**MARINE TURTLES**

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DRAFT DECISIONS

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***Directed to Parties***

14.AA Parties are encouraged to provide funding to the Secretariat to secure the external expertise required to develop a draft review and recommendations for the consideration of the Scientific Council as foreseen in Decision 14.BB.

***Directed to the Scientific Council***

14.BB The Scientific Council is requested to, subject to the availability of external resources:

1. review, as far as feasible in collaboration with the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU) and the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles, relevant scientific information on conservation and threats to marine turtles in a region- and species-specific context, including their vulnerability to climate change, the threats of plastic pollution and light pollution on post-hatchlings, and the identification of habitats resilient to climate change as these habitats may require increased conservation effort over time; and
2. based on this review, develop new recommendations for the conservation of all species of marine turtle included in Appendix I or II of the Convention including on the preservation of the current nesting beaches and the identification of new nesting beaches, and collate current and innovative management options to mitigate the effects of climate change on nesting beaches, such as beach cooling and beach restoration projects, for presentation at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

14.CC The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources:

1. facilitate the review to be undertaken by the Scientific Council by securing necessary funding and external expertise to develop drafts for review by the Scientific Council; and
2. report to the Scientific Council at the 7th meeting of its Sessional Committee on the progress in implementing this decision.