

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CHEETAH (*Acinonyx jubatus*) AND
AFRICAN WILD DOG (*Lycaon pictus*)**
UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.3.1.2

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The Working Group welcomed the proposal of concrete conservation measures and recommended the adoption of the decisions by COP.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Page 3, Decision 12.DD

- The Councilor of the UK questioned whether decision 12.DD was correctly directed to the Scientific Council. He felt that the Scientific Council might not be the appropriate forum to assess the exemptions and suggested that the decision be reworded.

Page 3, Decision 12.BB (k)

- The Secretariat was asked to confirm with the proponent Parties whether they agree that the text under paragraph 12.BB (k) could be expanded to include Cheetah as well as Wild dog. The expert on Cheetah recommended that the actions under paragraph 12.BB (k) are also important for cheetah and that the following text is added:
“Collaborate and exchange best conservation practices regarding the preservation and restoration of Cheetah populations, and cooperate with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and other interested organizations in taking actions at the national and regional level, in particular with regard to: habitat conservation; the establishment of ecological corridors to address habitat fragmentation; the restoration of preybasis; human-wildlife conflicts; and trade, including trade in captive bred specimens.”

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- Recommended for adoption.