

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS**  
**UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.24.1.1**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

- Adopt the consolidated resolution.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- The Council acknowledges the inconsistency in the terminology related to the illegal killing of birds around the world. In Europe the term 'illegal killing' is preferred, in Asia the preference is for 'illegal hunting' whereas "illegal harvest" is the commonly used term in the Americas. Therefore, there is a need to change the title of the resolution to "The Prevention of Illegal Killing/Hunting, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds" and include the following explanatory footnote in its preamble:

"There are regional differences in the agreed terminology, in English, for the problem of the illegal removal of birds from the wild; in Europe and the Mediterranean, the agreed term is 'illegal killing and taking' to avoid confusion with legitimate hunting practices whereas in Asia-Australasia, the agreed term is 'illegal hunting and taking' due to cultural sensitivities."

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

- Page 2, point 4 and Page 6, para. 2  
Add reference to the participation in the The Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) / Arctic Migratory Birds Initiative (AMBI) workshop that developed the Terms of Reference with partners that were presented to the EAAFP MOP.
- Page 4, para. 6  
Correct the avian species name "March Seedeater" to "Marsh Seedeater".
- Page 5, para. 7  
In order to align to the Multi-Species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP), refer to "belief-based practices" instead of "traditional practices".
- Page 5, para. 4  
Amend as follows: "The BirdLife International-led 2014/2015 review of the scope and scale of illegal killing and taking in the Mediterranean, the current work to extend this review to northern and central Europe, the Caucasus and to the Arabian Peninsula, Iran and Iraq and its development of guidance and protocols for monitoring the extent of such illegal activities".
- Page 6  
Add a new paragraph in order to recognize the AMBI as co-founder with EAAFP of the EAAF Task Force on illegal hunting of waterbirds and include a reference to the EAAFP MOP decision under which it was founded.
- Page 11  
Include in Annex 4, AMBI as a driver of the establishment of the Task Force under the EAAFP.