

ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC4)

AFRICAN CARNIVORES INITIATIVE

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP13

- Recommended for adoption.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The Scientific Council expressed strong support for the Initiative. In order to avoid duplication and to pool resources, the Programme of Work to be developed by the Secretariats of CMS and CITES should ensure the complementary role of both Conventions and clearly allocate responsibilities. The success of the Initiative would also be dependent on benefits arising from the conservation activities for local communities living with the carnivores.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Draft Resolution Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative

Page 16, para. OP 1:

- “Recognizes the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative as a framework to build more coherence in the work that CMS and CITES, in cooperation with IUCN, CMS partner organizations and other stakeholders as appropriate, are devoting to the African Wild Dog (*Lycaon pictus*), Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and Lion (*Panthera leo*);”

Page 17, para. OP 4 (a):

- “developing and implementing conservation strategies for each of the four African carnivore species, which address all threats to their survival;”

Page 17, para. OP 4:

Insert paragraph (h): “taking steps to eliminate the poisoning of African carnivores;”

Draft Decision Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative

Page 18, para. 13.AA (b)

- “in close cooperation with the Secretariat of CITES and IUCN, develop a draft Joint Programme of Work (POW) for the African Carnivores Initiative, taking into account the decisions adopted by CMS COP13 on the African Wild Dog, Cheetah, Leopard and Lion, the outcomes of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, as well as the recommendations emanating from the First Meeting of Range States to the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative (AC11) and taking into consideration all threats to African carnivores that threaten their survival;”

Draft Decision Conservation and Management of the African Lion (*Panthera leo*)

Page 19, para. 13.BB

- Replace “shall” with “is requested to”.

Draft Decision Conservation and Management of the Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) and African Wild Dog (*Lycaon pictus*)

Page 20, para. 13.AA (a) (ii)

- “develop and implement strategies to reinforce international cooperation on the management of Cheetahs and African Wild Dogs that address all threats to their survival, including illegal take and ensure effective information exchange between Range States, transit and destination countries, and discuss with the Secretariat of CITES to include this in the Programme of Work of the African Carnivores Initiative and the terms of reference of the CITES Big Cats Task Force;”

Page 20, para. 13.AA (a) (iii)

- “support capacity-building and skill transfer as relevant to Cheetah and African Wild Dog conservation and management, with an emphasis on developing the capacity of the local wildlife and enforcement authorities in this regard;”

Page 20, para. 13.AA (a) (iv)

- “support the development of relevant databases, which include information on populations across their range, sightings, livestock depredation, killing and illegal trade, within Cheetah and African Wild Dog Range States, transit and destination countries, taking due consideration of existing inventories collated by the relevant IUCN/Specialist Groups and the Zoological Society of London/Wildlife Conservation Society, and other organizations;”

Page 20, para. 13.AA (b)

- “encourage those Cheetah and African Wild Dog Range States, transit and destination countries that are not yet Parties to the Convention to become Parties to the Convention;”

Page 20, add para.

- “13.AA (c) Report to the CMS Standing Committee, as required.”

Page 21, para. 13.BB (f)

- “ensure that legislation that protects Cheetahs and African Wild Dogs is in place and effectively enforced and that penalties for transgression are sufficiently high to act as a deterrent;

Page 21, 13.BB (j)

- investigate opportunities to ensure that Cheetah and African Wild Dog conservation are integrated into relevant educational curricula at national and subnational levels, including schools, universities and professional training colleges and other public outreach efforts;”

Page 21, add para.

- “13.BB (l) Assist the Secretariat to present a summary report to the Standing Committee as required”

Page 21, para. 13.CC

- “The Scientific Council should, after consultation with the respective Range States affected, make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties concerning possible amendments to the list of Cheetah populations presently excluded from CMS Appendix I to reflect the current conservation status and inform a Decision by the Conference of the Parties at its 14th meeting.”

Page 21, para. 13.DD

- “Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to support the Cheetah and African Wild Dog Range States, and as appropriate, transit and destination countries and the Secretariat in their efforts to conserve and restore these species across their range; and in implementing the Decisions contained in Decision 13.AA, paragraph (a), sub-paragraphs i.-v. and Decision 13.BB paragraphs (b) – (k).”