

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ASSESSMENTS**  
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(ScC-SC8 Agenda item 11.9)

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

It was noted that much work has already been undertaken on this topic elsewhere. It was questioned whether CMS is the right forum for this topic and, if so, what further work is needed. The Secretariat clarified that while many guidelines exist, none explicitly address migratory species, which are particularly vulnerable to cumulative effects across their ranges.

It was pointed out that draft Decision 15AA and 15BB are both directed to Parties, but presented as separate Decisions. The Sessional Committee recommended the Decisions to be combined.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15**

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the Decisions with amendments as specified below.

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

The following amendments are proposed in Decision 15.AA and 15.BB (page 10 of the document):

The Sessional Committee recommends 15BB to be combined with 15AA.