## ADDENDUM 1

**In-Session Version**

## SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

## (arising from ScC-SC2)

## PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF

## THE WHITE-SPOTTED WEDGEFISH *(Rhynchobatus australiae)*

## on Appendix II of the Convention

## UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC25.1.25

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

* The species is very data poor, but it is clearly subject to high fishing pressure throughout its range.
* IUCN Red List assessments of other guitarfish species indicate that the group is generally migratory.
* Information on migration of other shark like batoids could be added to strengthen this proposal.

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

Section 7.3

* The proposal would benefit from defining Concerted Actions, in particular regarding the improvement of data collection

References

* Giles et al. 2016 is not included in References and should be added.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

* The species is recommended for inclusion in Appendix II of the Convention if more information on the migratory behavior of the species or alternatively the wider taxonomic group is added.