

Resolution 3.4

FUNDING AND ROLE OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

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

Recalling that, pursuant to Article VIII of the Convention, the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, through Resolution 1.4, established a Scientific Council and directed the Council to address a number of questions,

Noting with appreciation that the Council has now responded to the Conference of the Parties on those questions,

Bearing in mind that Article VIII, paragraph 5, of the Convention provides that the functions of the Scientific Council may include recommending research and the co-ordination of research on migratory species and evaluating the results of such research,

Aware that since 1985 funding has been included in the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties to cover travel expenses for travel undertaken by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on behalf of the Conference of the Parties or on behalf of the Secretariat,

Further aware that in 1985 the Conference of the Parties directed the Secretariat to provide for payment of travel costs for representatives from least developed countries and in 1988 for representatives from developing countries to attend meetings of the Standing Committee,

1. Agrees that Scientific Councillors appointed by the Conference of the Parties shall be entitled to be observers at meetings of the Conference of the Parties;
2. Determines the following guidelines for the funding of the Council:
 - (a) the expenses of the members appointed by the Conference of the Parties in relation to attendance at meetings of the Council and its working groups must be met from the Convention budget as a high priority;
 - (b) Parties are expected to finance the expenses of their own nominees, except in case of
 - (i) the Chairman, in relation to travel expenses for travel undertaken as requested by the Conference of the Parties, the Scientific Council, or the Secretariat; and
 - (ii) members from developing countries, in relation to travel expenses for travel to meetings of the Scientific Council and, in particular, relevant working groups

when, on request, such expenses must be met as far as possible from the Convention budget.

3. Directs the Scientific Council:
 - (a) to recommend specific conservation measures for species listed in Appendix I, in order to enhance implementation of Convention Article III, paragraph 4;

- (b) to recommend conservation and management measures to be included in AGREEMENTs for species listed in or recommended for listing in Appendix II;
- (c) in preparing recommendations with regard to subparagraph (b) above, to give priority in the first instance to sirenians, albatrosses and to migratory land-based mammals in the Sahelo-Saharan region, the Arabian peninsula and southern Asia;
- (d) to keep under review, as the necessity arises, the existing list of species in the Appendices;
- (e) to provide advice on further species to be added to the Appendices, giving particular attention to neotropical species;
- (f) to identify and recommend any areas of research required to ascertain the conservation status of migratory species which are listed in the Appendices or are candidates for such listing;
- (g) to undertake a preliminary review, with case studies, of the impact of artificial barriers to migration.