

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE CHEETAH (*ACINONYX JUBATUS*)
POPULATIONS OF ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA AND NAMIBIA ON APPENDIX I AND II OF THE
CONVENTION**

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GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee noted the removal of Botswana and Namibia from the proposal by the proponent, because these are not parties to CMS and the population decline is not the same as in Zimbabwe. It strongly supported the listing proposal.

Responding to the suggestion that the proposed lethal offtake might be incompatible with Convention Article 3.5 (taking prohibition of species listed on Appendix I, and exceptions), the Sessional Committee noted that Zimbabwe has put a moratorium on hunting cheetah.

It also noted that in some instances, hunting can have benefits to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts.