## ADDENDUM 1

**In-Session Version**

## SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

## (arising from ScC-SC2)

## PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE WHALE SHARK (*Rhincodon typus*)

## on Appendix I of the Convention

## UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.25.1.20.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

* The information in the proposal is scientifically accurate
* The whale shark meets the criteria for inclusion in Appendix I of the Convention

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

Section 4.2

Additional information

* Population declines can be observed in all aggregation sites (except near Jeddah in Saudi Arabia)
* Declines in the Atlantic cannot be explained and observational data must be handled carefully

Section 7.3

* The proposal is significantly strengthened by the proposed concerted actions

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

* The species meets all criteria for listing in Appendix I of the Convention
* The species is strongly recommended for inclusion in Appendix I of the Convention