

ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC4)

**IMPROVING WAYS OF ADDRESSING CONNECTIVITY IN THE CONSERVATION OF
MIGRATORY SPECIES**

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP13

- Recommended for adoption

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- With regard to reviewing datasets in draft Decision 13.BB (12.92) (a) in Annex 2 on page 9, the relevance of work done by others such as the IUCN Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group should be borne in mind, and care taken not to duplicate it.

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

Page 7, Proposed Amendments to Resolution 12.26, Operative paragraph 2:

Encourages Parties and *invites* others, working with all relevant stakeholders in government authorities, local communities, the private and other sectors, to intensify efforts to address threats to the conservation status of migratory species which are manifested as threats to connectivity, including barriers to migration, anthropogenic additional mortality fragmented resources and disrupted processes, genetic isolation, population non-viability, altered behaviour patterns, shifts in range caused by climate change or depletion of food or water resources, inconsistencies in management across and beyond national jurisdictions, and other factors;

Page 7, Proposed Amendments to Resolution 12.26, Operative paragraph 4:

- *Invites* Parties, other States and relevant organizations to provide support for the long-term maintenance of large-scale databases on migratory species distributions, movements and abundance such as the European Union for Bird Ringing (EURING), Movebank, the International Waterbird Census, BirdLife International's Seabird Tracking Database, the World Database on Key Biodiversity Areas ~~and~~ the UNESCO-IOC Ocean Biogeographic Information System, and the Migratory Connectivity in the Ocean (MiCO) system and the actionable knowledge of marine migratory connectivity being aggregated there-in;

Page 9, Draft Decision 13.AA (12.91)

- Revert to the word "invited" in the chapeau (i.e. not to change it to "requested").

Page 9, Draft Decision 13.AA (12.91) (a)

- ~~Review the means by which the measures for addressing~~ address connectivity, including through international cooperation, in the conservation of migratory species set out in Decisions and Resolutions of the Conference of the Parties, making use of available guidance, as appropriate, and include connectivity in implementation of other relevant and applicable international agreements, such as in commitments, including ~~UNEP/CMS/Resolutions 12.7 on *The Role of Ecological Networks in the Conservation of Migratory Species*, 12.26 on *Improving Ways of Addressing Connectivity in the Conservation*~~

~~of Migratory Species, including National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, and include such actions in the National Report to be submitted to the 14th meeting of the Conference of Parties others can be applied more effectively through their national laws, policies and plans and through international cooperation;~~

Page 9, Draft Decision 13.AA (12.91) (b)

- “Support the ~~development~~ application of the African-Eurasian Bird Migration Atlas; the development of the proposed CMS Global Atlas of Migratory Animal Movements, as well as the further redevelopment and application of the African-Eurasian Critical Site Network tool, and development and application of the tool to cover other major flyways and the Migratory Connectivity in the Ocean (MiCO) System as contributions to the provision of a sound scientific basis for action and as contributions also to the fostering of greater public awareness concerning connectivity issues;”