**EFFECTS OF MARINE POLLUTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES**

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DRAFT DECISIONS

**MARINE POLLUTION**

***Directed to Parties***

14.AA Parties are requested to:

1. When developing conservation plans for migratory marine species, integrate the need to address the threat of marine pollution, by
   1. considering pollution-induced threats to the survival, health and welfare of the taxa concerned, including sub-lethal effects on behaviour, health and reproduction;
   2. describing and publicizing the threats to affected populations, species and their habitats; and
   3. developing actions to address threats taking account of feeding, breeding and migratory grounds;
2. Identify habitats and populations affected by chronic pollution threats, for example from legacy pollutants, and identify actions to mitigate such threats;
3. Set up rapid-response systems to effectively deal with acute pollution problems, such as a chemical, oil or plastic pellet spills;
4. Report to the Conference of Parties at its 15th meeting on the progress in implementing the Decision.

***Directed to the Scientific Council***

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

1. identify priority forms of pollution affecting CMS-listed marine species, avoiding overlap with Decisions 14.XX on Marine Noise and Decisions 14.XX on Light Pollution, and develop a review of these threats, including cumulative impacts, and identify localities where marine pollution and migratory marine species significantly intersect;
2. seek to collaborate with relevant daughter Agreements, IWC, IMMA process for marine mammals, ISRA process for sharks and rays, and other fora where similar initiatives are being investigated;
3. with regard to plastic pollution as outlined in 14.BB a), carry out the work in conjunction with implementing Decision 14.XX on Plastic Pollution;
4. hold an expert workshop to identify priority species, populations and habitats for immediate action, based on findings of the review, and develop recommendations for consideration by ScC-SC8;
5. in support of the workshop outlined in 14.BB d), establish a steering group of appropriate experts to guide the focus, agenda and other modalities of the workshop.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

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

1. Support the Scientific Council in developing the review convening the associated workshop and establishing the steering group foreseen in Decision 14.BB;
2. Seek enhanced cooperation and coordination with other UN bodies and multilateral environmental agreements, including the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) and the international treaty to end plastic pollution currently being negotiated.