

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**MAINTAINING LISTS OF SPECIES INCLUDED IN CMS APPENDICES
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(ScC-SC8 Agenda item 12.2)

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee supported the establishment of the Working Group on maintaining lists of species included in CMS Appendices, to advance the work on this matter. It appreciated the leadership of Stephen Garnett, the COP-appointed Councillor for birds, and specifically development of Annex 4.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

The Scientific Council further made several editorial comments:

- a) Recommendation (d) to the Conference of the Parties has a typo that should be corrected, namely 'Migratory Species' instead of 'Migratatory Species'. This typo is also found in Annex 4.
- b) Draft Decision 15.BB(c.v) mentions that "The Scientific Council is requested to discuss and exchange information on the integration of the lists requested under Resolution 14.19, paragraph 1, and Decision 15.DD.h into the online databases". There is however no Decision 15.DD.h in the document and the reference needs to be changed into Decision 15.DD.f.
- c) Annex 4 should be indicated in a separate section in Document 29.2, in the same fashion as the other Annexes, and be placed after Annex 3. The document should make reference to the content of Annex 4, as well as indicate the link for downloading it from the COP15 website. An explanatory footnote could also be added in the recommendations to COP to make this clear.
- d) Further, minor suggestions for Annex 4 itself are to correct the title of the tab of the Excel sheet, as it is currently titled "Annex 3" instead of "Annex 4", and to clarify the codes and terms used in the Excel sheet on a separate tab. We would also suggest expanding the second row in length, as the text cannot be fully displayed in its current state.
- e) There is a typo in the word "Reptilia" in Annex 3 Table 1