

ADDENDUM 1**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE LESSER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa flavipes*)
ON APPENDIX I OF THE CONVENTION****UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.30.2.9****RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15**

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the proposal.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee welcomed the proposal, which has a strong basis of information.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

The following amendments are proposed for addition in section 7.1 on page 7 of the Listing Proposal document.

The proposed amendment will benefit existing initiatives dedicated to promoting concerted action for the conservation of *Tringa flavipes* and its habitat, such as the Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative (AFSI; <https://atlanticflywayshorebirds.org/>), Pacific Shorebird Conservation Initiative (Pacific Americas Shorebird Conservation Strategy 2016, the Midcontinent Shorebird Conservation Initiative (MSCI; <https://midamericasshorebirds.org/>) and Road to Recovery (R2R; <https://r2rbirds.org/>). Both the AFSI, PSCI and, MSCI have all identified priority actions to reverse the decline of focal shorebird species in the Americas, one of which is *Tringa flavipes*. These actions have been developed in collaboration by specialists, conservationists and government agencies from countries across the Americas. The R2R initiative was established in response to the loss of three billion birds in the United States and Canada (Rosenberg *et al.* 2019). The R2R strategy focuses on working groups dedicated to species conservation, grounded in international and interdisciplinary collaboration. The species covered by this proposal has been identified as one of the key species and is included among the species of the R2R working group.