

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS
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GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- An issue was raised related to the terminology in the name of this resolution and throughout its content. While in Europe the term 'illegal killing' is preferred, in Asia the preference is for 'illegal hunting'. The suggested title is "The Prevention of Illegal Killing/Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds" together with the following explanatory footnote:

"There are regional differences in the agreed terminology, in English, for the problem of the illegal removal of birds from the wild; in Europe and the Mediterranean, the agreed term is 'illegal killing and taking' to avoid confusion with legitimate hunting practices whereas in Asia-Australasia, the agreed term is 'illegal hunting and taking' due to cultural sensitivities. Other terms are commonly used in other regions such as "illegal harvest" in the Americas.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- Page 3, point 4
It is suggested to add reference to the participation in the The Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF)/ Arctic Migratory Birds Initiative (AMBI) workshop that developed the Terms of Reference with partners that were presented to the EAAFP MOP.
- Page 5, para. 6
It is suggested to correct the avian species name "March Seedeater" to "Marsh Seedeater".
- Page 5, para. 7
In order to align to the Multi-Species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP), it is recommended to refer to "belief-based practices" instead of "traditional practices".
- Page 6, para. 4
It is proposed to amend it as follows: "The BirdLife International-led 2014/2015 review of the **scope and scale and extent** of illegal killing and taking in the Mediterranean, **the current work to extend this review to northern and central Europe and the Caucasus and to the Arabian Peninsula, Iran and Iraq and its current** development of **guidance and protocols** for monitoring the extent of such illegal activities.
- Page 6
It is suggested to add a new paragraph in order to recognize the AMBI as co-founder with EAAFP of the EAAF Task Force on illegal hunting of waterbirds and include a reference to the EAAFP MOP decision under which it was founded.

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- It is proposed in Annex 4 to include AMBI as a driver of the establishment of the Task Force under the EAAFP.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

Recommended for adoption.