##  ADDENDUM 1

**In-Session Version**

## SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

## (arising from ScC-SC2)

## PROPOSAL FOR A CONCERTED ACTION FOR

## THE WHALE SHARK (Rhincodon typus)

## ALREADY LISTED ON APPENDIX II OF THE CONVENTION

## UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC26.2.7

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

* The development of bycatch and safe release guidelines was noted as a priority action.
* Tagging studies for post-release survival are recommended.
* As the proposal is very ambitious, individual project proposals may need to be developed for some of the actions, with a step-by-step approach.
* The proposal would benefit from specifying clear responsibilities for implementation and funding required for the different activities.
* The Sharks MOU Signatories should be invited to support the implementation of the Concerted Actions.
* Engagement with RFMOs would be required to implement some of the the proposed activities, such as work with purse seine fisheries.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

* The proposal is recommended for adoption.