

ADDENDUM 1
In-session version**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**

(arising from ScC-SC8)

ACTION PLANS FOR BIRDS
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(ScC-SC8 Agenda item 9.4.1)

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee thanked the Secretariat. New paragraphs were proposed to be added to the draft Resolution regarding the International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper (*Calidris pygmaea*). Furthermore, amendments were made to the draft Decisions 15.BB a). It was noted that a process to develop a new Multi-species action plan for Vultures in the Americas has been started and that a letter from the Government of Ecuador supporting this process had been sent to the CMS Secretariat. The sessional committee looked forward to further discussing how it can support this process and explore synergies with previous CMS led processes such as the multi-species action plan to conserve African-Eurasian vultures adopted at CMS COP13.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the draft resolution with amendments as specified below.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

The following paragraph is proposed for addition in draft Resolution, page 8, new 5th non-operative paragraph:

Further noting that in 2008 the 9th Conference of the Parties endorsed the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Action Plan¹ and revised version of which was adopted in 2025 by the 12th Meeting of Parties Partners of the EAAFP.

The following paragraph is proposed for addition in draft Resolution, end of page 9, new non-operative paragraph:

2.ter Welcome UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC8/Inf.9.4.1 - International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper (*Calidris pygmaea*) as adopted on 14 November by the 12th Meeting of Partners of the East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership.

¹ See paragraph 117 of the Report of CMS COP9

The following amendments are proposed for draft Decision 15.BB a) (page 12 of the document):

15.BB Parties, Non-Party Range States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to:

- a) implement priority actions, including habitat protection and management, collision prevention, reduction of illegal and unsustainable take and predation and by unnatural levels of predation, including through existing relevant CMS thematic working groups and task forces;

A new draft Decision sub-paragraph was proposed for draft Decision:

~~Directed to the Secretariat~~

~~15.DD The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources:~~

~~[...]~~

- ~~-f) prepare a multi-species action plan for Vultures in the Americas.~~