**MARINE WILDLIFE WATCHING**

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DRAFT DECISIONS

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***Directed to Parties***

13.AA Parties are requested to:

1. provide the Secretariat with copies of the relevant documents for any measures as described in paragraph 1 of UNEP/CMS/Resolution 12.16 on Recreational In-Water Interaction with Aquatic Mammals that they have adopted regarding recreational in-water interactions with aquatic mammals or other CMS-listed species, attached to the national report;

b) provide the Secretariat with copies of the relevant documents for any measures that they have adopted as described in paragraph 1 of UNEP/CMS/Resolution 11.29 (Rev.COP12) on Sustainable Boat-Based Marine Wildlife Watching, attached to the national report;

c) provide the Secretariat with country profiles for countries not already covered, or for suggestions for case studies for inclusion in the joint IWC-CMS Whale Watching Handbook.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

13.BB The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of resources:

1. support the Scientific Council in the development of the Guidelines on recreational in-water interactions.

***Directed to the Scientific Council***

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

1. utilize the review of existing guidelines undertaken in partial fulfillment of Decision 12.51b[[1]](#footnote-1) and presented to COP13, develop guidelines, including a recommended code of conduct for operators on recreational in-water interactions with CMS-listed species;
2. consult with the Secretariats and Advisory Committees, where appropriate, of the CMS MOUs dealing with aquatic species, in the development of these guidelines;

1. consult with the IWC Scientific Committee in the development of these guidelines and, if practical, consider agreeing a joint product, at least with respect to cetaceans;
2. present the guidelines and recommended code of conduct for operators concerning recreational in-water interaction to the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for formal consideration.

1. UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.26.2.5/Annex 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)