

ADDENDUM 1**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**
(arising from ScC-SC4)**FLYWAYS****UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.26.1.4****RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP13**

- Recommended for adoption.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENTGeneral comments on the issue:

- The Scientific Council stated that the issue of lack of resources for migratory bird and habitat-related actions was of great concern. Parties should investigate how to trigger increased political support, also on high-level segment initiatives, to address high-level sponsors; the lack of such activities was not supportive to the issue of migratory species and their habitats; the case had to be made in an innovative way to achieve high-level support of actions for migratory species and their habitats.

Comments on background section:

- At the 10th Meeting of Partners, held in China last year, the East Asian-Australasian Partnership took a significant step forward in adopting a 10-year strategic plan to promote the conservation of migratory waterbirds in the EAAF. Reflecting this development should be acknowledged in the proposed amendments to Resolution 12.11 (see under specific comments);
- The perspectives of the Americas Flyways Framework Task Force Workplan after 2020 could be described more detailed;

Other comments on the document:

- If additional reporting on the Flyways Programme of Work should be implemented, apart from the CMS National Reporting, the reporting template should be very clear, simple and require limited time efforts, and being clear in whom it is addressed to;
- The Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 as well as other plans should be aligned with NBSAP processes, as this was a powerful tool for resourcing;
- It was stated that it was Important to reference the POW with the post 2020 biodiversity framework (recognizing it was under development and would be completed only after the CMS COP13) and the 2050 vision for biodiversity with the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species beyond 2023;
- There have been a lot of important developments to implement the POW within and outside the CMS remit;
- It was stated that collating information from National Reports and through work of other stakeholders and sources on implementation of the Flyways POW was a big task and was difficult without a physical meeting of the FWG and experts, and for which resources have not been raised during the current triennium. Such a review of implementation was important to identify what has been done or initiated and what needed to be done, and such an overview was needed to help the Convention to prioritize and re-prioritize for successive intersessional periods.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Text revisions:

Annex 1. Proposed Amendments to Resolution 12.11, preamble

Page 8, para. 6

- *Acknowledging with satisfaction* the extensive monitoring and conservation work by Partners of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) for migratory waterbirds and their habitats, including through the strengthening of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Site Network and recognizing the development of the EAAFP Strategic Plan 2019-2029 with defined Key Result Areas and Indicators to promote actions to conserve migratory waterbirds and their habitats,

Operative paragraphs

Page 14, para.

Include an additional operative paragraph after para. number 25.

- 26. Calls on Parties to ensure that the POW on Flyways is updated in line with the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species [proposed for development in draft Decision 13.xx of Doc xx] and is aligned to the post 2020 framework as a contribution for the 2050 vision for biodiversity;

Annex 2 – Draft Decisions

Page 15, Draft Decision 13.AA (12.31) b)

- Add text regarding a reporting template for the Flyways Programme of Work to para b) of Draft Decision 13.AA (12.31), reading as following':
 - b) support the work of the Flyways Working Group, in particular by organizing meetings of the Working Group and to develop and disseminate a reporting template;

Page 15, Draft Decision 13.CC (12.33)

- For para. c), include reference to a revision of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 and the post-2020 biodiversity framework, making reference to Document UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.17 *CMS Contribution to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework*, Draft Decision 13.AA b), page 9. The draft reading as following:
 - c) review and update the Programme of Work, as a basis for the continued prioritization of the CMS activities on flyways, in line with the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species [proposed for revision in draft Decision 13.xx of Doc xx] and is aligned to the post 2020 global biodiversity framework as a contribution for the 2050 vision for biodiversity;
- Add a new paragraph d), reading as following:
 - d) develop a reporting template with support of the Secretariat on contributions to implementation and outcomes of actions of the Programme of Work; the template should address needs of Parties, non-Parties and other stakeholders to report to the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- Add text to the current paragraph d), reading as following:
 - de) help to facilitate ~~coordinate~~ ~~coordinators~~ coordination between various CMS Working Groups and Task Forces (e.g. Illegal Killing of Birds, Poisoning, Landbirds, Energy, etc-) and enhance synergies in implementation and reporting;

Page 15, Draft Decision 13.DD (12.34)

- Include here the text of paragraphs a) and b) of Draft Decision 13.EE (12.35) as paragraphs d) and e), reading as following:
 - d) support implementation of the Action Plan for the Americas Flyways and coordination of the Americas Flyways Task Force;
 - e) provide financial and technical support for the implementation of the flyways Resolution and Decisions.

Page 16, Draft Decision 13.EE (12.35)

- The Decision should be directed to Non-Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders
- *Shall* should be replaced by *are invited to*, reading as following:
13.EE (12.35) Non-Parties, organizations, private sector, international financial institutions, donors and other stakeholders are invited to:
- Move the current paragraphs a) and b) to Draft Decision 13.DD (12.34), as mentioned above
- Include two new paragraphs a) and b), reading as following:
 - a) provide financial, in-kind resources and technical support for coordination and implementation of the Programme of Work, its related Resolutions and Decisions.
 - b) report on contributions to implementation and outcomes of actions of the Programme of Work on Flyways to the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.