**CONSERVATION MEASURES RELEVANT FOR CMS-LISTED SPECIES EVIDENT FROM THE IDENTIFICATION OF IMPORTANT MARINE MAMMAL AREAS (IMMAS)**

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DRAFT DECISIONS

**IMPORTANT MARINE MAMMAL AREAS (IMMAS)**

***Directed to Parties***

13.AA Parties are requested to make use, as appropriate, of the identified Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) posted on the website of the IUCN Joint SSC/WCPA Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force ([www.marinemammalhabitat.org](http://www.marinemammalhabitat.org)) when identifiying habitat at risk or designing threat mitgation measures, and when designating marine protected areas, for marine spatial planning purposes, for CMS-listed pinnipeds, sirenians, otters, polar bears and cetaceans.

***Directed to Parties that are Range States to the Dugong***

13.BB Parties that are Range States to the Dugong are requested to consider, including consulting the Dugong MOU, whether their regional population of the species merits inclusion on Appendix I of CMS.

***Directed to the Scientific Council***

13.CC The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources:

1. upon request, support Parties to make use of the identified Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) posted on the website of the IUCN Joint SSC/WCPA Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force ([www.marinemammalhabitat.org](http://www.marinemammalhabitat.org)) when identifying habitat at risk or designing threat mitgation measures for CMS-listed pinnipeds, sirenians, otters, polar bears and cetaceans;

b) collaborate with the IUCN Joint Species Survival Commission/World Commission on Protected Areas (SSC/WCPA) Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force to include data on CMS-listed pinnipeds, sirenians, otters, polar bears and cetaceans in the identification of Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs);

1. provide advice to Parties on request on the scientific merits of including regional populations of *Dugong dugon* on Appendix I of CMS.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

13.DD The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources,

a) transfer information on newly identified IMMAs received from the IUCN Joint SSC/WCPA Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force to the Scientific Council and to the Parties and invite contributions from Parties and Range States;

1. support the engagement of national support for a new decade of scientific research about the habitats of marine mammals and other migratory species on the high seas;
2. continue to engage in the negotiation process for and implementation of the BBNJ treaty, with a view to its relevance for marine mammals as well as other migratory

marine species.