

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

**CONCERTED ACTIONS:**  
**ANNEX 2: TEMPLATE FOR PROPOSING CONCERTED ACTIONS**  
**UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.26.1 Annex 2.**

[From the Fish Working Group]

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

The Council found the template to be useful. In reviewing the Proposed Concerted Actions, it had the following comments:

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

- While the box “Activities and expected outcomes” has been completed in a comprehensive manner, the proposals would be improved by the addition on a box “Summary of activities” immediately above. If agreed, add a box “**Summary of Actions**: Summarize the activities proposed (100-200 words)”.
- When a complex set of activities are proposed, it would be useful to add a table that outlines for each activity: outputs/outcomes, timeframe, responsibility and funding. Such a table enables Parties and stakeholders to quickly and clearly understand what is being proposed, when it will occur, who will be responsible, and if (and how much) additional resources may be needed for implementation. (The proposed Concerted Action on the Angelshark, Doc.26.2.5 contains a good example of this on page 5). If agreed, additional guidance text should be added at the end of the section “**Activities and expected outcomes**”.
- The current template does not require proponents to outline whether or not they have consulted with Range States and other stakeholders. It would be useful to add a box “**Consultations Planned/Undertaken**” and the instructions: “If work is targeted in Range States, outline what consultations, if any, are planned or have been undertaken. Outline any consultations with other relevant stakeholders.”

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

- Adopt the template for Concerted Actions, with the above additions.