

ADDENDUM 1
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SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC4)

POWER LINES AND MIGRATORY BIRDS
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ScC-SC4 Agenda Item 10.4.2.2

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP13

Endorse

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- ScC-SC4 welcomed an initiative announced by the United Arab Emirates in the following statement made at the 'Summit for the Flyways' held in Abu Dhabi in 2018:

"The UAE believes electrocution of raptors is a conservation priority that requires an international response. Thus, Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed has launched the Raptor Conservation Foundation that have committed an initial \$1m of seed funding to electrocution projects to tackle the major issue of the electrocution of raptors by power lines".

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Page 5, para. 1

- Last line – delete '~~new~~' and replace with 'large scale'

Page 5, – insert new paragraph at bottom of page (above 'Acknowledging')

- Also noting with satisfaction that the publicly accessible sensitivity mapping tool pioneered by the Migratory Soaring Birds project to support planning of energy infrastructure in the Rift Valley-Red Sea flyway has been extended to cover North Africa, southern Europe and the Middle East.

Page 7, para. 2.8 – revise by inserting new text, as follows

- Review the adequacy of existing national safeguard measures in regard to protecting migratory birds and enact appropriate legislation, and put in place licensing and permitting procedures, that integrate biodiversity and migratory bird considerations into infrastructural design, planning and deployment and mitigation of the impact of powerlines, and include clear procedures to address cases of noncompliance;