## ADDENDUM 1

**In-Session Version**

## SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

## (arising from ScC-SC2)

**Taxonomy and Nomenclature**

## UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc. 25.3

With regard to Fish:

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

The Council generally agreed with the proposals in the document:

* The online version of Eschmeyer, W. N., R. Fricke, and R. van der Laan (eds.), Catalog of Fishes: Genera, Species, References (http://researcharchive.calacademy.org/research/ichthyology/catalog/fishcatmain) should be adopted as reference for fish at the time of listing new species on the Appendices of CMS.
* The Secretariat should preserve a hard-copy excerpt from the online reference as the standard reference for the newly listed species.
* As more changes to the new taxonomy for mobulids might still be done in the near future, a conservative approach should be applied as suggested; the new taxonomy for mobulids as reflected in the version of Eschmeyer as of 28 April, should therefore not be adopted at COP12.
* Applying the old taxonomy for mobulids would not have negative implications for their conservation, as all species of mobulids are included in CMS Appendices.

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

Several edits to Annex 3 to UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.25.3 were suggested.

Page 8, last line:

* The family name for *Pangasianodon gigas* should be Pangasiidae

Pages 6 and 7

- A reference to White et al. 2017 should have been included

M. japonica will be recognized as M. mobular in Eschmeyer after the next update of the online catalog

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

* (with regards to fish) Adopt the amendments to the draft Resolution on Taxonomy and Nomenclature included in Annex 4;