

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

ACTION PLAN FOR THE EUROPEAN ROLLER
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GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- Gergő Gábor Nagy: Hungary strongly supports adoption of this plan and is very happy that this plan was prepared with serious Hungarian contributions as well. However, they want to propose some minor amendments to the action plan.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- Page 4 and 5, List of contributors
- Gergő Gábor Nagy: Ministry of Rural Development needs to be replaced by Ministry of Agriculture, and Zsolt Ampovics is not working in the Ministry.
- Page 27, para. 5.2.1.1 Habitat loss, and degradation.
- Gergő Gábor Nagy: It should be detailed what are the main actions against habitat loss and degradation, for example which agri-environmental measures will be implemented: banning pesticides or restricting their use to those that are safe for insectivorous birds, plant and/or maintain native trees, hedges and field margins; use crops that can be used as feeding habitat by Rollers (i.e. that host prey insects and are of the height which is suitable for the foraging behaviour of Rollers, such as alfalfa).
- Page 28, para. 5.2.2.3. Illegal trapping and catching for pet.
- Gergő Gábor Nagy: A sentence should be added which refers to the destination countries, for example strengthen control of pet trade in destination countries, maintain registration system of captive-bred individuals of Rollers in order to identify (illegally) wild-caught specimens.
- Page 28, para. 5.2.2
- Gergő Gábor Nagy: Further action under the section "Trade" is recommended: Evaluation of this species against criteria of CITES listing. Currently no Roller species is listed in CITES, but it is clear that demand for these species permanently exists. It must be evaluated if a possible CITES Appendix II listing can be beneficial for the European Roller, or not.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- The Action Plan is recommended to be adopted.