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**PROPOSALS TO COP15 FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II OF THE
CONVENTION**

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document summarizes proposals for the amendment of CMS Appendices submitted for consideration by the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15). The full text of all the proposals is made available to COP15 as separate documents.

The Conference of the Parties is expected to review the proposals for amendments to the Appendices and make decisions on their approval or rejection.

This document was subsequently revised by the Secretariat to reflect the revisions to proposals to amend the CMS Appendices made by proponents in response to comments by the Scientific Council at the 8th meeting of its Sessional Committee in December 2025. These Scientific Council's comments are contained in addendums to the proposals.

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Background:

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Convention, the Secretariat received proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention for consideration by the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15). The species covered by the proposals are set out in Table 1 contained in the Annex of this document, along with the Parties proposing the amendment. Parties were advised of the proposals received through [Notification 2025/027](#) of 4 November 2025.
2. The proposals for amendment to the Appendices referred to above are accompanied by supporting statements based on the format agreed by COP12 (2017) and contained in Annex 2 to [Resolution 13.7 Guidelines for Preparing and Assessing Proposals for the Amendment of CMS Appendices](#). These proposals, including their supporting statements, have been translated and are provided to COP15 in the three working languages of the Convention as documents UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.30.2.1 to UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.30.2.17.
3. In accordance with Article XI, paragraph 3 of the Convention, and through Notification 2025/027, Parties were invited to communicate any comments on the proposals to the Secretariat by 22 January 2026. All comments received by that deadline will be compiled by the Secretariat as an addendum to this document.
4. Pursuant to paragraph 12 of Resolution 13.7, the Secretariat will consult other relevant intergovernmental bodies, including Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs), that have a function in relation to any species subject to a proposal for amendment of the Appendices. Any comments resulting from these consultations will also be compiled by the Secretariat as an addendum to this document.
5. All the proposals will be examined by the 8th meeting of the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council (ScC-SC8, Bonn, 15 –18 December 2025) from a scientific and technical standpoint and advice will be provided to the Conference of the Parties in accordance with Article VIII, paragraph 5c) of the Convention. The Scientific Council's comments will be made available as addenda to the proposals for amendment of the Appendices on the [CMS website](#).
6. Details on the handling of comments and amendment of proposals can be found in Annex 1 to the [Report of the 48th meeting of the Standing Committee](#) (Bonn, 23-24 October 2018).

Discussion:

7. The Secretariat received a total of 17 proposals to amend the Appendices, as outlined in the Annex to this document.
8. The proposal to include 22 gadfly petrel species, subspecies and geographic populations on Appendix I and II (document UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.30.2.5) includes two subspecies, *Pterodroma cookii cookii* and *Pterodroma cookii orientalis*. Their scientific names differ from the latest [HBW/BirdLife Taxonomic Checklist \(Version 10\)](#), which only recognizes the species *Pterodroma cookii*, without any subspecies. Pending the Decision by COP15 on standard nomenclature for birds (see document

UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.29.3 *Taxonomy and nomenclature*), and if the HBW/BirdLife Taxonomic Checklist (Version 10) is recognized as the CMS standard nomenclature for birds, the names of these subspecies may need to be adjusted to align with the applicable standard nomenclature. However, ScC-SC8 recommended that CMS continues to distinguish between *Pterodroma cookii cookii* and *Pterodroma cookii orientalis* in line with the relevant taxonomic reference in the Appendices – as proposed in footnote 1 in the Annex of this document.

9. All proposals were examined by ScC-SC8, which assessed them from a scientific and technical standpoint, and provided advice to the Conference of the Parties. The Scientific Council's comments are available as addendums to the proposals on the CMS website. When a proposal was supported without any additional comments from ScC-SC8, no addendum has been issued.
10. The proposals that have been revised by the proponents before publication of this document are marked as revised – as also shown in the Annex to this document.
11. Additional information submitted by proponents by 22 January 2026 has been made available as addenda to the proposals. Information received from the proponents after that date will be published as information documents.

Recommended actions

12. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a) consider recommendations as to the migratory species to be included in Appendices I and II provided by ScC-SC8 as addenda to the proposals for amendment of the Appendices;
 - b) review the proposals for amendments to the Appendices; and
 - c) make decisions regarding the approval or rejection of each of the proposals.

ANNEX**SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT
OF APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION***Submitted by*

Argentina	(ARG)
Australia	(AUS)
Brazil	(BRA)
Chile	(CHL)
Cook Islands	
Dominican Republic	(DOM)
Ecuador	(ECU)
Fiji	(FJI)
France	(FRA)
New Zealand	(NZL)
Norway	(NOR)
Panama	(PAN)
Paraguay	(PRY)
Tajikistan	(TJK)
Uruguay	(URY)
Uzbekistan	(UZB)
Zimbabwe	(ZWE)

Table 1: Overview of documents and species for proposed amendments of the Appendices.

