

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

**THE PREVENTION OF BIRD POISONING**  
**UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.24.1.3/Rev.2**

These comments were stated by Observers. The Members of the Scientific Council Sessional Committee are kindly requested to evaluate their applicability regarding the scientific content.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- The PPWG was established under the CMS Scientific Council, which was appropriate at the time as the task was to review the scale of the problem and develop guidelines. Now that the PPWG has moved into the operational phase, it is recommended to consider giving it the same status as the Energy Task Force and Illegal Killing Task Force i.e. reporting direct to COP rather than to the Scientific Council.

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

Summary

Page 1,

- Reference to the POW of the PPWG should be made.

Background

Page 2, para. 1

- Reword the last sentence.

Page 2 para. 2

- Reword: The Working Group agreed on the five categories of poisoning with the most significant impact on migratory birds and began developing guidelines to address them.

Page 2, para. 4

- A similar para to 4 may be added for the ENEC Plan
- Include weblinks to the documents mentioned in paras 3 and 4

Page 2, para. 5

- 'proposed' should be changed to more appropriate word

Page 3, para. 8

- Delete 'in'

Page 3, para. 13

- Change to 'UNEA 3 provides an opportunity to promote the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 with its Guidelines to Prevent the Risk of Poisoning to Migratory Birds, as appropriate, and make progress towards the global phase-out of lead ammunition and fishing weights;

Annex 1: Resolution 11.15 (Rev.COP12), Preamble

Page 5, para. 5

- Change 'agricultural pesticides' to 'insecticides and rodenticides'

Page 5, last para

- Add cross reference to UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.4

Page 6, para. 4

- Reference to the relevant UNEA resolutions should be added to the preamble after the IUCN reference as following:

*Further recalling* the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) 1 Resolution 5 which "recognises the significant risks to human health and the environment arising from releases of lead and cadmium into the environment" and UNEA 2 Resolution 7 which "requests the Executive Director to cooperate with Governments, with the private sector, including industry, and with other non-governmental organizations to continue work on lead and cadmium"

Page 6, para. 5

- Reword as '*Noting* that poisoning is a problem that affects other taxa besides birds, and *highlighting* the urgent need for a global analysis of the impact of this cause of mortality for non-avian wildlife to that already undertaken for migratory birds by the PPWG;

Annex 1: Resolution 11.15 (Rev.COP12), Operational part

Page 7, para 1bis

- Move further as '2bis'.
- Rephrase 'take note' of the POW.

Page 8, para. 7bis

- Suggest add after PPWG 'on its POW including....' (i.e. to ensure added collaboration of IUCN on implementation of the POW in line with their 2016 Resolutions)

Annex 2: Draft Decisions

Page 12, para. 12.BB c)

- Change to '...to promote the implementation of the Guidelines, as appropriate, and to...'

Annex 3: Draft Terms of Reference of the Lead Task Force

Page 13, para. 2

- add date of MOP6 i.e. November 2015.

Page 14, para e)

- add 'selling' as well as manufacturing lead.

Page 14, section 4, para 1

- 'interface', instead of 'interphase'

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

The Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Conference of Parties