

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF FIVE VULTURE SPECIES OCCURRING IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ON APPENDIX I OF THE CONVENTION**  
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**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

This document was welcomed by Scientific Councillors. It was considered to be a comprehensive suite of listing proposals covering five globally threatened African vultures. It was noted that all five species are already covered by the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of the Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors MOU) and including within the Draft Multi-species Action Plan on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP) – UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.1.4 (Rev.1) Annex 3.

**COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION**

- Page 24, para.8, Range States:
- suggested clarification by inserting the following text (in red)  
In many countries, vulture species may be found in the country concerned throughout the year and so their occurrence is described as 'Resident' in the Table (below). This does not imply that individuals remain 'resident' in the same area year-round; indeed, as outlined in Section 3 Migrations (above) individuals may make very significant movements over the course of a year including crossing one or more national boundaries.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

The Avian Working Group unanimously supported the proposal to list all five African vulture species on CMS Appendix 1.