

**ScC-SC6 CRP 7.2**

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
(arising from ScC-SC6)

**ASSESSMENT OF THE RISK POSED TO CMS APPENDIX I-LISTED SPECIES BY DIRECT USE  
AND TRADE**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Sessional Committee requests the Secretariat to finalize the report contained in Annex of UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC6/Doc.7.2 taking into account, as appropriate, the comments made in the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sessional Committee and submitted in writing to the Secretariat by 11 August.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

A number of comments provided a range of views, including on the following:

- It was noted that there is currently no regular mechanism in CMS to review take and trade in Appendix I listed species and this report provides valuable information in this regard;
- It was, however, noted that Parties already have obligations to report exceptions to the prohibition of taking of Appendix I species (Article III(7)) and there are relevant questions also in the National Report Format;
- Trade in CMS-listed species, both domestic and international, should be monitored and recorded, irrespective of whether they are or not listed in CITES; consultation with WTO and WCO on how to implement such monitoring of trade would be useful;
- Costa Rica can provide another case study of sustainable take of turtles, beneficial for local livelihoods, nationally monitored, and in tandem with an actual improvement in the species' conservation status.