

ADDENDUM 1/Rev.1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*Limosa haemastica*)
ON APPENDIX I 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 supported the proposal and raised the importance of including this species in App I.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

The following paragraph is proposed for addition under paragraph 7.1 on page 9 of the Listing Proposal document.

The proposed amendment will benefit existing initiatives dedicated to promoting concerted actions towards the conservation of the Hudsonian godwit and/or its habitat such as the Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative (Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Conservation Initiative 2015), Pacific Shorebird Conservation Initiative (Pacific Americas Shorebird Conservation Strategy 2016), Midcontinent Shorebird Conservation Initiative (Midcontinent Shorebird Conservation Initiative 2025), and Road to Recovery (R2R; <https://r2rbirds.org/>). ~~Both~~ AFSI, PSCI and MSCI all identified priority actions to reverse the decline of focal shorebird species in the Americas, the Hudsonian godwit being a focal species for MSCI and PSCI. These actions were built collaboratively by specialists, conservationists and government agencies from countries throughout the Americas. The R2R initiative was created as a response to the loss of three billion birds in the United States and Canada. The R2R strategy is centred around species conservation working groups built upon international and interdisciplinary collaboration, including one closely related to the Hudsonian godwit and frequently co-occurs with them throughout their annual cycle – the Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*).