

ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC8)

TAXONOMY AND NOMENCLATURE

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the draft resolution and decisions.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee expressed appreciation and recognition of the work carried out by the CMS Secretariat and the Scientific Council.

IUCN SSC Cetacean Specialist Group (CSG) welcomes the reference for marine mammals as it is utilized within the IUCN SSC Cetacean Specialist Group.

The Scientific Council raised concern on the newly proposed taxonomic references for Felidae species. The example of recent findings was given which indicates that the African lion species are categorized into northern and southern species. This study was done after 2017; therefore, it is not considered in the proposed taxonomic references.

The Scientific Council raised the question of whether taxonomical updates for fish should be prepared in advance for all upcoming COPs.