

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
(arising from ScC-SC6)**PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS**

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*(ScC-SC6 Agenda Item 10.1)***RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14**

The ScC-SC6 recommends to the COP to adopt the draft resolution and decisions including the text changes proposed below.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

The document was generally found favourable. It was noted that paragraphs mentioning the EU Birds Directive might be changed in future, to reflect the new Directive. It was also noted that the Roadmap towards eliminating illegal killing, trapping and trade of birds (12/2012) developed in relation to Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and Council on the Conservation of Wild Birds was discontinued, which might be proposed to be reflected in the document emanating from COP14. The geographical coverage of the MIKT and the envisaged South-West Asia Task Force, and opportunities for exchange of experiences with each other as well as other initiatives, as appropriate, were discussed. The need to strengthen awareness and cooperation with the relevant agencies about wildlife trafficking and to monitor the trade of specimens of non-CITES listed species was also reflected on.

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

Regarding Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP13) contained in Annex 1, the group proposed the following text for two new operative paragraphs following paragraph 3 (page 15) starting with "*Calls on* Parties, non-Parties and other stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, to engage in immediate cooperation (...):

"Calls on the Scientific Council in collaboration with the existing CMS initiatives to tackle illegal killing, taking and trade to work with relevant stakeholders to collate data on the occurrence of cross-border illegal killing, as well as build capacity, including among CMS Parties and non-Parties, and promote the implementation of best practice guidance for hunting tourism companies;

Encourages Parties and non-Parties in collaboration with relevant frameworks and stakeholders, where concerns regarding cross-border illegal killing exist, to collaborate under the framework of CMS regarding information-sharing on reported incidents and piloting solutions."

The group proposed to edit the introductory paragraph of Decision 14.DD contained in Annex 2 (page 17f) as follows:

“The Scientific Council shall, in cooperation with the Secretariats relevant bodies of other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, contribute as appropriate to a global situation analysis on production, sale, use and regulation of the use of mist nets and other sorts of nets used for bird trapping, which may include: (...)”