

ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC8)

CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ASSESSMENTS

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15

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

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

It was noted that much work has already been undertaken on this topic elsewhere. It was questioned whether CMS is the right forum for this topic and, if so, what further work is needed. The Secretariat clarified that while many guidelines exist, none explicitly address migratory species, which are particularly vulnerable to cumulative effects across their ranges.

It was pointed out that draft Decision 15.AA and 15.BB are both directed to Parties, but presented as separate Decisions. The Sessional Committee recommended the Decisions to be combined.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

The following amendments are proposed in Decision 15.AA and 15.BB (page 10 of the document):

The Sessional Committee recommends 15.BB to be combined with 15.AA.