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DRAFT DECISIONS

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***Directed to Parties***

14.AA Parties that are Range States to the species are requested to consider the possibility of proposing for listing the East African and New Caledonia Dugong populations, which have been listed as Critically Endangered or Endangered in the IUCN Red List, on Appendix I of CMS.

14.BB Parties are requested to support the Secretariat in securing the external expertise required to develop draft reviews of conservation status and threats to CMS-listed aquatic mammal species and recommendations for the consideration of the Scientific Council as foreseen in Decision 14.CC.

***Directed to non-governmental organizations***

14.CC Non-governmental organizations are encouraged to provide in-kind and technical support to the development of draft reviews of conservation status and threats to CMS-listed aquatic mammal species and recommendations.

***Directed to the Scientific Council through its Aquatic Mammals Working Group***

14.DD The Scientific Council through its Aquatic Mammals Working Group is requested to, subject to the availability of resources:

1. review the regional threats for the CMS-listed aquatic mammals other than cetaceans, with priority given to species or populations not currently covered by CMS agreements and/or with a less favourable conservation status;
2. based on this assessment of threats and regional priorities, prepare detailed recommendations for these other aquatic mammal species for consideration by the Scientific Council;
3. assess whether any additional sirenian, pinniped or otter species might meet the criteria for listing on the CMS Appendices I or II and might benefit from being so listed.

***Directed to the Scientific Council***

14.EE The Scientific Council ~~i~~s requested to review the assessments of regional threats and resulting recommendations developed by the Aquatic Mammals Working Group and provide recommendations to COP15.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

14.FF The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources, facilitate the development of draft reviews of conservation status and threats to CMS-listed aquatic mammal species and recommendations for the consideration of the Scientific Council as foreseen in Decision 14.CC.