

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**RENEWABLE ENERGY**  
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(ScC-SC8 Agenda item 11.11)

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

The Sessional Committee thanked the Secretariat for this document and found it favorable.

Additional wording was proposed to be incorporated in the draft Resolution (see below). The Sessional Committee noted that there were no draft decisions directed to the Scientific Council in this document. It also pointed out that with regards to the Resolution's operative paragraph 2 d) post-construction data is not always available publicly, as it is linked to data ownership (especially when compiled by private operators). It was also mentioned that Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) are to be considered within this work, but that data availability for these may be different from those and data collection requires different amount of time than those of other taxonomic groups such as birds.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15**

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the draft resolution and decisions with amendments as specified below.

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

The following amendments are proposed in draft Resolution 11.27 (Rev.COP13)

Annex 1 Page 10, operative paragraph 2:

2. *Urges* Parties and *encourages* non-Parties to implement these voluntary Guidelines as applicable depending on the particular circumstances of each Party, and to:
  - a) Apply appropriate nature-safe design, Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) , sensitivity mapping and EIA procedures, including an appropriate ecological assessment if protected and
  - b) sensitive areas in particular for migratory species are likely to be affected, when planning the use of renewable energy technologies, avoiding existing protected areas in the broadest sense and other sites of importance to migratory species and encouraging that data from SEA, EIA and post-construction monitoring are made publicly available;

Annex 1 Page 11, operative paragraph 3:

3. *Urges* Parties to implement, as appropriate, the following priorities in their development and deployment of renewable energy and transmission technologies