

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC6)

JOINT CITES-CMS AFRICAN CARNIVORES INITIATIVE

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the draft resolution and decisions.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

Regarding the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative and related activities, the group thanked the Secretariat and experts for their efforts and generally supported the recommendations to the COP.

In relation to the intersessional working group (IWG) on Cheetah populations of Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe established at ScC-SC5, the terrestrial working group reiterated the importance of sufficiently involving governments, experts and relevant organisations and institutions in consultations, preparation of expert reports, and other activities. The group also reiterated that while the deadlines for the IWG had been linked to UN-processes, the time given had not been sufficient to allow adequate consultation, leading to an unsatisfactory product that was then rightly criticized by governments, which could have been avoided if more time had been factored in.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

No comments were provided.