

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

JOINT CMS-CITES AFRICAN CARNIVORES INITIATIVE
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GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The Working Group welcomed the initiative and recommended its adoption by COP.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- The question of whether the negotiation and adoption of an Agreement was envisaged was raised. The Secretariat explained its experience with existing agreements and MoUs, which incurred extensive organizational costs. Resources would more efficiently be used to implement agreed conservation measures. Hence the Initiative would likely be better used as a tool to bring coherence to the work on carnivores and raise the profile of each individual measure by bringing them under one umbrella.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- Recommended for adoption.