ADDENDUM 1
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SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC8)

PROPOSAL FOR A CONCERTED ACTION FOR THE FRANCISCANA DOLPHIN (*Pontoporia blainvillei*) UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.31.3.7

(ScC-SC8 Agenda item 14.3.7)

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The International Whaling Commission (IWC) congratulated Range States and stakeholders on the work achieved to date for the Franciscana dolphin. IWC noted it is committed to furthering conservation efforts for the species through the work on the Comprehensive Assessment and the IWC conservation management plan, and supported the proposed renewal of the CA to further action for the species.

IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) Cetaceans Specialist Group noted that Franciscana dolphins have been identified as a high priority species for the IUCN SSC Cetacean Specialist Group and are a focal species in their Integrated Conservation Planning for Cetaceans (ICPC) Initiative, which is supporting health assessments and implementation of the IUCN One Plan Approach to conservation for some Franciscana populations. They further noted it is wonderful to see that governments proposing the Concerted Action can help to foster synergy and complementarity between the CMS, the IWC, and the IUCN on conservation of this Vulnerable Species.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the proposal for a concerted action for the Franciscana dolphin.