

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**PROPOSAL FOR A CONCERTED ACTION FOR CHIMPANZEE (*PAN TROGLODYTES*)
BEHAVIOURAL DIVERSITY AND CULTURES ALREADY LISTED ON APPENDIX I AND II OF
THE CONVENTION**

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GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee welcomed the proposal and noted the transboundary, collaborative approach applied in this Concerted Action, which had first been endorsed by COP14.

The significance of behavioral diversity and culture as fundamental aspects of chimpanzee longevity and persistence was noted as a vital component of implementing a more comprehensive conservation approach. With many other migratory species depending on the same habitats and ecologically connected to chimpanzees, the proposed actions also had benefits in addition to conservation of chimpanzees.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the proposed Concerted Action for Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) Behavioural Diversity and Cultures.