

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

**DESIGNATION OF SPECIES FOR CONCERTED ACTIONS**  
**FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2018-2020**  
**UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.26.2**

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- The Council lacks the capacity to review all species of fish that are currently listed for Concerted Actions.
- No species of fish should be recommended for deletion from the list at this moment to provide Parties and relevant entities the opportunity to develop and/or undertake activities for these species until COP13.
- The conservation status of sturgeons has worsened since their inclusion on the list of Concerted Action species in 1999 and would hence deserve the development of proposal for concerted actions.
- It should be considered to approach relevant organizations and/or Parties to develop a concerted actions proposal for species of sturgeons currently included on the list.
- CMS should consider cooperating with CITES on the implementation of their conservation activities guided by Resolution 12.7 (RevCOP17) of CITES.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

- With regards to species of fish, adopt the list of species designated for Concerted Actions for the triennium 2018-2020 contained in Annex I.
- It is strongly suggested that the Secretariat works with Parties to develop proposals for Concerted Actions for sturgeons for submission to COP13.