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PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document summarizes proposals for the amendment of CMS Appendices submitted for consideration by the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14). The full text of all supporting statements is being made available to COP14 as separate documents.

The Conference of the Parties is expected to review the proposals for amendments to the Appendices and make decisions as regards the approval or rejection of the proposals.

Rev.1 provides information on updates to several proposals and notes the extension of the deadline for comments on proposals.

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- 1. In accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Convention, the Secretariat received proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention for consideration by the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14). The species covered by the proposals are set out in the table contained in the Annex of this document, along with the Parties proposing the amendment. Parties were advised of the proposals received through Notification 2023/015 of 16 June 2023.
- 2. The proposals for amendment referred to above are accompanied by supporting statements based on the format agreed by COP12 (2017) and contained in Annex 2 to Resolution 13.7 Guidelines for Preparing and Assessing Proposals for the Amendment of CMS Appendices. The supporting statements are made available to COP14 as separate documents (UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.31.4.xx). All proposals are provided in the three working languages of the Conference of the Parties.
- 3. In accordance with Article XI, paragraph 3 of the Convention, and through Notification 2023/015, Parties were invited to communicate any comments on the proposals to the Secretariat by 24 August 2023. Given the usefulness of consultations after a listing proposal has been submitted as reaffirmed by the 52nd meeting of the Standing Committee (StC52, 2021) and the postponement of CMS COP14 (12–17 February 2024), this deadline was extended to 14 December 2023, per Notification 2023/019. All comments received by that deadline will be compiled by the Secretariat as an addendum to this document.
- 4. Pursuant to paragraph 12 of Resolution 13.7, the Secretariat will consult other relevant intergovernmental bodies, including RFMOs, having a function in relation to any species subject to a proposal for amendment of the Appendices. Comments originating from these consultations and received by 14 December 2023 will also be compiled by the Secretariat as an addendum to this document.
- 5. Details on the handling of comments and amendment of proposals can be found in Annex 1 to the Report of the 48th Meeting of the Standing Committee (Bonn, 23-24 October 2018).
- 6. All the proposals were examined by the 6th meeting of the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council (Bonn, 18-21 July 2023), which assessed them from a scientific and technical standpoint and provided advice to the Conference of the Parties. The Scientific Council's comments are available as addenda to the proposals on the CMS website.
- 7. Three documents containing proposals to list species in CMS Appendices have been revised by the proponents to address the observations of the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council, and one document was revised to correct a geographical nomenclature. These documents are marked as revised, which is also shown in the Annex to this document.

Recommended actions

- 8. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a) review the proposals for amendments to the Appendices;
 - b) make decisions regarding the approval or rejection of each of the proposals.

ANNEX

SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

Submitted by

Albania	(ALB)
Argentina	(ARG)
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	(BOL)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	(BIH)
Brazil	(BRA)
Chile	(CHL)
Ecuador	(ECU)
European Union and its Member States	(EU)
Israel	(ISR)
Kazakhstan	(KAZ)
North Macedonia	(MKD)
Panama	(PAN)
Paraguay	(PRY)
Peru	(PER)
South Africa	(ZAF)
Uruguay	(URY)
Uzbekistan	(UZB)

Doc. No.	Scientific name	Annotations	Common name	Proposed amendment	Proponent Party/Parties
	MAMMALIA				
31.4.1/Rev.1	Lynx lynx		Eurasian Lynx	Inclusion in Appendix II	MKD, ALB, BIH, UZB
31.4.1/Rev.1	Lynx lynx balcanicus	Subspecies not recognized by the current CMS taxonomy and nomenclature reference for terrestrial mammals	Balkan lynx	Inclusion in Appendix I	MKD, ALB, BIH, UZB
31.4.2/Rev.1	Felis manul		Pallas's Cat	Inclusion in Appendix II	KAZ, UZB
31.4.3	Lama guanicoe	Considered a subspecies of Lama glama (L. g. guanicoe) by the current CMS taxonomy and nomenclature reference for terrestrial mammals	Guanaco	Inclusion in Appendix II	BOL, CHL, PRY, PER
31.4.4	Tursiops truncatus gephyreus	Subspecies not recognized by the current CMS taxonomy and nomenclature reference for marine mammals	Lahille's Bottlenose Dolphin	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	ARG, BRA, URY
31.4.5	Phocoena phocoena	Baltic Proper population	Harbour Porpoise	Inclusion in Appendix I	EU
	AVES				
31.4.6	Pelecanus thagus		Peruvian Pelican	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	CHL, ECU, PAN, PER
31.4.7/Rev.1	Pluvianellus socialis		Magellanic Plover	Inclusion in Appendix I	CHL, ARG
31.4.8	Gypaetus barbatus meridionalis	Southern African population	Bearded Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I	ZAF
	PISCES				
31.4.9/Rev.1	Carcharias taurus		Sand Tiger Shark	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	BRA, PAN
31.4.10	Glaucostegus cemiculus		Blackchin Guitarfish	Inclusion in Appendix II	ISR
31.4.10	Glaucostegus cemiculus	Mediterranean Sea population	Blackchin Guitarfish	Inclusion in Appendix I	ISR
31.4.11	Aetomylaeus bovinus		Bull Ray	Inclusion in Appendix II	ISR

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31.4.11	Aetomylaeus bovinus	Mediterranean Sea population	Bull Ray	Inclusion in Appendix I	ISR
31.4.12	Rhinoptera marginata		Lusitanian Cownose Ray	Inclusion in Appendix II	ISR
31.4.12	Rhinoptera marginata	Mediterranean Sea population	Lusitanian Cownose Ray	Inclusion in Appendix I	ISR
31.4.13	Brachyplatystoma rousseauxii		Guilded Catfish	Inclusion in Appendix II	BRA, PAN
31.4.14	Brachyplatystoma vaillantii		Laulao Catfish	Inclusion in Appendix II	BRA, PAN