

**ADDENDUM 1**

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE GIANT OTTER (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) IN  
APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15**

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the proposal.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

The Sessional Committee noted that the species was classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List with a declining population trajectory, and that listing by CMS would significantly strengthen the efforts to conserve this species.

It was noted that the dependence of the species on freshwater habitats meant that it was subject to the same needs to migrate along river sections due to seasonal changes in the flow as other species using these habitats, such as the boto and catfish species. It further noted that climate change is resulting in significant changes to these flow regimes, including severe droughts, causing barriers to the migration of this species.

The Sessional Committee recommended that the proponent submit additional information regarding the migratory status of the species to confirm it meets the criteria for listing in this regard.