

ADDENDUM 1**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE STRIPED HYENA (*HYAENA HYAENA*)
IN APPENDIX I AND II OF THE CONVENTION**

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15

The Scientific Council recommends adopting the proposal.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee noted the data deficiency, the poor conservation status of the species at the national level in many of the Range States, as well as the low population numbers of 5,000-10,000 animals throughout all of its extensive Range covering countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, and agreed that this speaks for an CMS Appendix I listing.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

The following amendments are proposed in Section 6.2 of the proposal (page 12 of the document):

The striped hyena was uplisted from ~~is currently listed under~~ Appendix III to Appendix II of CITES at CITES COP20, following a request by Pakistan in 2014. Recently, efforts have been initiated to uplist the species to Appendix I, with a formal proposal submitted for consideration at the upcoming CITES CoP 20 in November 2025. Regardless of the outcome, ~~†~~This initiative reflects the growing recognition of the species' vulnerability and the need for increasing international commitment to its protection.