Doc. No.	Scientific name	Annotations	Common name	Proposed amendment	Proponent Party/Parties
	MAMMALIA				
30.2.1/Rev.1	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Populations of Zimbabwe	Cheetah	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	ZWE
30.2.2	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>		Striped hyena	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	TJK, UZB
30.2.3	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>		Giant otter	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	FRA
30.2.4	<i>Cervus elaphus yarkandensis</i>		Bukhara deer	Removal from Appendix I	UZB
	AVES				
30.2.5/Rev.1	<i>Pterodroma leucoptera</i>	Populations of Australia and New Caledonia	White-winged petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II	AUS, BRA, CHL, Cook Islands, DOM, FJI, NZL
	<i>Pterodroma brevipes</i>		Collared petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II	
	<i>Pterodroma defilippiana</i>		Masatierra petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II	
	<i>Pterodroma longirostris</i>		Stejneger's petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II	

<i>Pterodroma cookii cookii</i> ¹		Northern Cook's petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma cookii orientalis</i> ¹		Southern Cook's petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma pycrofti</i>		Pycroft's petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma axillaris</i>		Chatham Islands petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma neglecta juana</i>		Chilean Kermadec petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma arminjoniana</i>		Trindade petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma alba</i>		Phoenix petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma baraui</i>		Barau's petrel	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pterodroma cervicalis occulta</i>		White-necked petrel/ Vanuatu petrel	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pterodroma cervicalis cervicalis</i>		White-necked petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma externa</i>		Juan Fernandez petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma hasitata</i>		Black-capped petrel	Inclusion in Appendix I
<i>Pterodroma feae</i>		Cape Verde petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II
<i>Pterodroma deserta</i>		Desertas petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II

¹Rayner, M.J., van Loenen, A.L., Shepherd, L.D., Cubrinovska, I., Scofield, R.P., Tennyson, A.J.D., Bunce, M. & Steeves, T.E. (2020). Comprehensive evidence for subspecies designations in Cook's Petrel *Pterodroma cookii* with implications for conservation management. Bird Conservation International: 13pp. doi:10.1017/S0959270920000350

	<i>Pterodroma madeira</i>		Zino's petrel	Inclusion in Appendix I	
	<i>Pterodroma magentae</i>		Magenta petrel	Inclusion in Appendix I	
	<i>Pterodroma incerta</i>		Atlantic petrel	Inclusion in Appendix I	
30.2.6	<i>Ardenna carneipes</i>		Flesh-footed shearwater	Inclusion in Appendix II	AUS, FRA, NZL
30.2.5/Rev.1	<i>Pseudobulweria macgillivrayi</i>		Fiji petrel	Inclusion in Appendix I	AUS, BRA, CHL, Cook Islands, DOM, FJI, NZL
	<i>Pseudobulweria aterrima</i>		Mascarene petrel	Inclusion in Appendix I	
	<i>Pseudobulweria becki</i>		Beck's petrel	Inclusion in Appendix I	
	<i>Pseudobulweria rostrata</i>		Tahiti petrel	Inclusion in Appendix II	
30.2.7	<i>Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus</i>		Hudsonian whimbrel	Inclusion in Appendix I	BRA, CHL
30.2.8	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>		Hudsonian godwit	Inclusion in Appendix I	BRA, CHL
30.2.9	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>		Lesser yellowlegs	Inclusion in Appendix I	URY
30.2.10	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>		Snowy owl	Inclusion in Appendix II	NOR
30.2.11	<i>Sporophila iberaensis</i>		Ibera seedeater	Inclusion in Appendix II	ARG, BRA, PRY

	PISCES				
30.2.12	<i>Alopias pelagicus</i> ²		Pelagic thresher shark	Inclusion in Appendix I	PAN
	<i>Alopias superciliosus</i> ²		Bigeye thresher shark		
	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i> ²		Common thresher shark		
30.2.13	<i>Mustelus schmitti</i>		Patagonian narrownose smoothhound	Inclusion in Appendix II	BRA
30.2.14	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i> ²		Scalloped hammerhead shark	Inclusion in Appendix I	ECU
30.2.15	<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i> ²		Great hammerhead shark	Inclusion in Appendix I	ECU
30.2.16	<i>Squatina guggenheim</i>		Angular angelshark	Inclusion in Appendix II	BRA
30.2.17	<i>Pseudoplatystoma corruscans</i>		Spotted sorubim	Inclusion in Appendix II	BRA

² Species already listed in Appendix II.