

**ADDENDUM 1**

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**PROPOSAL FOR A CONCERTED ACTION FOR THE BLUE SHARK (*PRIONACE GLAUCA*)  
ALREADY LISTED ON APPENDIX II OF THE CONVENTION**

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**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

The Sessional Committee welcomed the progress achieved with this Concerted Action. The COP-appointed Councilor for Marine Fish noted that the Concerted Action proposed to develop new tourism guidelines, while there are several existing international guidelines that could be adapted for this purpose, with only small adjustments needed to be adapted for blue sharks. For example, the CMS *International Guidelines for Sustainable Marine Wildlife Interactions: Boat-Based and In-Water Activities - Technical Series No. 49*. The resources from the proposed workshop to develop these guidelines could then be used for other purposes. Given the limited resources, a focused expert review or technical consultation would be more efficient and proportionate.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15**

The Scientific Council recommends adopting the proposal for a Concerted Action for the blue shark.