

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF THE LEOPARD (*Panthera pardus*) ON
APPENDIX II OF THE CONVENTION
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GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The Terrestrial Working Group regards the leopard as fulfilling the listing criteria of the Convention.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- Page 3, Figure 1
 - *P. p. nimr* (yellow) should be replaced by *P.p. saxicolor*.
- Page 4 (Life cycles) and Page 17 (Threats connected especially with migrations)
 - Dispersal is crucial for the viability of a leopard population. Just like for other large carnivores, leopard requires huge areas to maintain population viability.
- Pages 11 and 15
 - The proponent is asked to consider using terminology such as “unsustainable hunting” instead of “over-hunting” and “heavy hunting pressure”.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- Recommended for adoption.