

**ADDENDUM 1****SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**

(arising from ScC-SC6)

**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE EURASIAN LYNX (*Lynx Lynx*) IN APPENDIX II AND BALKAN LYNX (*Lynx Lynx Balcanicus*) IN APPENDIX I OF THE CONVENTION****UNEP/CMS/COP14/ Doc. 31.4.1****RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14**

The Scientific Council recommended the listing of the Balkan Lynx (*Lynx lynx balcanicus*) in Appendix I of the Convention. It also recommended the listing of the Balkan Lynx (*Lynx lynx balcanicus*), Carpathian Lynx (*Lynx lynx carpathicus*), Caucasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx dinniki*) and Central Asian Lynx (*Lynx lynx isabellinus*) in Appendix II of the Convention, either through the listing of the Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*) species as a whole or through the listing of the four aforementioned subspecies.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

Due to the Eurasian Lynx's (*Lynx lynx*) IUCN Red List conservation status of Least Concern, the Scientific Council is unsure as to whether the whole species should be listed in Appendix II of the Convention; more information would be required to determine whether the species has a conservation status that would benefit from international cooperation.

It was noted that Range States of the Northern Lynx (*Lynx lynx lynx*) and Siberian Lynx (*Lynx lynx wrangeli*) subspecies might have valuable advice on conservation measures for the species to share with other Range States of Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*) as part of the required international cooperation for Appendix II listings. Therefore, listing the whole species in Appendix II would be beneficial for all subspecies.

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

To further strengthen the proposal, the proponents are encouraged to add further details on:

- the migratory behaviour of the species, taking into consideration aspects of the cyclical and predictable nature of movements, as interpreted in UNEP/CMS/Resolution 13.7 *Guidelines for Preparing and Assessing Proposals for the Amendment of CMS Appendices*;
- the proportion of the global population of the species that are transboundary populations.

The proponents are also requested to consider whether they wish to amend the proposal to only focus on the listing of Balkan Lynx (*Lynx lynx balcanicus*), Carpathian Lynx (*Lynx lynx carpathicus*), Caucasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx dinniki*) and Central Asian Lynx (*Lynx lynx isabellinus*) in Appendix II, or whether they wish to further strengthen the argument for also listing the Northern Lynx (*Lynx lynx lynx*) and Siberian Lynx (*Lynx lynx wrangeli*) in Appendix II – for example, by further demonstrating how the species as a whole has “a conservation status which would benefit from international cooperation” (Article IV).

The Scientific Council recommends using Kitchener et al. (2017) as the taxonomic reference for Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*) and its subspecies, as already adopted by CITES through Resolution 12.11 (Rev. CoP19):

Kitchener A. C., Breitenmoser-Würsten CH., Eizirik E., Gentry A., Werdelin L., Wilting A., Yamaguchi N., Abramov A. V., Christiansen P., Driscoll C., Duckworth J. W., Johnson W., Luo S.-J., Meijaard E., O'donoghue P., Sanderson J., Seymour K., Bruford M., Groves C., Hoffmann M., Nowell K., Timmons Z. And Tobe S. (2017): A revised taxonomy of the Felidae. The final report of the Cat Classification Task Force of the IUCN/SSC Cat Specialist Group. *Cat News* Special Issue 11, 80 pp.