submitted independently by two CMS Parties – Israel and Saudi Arabia. Both documents were reviewed simultaneously by the Working Group.
- Both proposals were recognized as very similar in content. They were considered to be comprehensive and convincingly presented the case for the species to be listed on CMS Appendix 1.
- It was noted that the Lappet-faced Vulture is already covered by the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of the Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors MOU) and is included within the Draft Multi-species Action Plan on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP) – UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.4 (Rev.1) Annex 3.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- No amendments proposed.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- The Avian Working Group unanimously supported the proposals to list the Lappet-faced Vulture on CMS Appendix 1.