

ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC8)

BYCATCH OF CHONDRICHTHYAN SPECIES

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GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee recommended:

- that Decision 14.117 should not be deleted, as it has not yet been fully implemented;
- that Decision 14.118 should not be deleted. The Sessional Committee agreed that there should be a call for a more thorough analysis of national legislation. It was noted that key examples were missing from the analysis, such as the requirement in all Mediterranean countries to prohibit skinning and beheading before first sale in order to support species identification. (See [MEDITERRANEAN SHARK COMPASS An overview of recent policy changes and the way](#))

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15

The Scientific Council recommends renewing Decisions 14.117 and 14.118.