

ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

(arising from ScC-SC8)

**PROPOSAL FOR A CONCERTED ACTION
FOR THE SPERM WHALES (*Physeter macrocephalus*) OF THE EASTERN TROPICAL
PACIFIC ALREADY LISTED ON APPENDIX I AND II OF THE CONVENTION**

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP15

The Scientific Council recommends to adopt the proposed Concerted Action for sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) of the Eastern Tropical Pacific.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Sessional Committee welcomed the proposal and noted the significant progress made since this Concerted Action was first endorsed by COP12. It was noted that the proposed activities address important data gaps, which will help improve understanding of the distribution and seasonal movements of the sperm whale population in the Eastern Tropical Pacific, while at the same time furthering work on animal culture and its significance for the conservation of migratory species.