

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN VULTURES
UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.24.1.4/Rev.1

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- Resolution recommended for adoption.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

Councillors congratulated the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU, and all partners and stakeholders involved, on the development of a comprehensive Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vulture (Vulture MsAP).

It was suggested that the Vulture MsAP could be considered as a model for future action planning, not least because by brigading species together represents a potentially efficient and effective way in which to develop conservation action plans for groups of species with key similarities.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Page 2, para. 3

- After ... *CMS Parties* delete the word 'and'.
- After ... *Flyways at* delete the word 'the'.

Page 2, para.4

- Delete '~~Table 1 of Annex 3~~' and replace with 'Annex 1 (List of Species)'.
- Correct scientific name to ... *Torgos tracheliotos*.

Page 3, para. 6

- After ... '*human disturbance*', insert ...some of which is intentional due to perceived interactions with livestock.

Page 5, para. 21

- After ... '*as well as*' delete '~~of the~~'.

Annex I - Page 6 para.4 (unnumbered)

- Correct scientific name to ... *Torgos tracheliotos*.

Annex I - Page 6, para. 5 (unnumbered)

- After ... '*Elephant*' delete the word 'and'.
- Before ... '*by vultures*', insert 'd)'.
- After ... '*food availability*', insert 'lead poisoning'.

Annex I - Page 7, para. 2 (unnumbered)

- Insert new paragraph, as follows: 'Noting also potential synergies between action needed to stop poisoning and illegal killing of Vultures and action needed under CMS initiatives on African mammals established by COP12/Doc.24.3.5 on Conservation and Management of the African Lion, (*Panthera leo*), COP12/Doc.24.3.1.2 on Conservation and Management of Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) and African Wild Dog (*Lycaon pictus*), COP12/Doc24.3.3 on Adoption of the African Elephant Action Plan and COP12/Doc.24.4.7 Addressing Unsustainable Use of Terrestrial and Avian Wild Meat.'

Annex I – Page 7, para 3

- After ...'under CMS' insert the following text: 'including on sustainable land use under the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan, and on poisoning under the action plans for lion, cheetah, wild dog and African elephant to be adopted at COP12';

Annex 2 – Page 9, para. 12CC

- *Insert new paragraph b), as follows: 'Report to COP13 on the decisions taken as a result of working with the CMS Vulture Working Group, CMS Preventing Poisoning Working Group, CMS-CITES African Carnivores Initiative and CMS Energy Task Force clearly to define synergies and a clear division of labour in tackling poisoning and interactions with energy infrastructure'.*

Annex 2 - Page 9, para. 12DD

- After ...'CMS Scientific Council' insert the following text: 'on progress in implementation of these decisions and the Vulture MsAP and advise future Meetings of the Conference of Parties of any outstanding scientific issues relating to the conservation of vultures'.