

**5th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the
CMS Scientific Council (ScC-SC5)**

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON THE
DISAGGREGATION OF HIGHER TAXA LISTED ON APPENDIX II**

The Fifth Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC5) held from 28 June to 9 July, decided to establish an Intersessional Working Group on the above subject.

This Working Group shall have the mandate to explore the consequences of options 1-3 (including possible variations of them) listed as alternative treatments in [UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC5/Doc.8.2](#) as set out in the Terms of Reference below, and report to the Sessional Committee at its 6th meeting on its findings.

The Working Group should consist of the COP-appointed Councillor for Birds, other representatives of the Sessional Committee, and other experts as appropriate.

**Terms of Reference for the Intersessional Working Group on the Disaggregation of higher
taxa listed on Appendix II**

The intersessional Working Group should

- a. Determine which of the avian species that cross boundaries cyclically and predictably but are not listed as threatened (Extinct in the Wild, Critically Endangered, Endangered, Vulnerable) or Near Threatened under the IUCN Red List Criteria
 - i. may have populations of unfavourable conservation status;
 - ii. may be Data Deficient, or for which the species has a negative population trend even though listed as Least Concern;
- b. Identify which members of the aggregated families are already listed under daughter agreements of CMS, as well as species listed under those daughter agreements in non-aggregated families that are not on Appendix II;
- c. Explore the administrative procedures required for each option; i.e. pathways for how recommendations from the Scientific Council would be taken through to a proposal that would be considered by the COP;
- d. List the advantages and disadvantages of each option and recommend a preferred option; and
- e. Report on its findings to the sixth meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council.