

ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC6)

**PROPOSAL FOR A CONCERTED ACTION FOR THE
OCEANIC WHITETIP SHARK (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)
ALREADY LISTED IN APPENDIX I OF THE CONVENTION**

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(ScC-SC6 Agenda Item 14.3.6)

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14

- ScC-SC6 did not recommended adoption and suggested including the activities in Draft Decisions.
- ScC-SC6 further recommended developing a new proposal for Concerted Action for submission to COP15 including activities to fill important knowledge gaps.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- ScC-SC6 agreed that given the legal nature of the proposed activities, these should be more appropriately reflected in Draft Decisions and should be implemented in the context of the CMS Legislation Programme. The proponent was encouraged to prepare such draft Decisions for COP14.
- ScC-SC6 ~~recommended~~proposed the following wording for the draft Decisions, for the consideration by the proponent:

Directed to Parties

14.AA Parties are requested to provide to the CMS Secretariat information on their domestic and regional management measures for the oceanic whitetip shark – clarifying how they meet the objectives of the CMS Appendix I listing by [date].

Directed to the Secretariat

14.BB The Secretariat is requested to

a) issue a notification by [date] to seek information from Parties in fulfilment of Decision 14.AA;

b) collate the information provided by Parties in response to Decision 14.AA, and to transmit this information to the Standing Committee for review in advance of it's xxth meeting.

Directed to the Standing Committee

14.CC The Standing Committee is requested to review the compilation of information provided by the Secretariat in fulfilment of Decision 14.BB, and to both report progress, and make recommendations for further action, to the Convention of the Parties at its 15th meeting.

- It was further noted that reporting on the implementation of obligation related to Appendix I listings should be part of National Reports.
- It was recommended that research activities to fill important knowledge gaps should be included in a new Concerted Action proposal for submission to COP15. Such gaps would i.a. include genetics, movement patterns, and critical habitat.
- It was noted with concern that the once highly abundant species is now Critically Endangered and that despite actions made by Regional Fisheries Management Organizations to adopt strict management measures, the species is still subject to IUU fishing and trade .

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

No comments.