

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF THE CHIMPANZEE (*Pan troglodytes*) ON
APPENDIX I AND II OF THE CONVENTION
UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.1.1**

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The Working Group considered the proposal and agreed that it satisfies the listing criteria of the Convention, following the conclusion of the Chair that the proposal is being submitted at a time when the species requires urgent protection.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Page 3, para.3 (Migrations)

- In response to a question raised by the Scientific Councilor of the UK on the cyclical and predictable nature of the species' migration patterns, as well as the on the significant proportion requirement, the participant speaking on behalf of the proponents replied that all chimpanzee populations except for that of Tanzania were transboundary. Although little research had been done that could be used to quantify proportions of individuals crossing, anecdotal evidence exists about the DRC – Angola as well as the Burkina Faso – Central African Republic populations where species frequently cross the international borders in search of food.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- Recommended for adoption.