

Resolution 2.3

SMALL CETACEANS

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.

Recalling resolution 1.7 on small cetaceans

Noting the Report of the Working Group on Small Cetaceans established in accordance with that resolution¹, especially annex II thereof and its recurring references to pollution, accidental and deliberate catches, habitat changes and depletion of food supplies,

Further noting the Report of the Chairman on the first meeting of the Scientific Council², especially paragraph 16 thereof which stresses the need to look at the conservation of migratory small cetacean species globally,

Noting finally the summary Report of Committee I³, especially paragraph 6 thereof, which notes that the function of the Working Group will be continued under the auspices of the Scientific Council and emphasizes the need to consider further the species listed in the aforementioned Annex II as Appendix II and AGREEMENT candidates,

1. Directs the Scientific Council to give priority to a global review of the conservation status of small cetaceans, including fresh water species, with a view to establishing the case for Parties to prepare proposals for additions to Appendix II of the Convention to be considered at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

2. Instructs the Secretariat and the Standing Committee to take appropriate measures to envisage and facilitate AGREEMENTs between Range States for species identified by the Scientific Council.

¹ CMS/Conf. 2.12.3.

² CMS/Conf.2.12.2/Annex.

³ CMS/Conf.2/L.7, reproduced as Chapter III of the Proceedings.