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PROPOSALS FOR CONCERTED ACTIONS FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2026–2029

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document summarizes proposals for Concerted Actions submitted for consideration by the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15). The full text of the proposals is available as documents UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.31.3.1 to UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.31.3.16.

The Conference of the Parties is expected to review the proposals and make decisions regarding their approval or rejection.

This document was subsequently revised by the Secretariat to reflect any revisions to the proposals for Concerted Actions made by the proponents in response to, inter alia, 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. Concerted Actions are priority conservation measures, projects or institutional arrangements undertaken to improve the conservation status of selected Appendix I and Appendix II species or selected groups of Appendix I and Appendix II species. [Resolution 12.28 \(Rev.COP14\) Concerted Actions](#) encourages the submission of proposals for Concerted Actions by Parties and other stakeholders using the template provided in Annex 2 to the Resolution.
2. Twelve Concerted Actions were ongoing in the intersessional period between COP14 and COP15. Step 6 in Annex 1 of the Resolution sets out the procedure for possible continuation of ongoing Concerted Actions. Proponents may propose the continuation of a Concerted Action in the subsequent intersessional period by providing a revised proposal, using the template for Concerted Actions. These should be submitted together with the report on the implementation of the ongoing Concerted Action by the deadline for COP documents with a scientific component.
3. By the deadline of 24 October 2025, eight proposals for new Concerted Actions and eight proposals for continuation of ongoing Concerted Actions were received by the Secretariat (see overview in Table 1). The proposals are made available as separate documents (UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.31.3.1 to UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.31.3.16).
4. Progress reports on implementation of Concerted Actions have been received for all Concerted Actions that are proposed for continuation, as summarized in UNEP/CMS/COP15/31.2 *Progress in the implementation of Concerted Actions*.

Table 1: Overview of proposals for new Concerted Actions and for continuation of ongoing Concerted Actions for the intersessional period 2026–2029

Document number	Title	New/ ongoing CA	If ongoing, number of Concerted Action
31.3.1	Proposal for a Concerted Action for chimpanzee (<i>Pan troglodytes</i>) Behavioural Diversity and Cultures already listed on Appendix I and II of the Convention	Ongoing	Concerted Action 14.1
31.3.2	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the straw-coloured fruit bat (<i>Eidolon helvum</i>)	Ongoing	Concerted Action 14.2
31.3.3	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the Eurasian lynx (<i>Lynx lynx</i>)	Ongoing	Concerted Action 14.4
31.3.4	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the striped hyena (<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>) proposed for listing on Appendix I and II of the Convention	New	N/A
31.3.5	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the Masai giraffe (<i>Giraffa tippelskirchi</i>), northern giraffe (<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>), reticulated giraffe (<i>Giraffa reticulata</i>) and southern giraffe (<i>Giraffa giraffa</i>)	Ongoing	Concerted Action 13.3 (Rev.COP14)

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31.3.6	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the sperm whales (<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>) of the Eastern Tropical Pacific already listed on Appendix I and II of the Convention	Ongoing	Concerted Action 12.2 (Rev.COP14)
31.3.7	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the Franciscana dolphin (<i>Pontoporia blainvillei</i>)	Ongoing	Concerted Action 14.5
31.3.8	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the Lahille bottlenose dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncatus gephyreus</i>) already listed on Appendix I and II of the Convention	New	N/A
31.3.9	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the Antipodean Albatross (<i>Diomedea antipodensis</i>) already listed on Appendix I of the Convention	Ongoing	Concerted Action 13.12 (Rev.COP14)
31.3.10	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the flesh-footed shearwater (<i>Ardenna carneipes</i>) proposed for listing on Appendix II of the Convention	New	N/A
31.3.11	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the Peruvian or Humboldt pelican (<i>Pelecanus thagus</i>) already listed on Appendix I and II of the Convention	New	N/A
31.3.12	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the Magellanic plover (<i>Pluvianellus socialis</i>) already listed on Appendix I of the Convention	New	N/A
31.3.13	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the sand tiger shark (<i>Carcharias taurus</i>) already listed on Appendix I and II of the Convention	New	N/A
31.3.14/Rev.1	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the basking shark (<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>) already listed on Appendix I and II of the Convention	New	N/A
31.3.15/Rev.1	Proposal for a Concerted Action for the blue shark (<i>Prionace glauca</i>) already listed on Appendix II of the Convention	Ongoing	Concerted Action 14.6
31.3.16/Rev.1	Proposal for a Concerted Action for all species of devil and manta rays (<i>Mobulidae</i>) already listed on Appendix I and II of the Convention	New	N/A

5. The 8th meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC8, December 2025) made recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on the merit of the proposals. The ScC-SC8 recommendations for each proposal have been appended to the respective COP15 documents as addendums. When a proposal was supported without any additional comments from ScC-SC8, no addendum has been issued.
6. Proposals for Concerted Actions that have been revised by the proponents before publication of this document are marked as revised – as shown in Table 1 above.
7. COP15 is expected to decide on the approval or rejection of each of the proposals.

Recommended actions

8. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a) review the proposals for Concerted Actions included in documents UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.31.3.1 to UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.31.3.16/Rev.1 and consider recommendations by the Scientific Council on these proposals, and
 - b) make decisions regarding the approval or rejection of each of the proposals.