

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

**SPECIES LISTING PROPOSAL: CASPIAN SEAL**  
**UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.25.1.6**

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- Iran is to be congratulated for developing this proposal and drawing this issue to the attention of CMS.
- IUCN again classified the species as “endangered” in 2016. Since the population estimates are based on surveys that are already some years old, the situation could be even worse than known.
- It is necessary to propose urgent action to improve the conservation status of the species, addressing all threats identified. This could be done through a Concerted Action.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

- Recommended for listing on both Appendices