

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF THE GIRAFFE (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) ON
APPENDIX II OF THE CONVENTION
UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.10**

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The proposal is recommended for adoption at COP12.
- However, it would benefit from stating more explicitly the migratory nature of giraffes, historically as well as today (see below).

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- Page 4 para 3.1
The following sentence should be added at the end:
"With accelerating climate change, giraffes may be required to increasingly move long distances and across national boundaries in order to access suitable habitat."
- Page 12, para. 7.2 (Potential risks of the amendment)
The sentence included under the second bullet needs clarification, it is currently unclear what is meant and how this constitutes a potential risk. The proponent is asked to provide clarification about this sentence.
- Page 4, para. 3.2
The following sentence should be added:
"Of the nine giraffe subspecies all but two (*G.c. rothschildi*, *G.c. thornicrofti*) currently have transboundary populations. For the two remaining, their historic range previously encompassed more than one range state."

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- The proposal is recommended for adoption at the COP.