ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN VULTURES
UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.24.1.4/Rev.1

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- Resolution recommended for adoption.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

Councillors congratulated the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU, and all partners and stakeholders involved, on the development of a comprehensive Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vulture (Vulture MsAP).

It was suggested that the Vulture MsAP could be considered as a model for future action planning, not least because by brigading species together represents a potentially efficient and effective way in which to develop conservation action plans for groups of species with key similarities.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

    Page 2, para. 3
- After … CMS Parties delete the word ‘and’.
- After … Flyways at delete the word ‘the’.

Page 2, para.4
- Delete ‘Table 1 of Annex 3’ and replace with ‘Annex 1 (List of Species)’.
- Correct scientific name to … Torgos tracheliotos.

Page 3, para. 6
- After … ‘human disturbance’, insert …some of which is intentional due to perceived interactions with livestock.

Page 5, para. 21
- After … ‘as well as’ delete ‘of the’.

Annex I - Page 6 para.4 (unnumbered)
- Correct scientific name to … Torgos tracheliotos.

Annex I - Page 6, para. 5 (unnumbered)
- After … ‘Elephant’ delete the word ‘and’.
- Before … ‘by vultures’, insert ‘d)’.
- After … ‘food availability’, insert ‘lead poisoning’.
Annex I - Page 7, para. 2 (unnumbered)

- Insert new paragraph, as follows: 'Noting also potential synergies between action needed to stop poisoning and illegal killing of Vultures and action needed under CMS initiatives on African mammals established by COP12/Doc.24.3.5 on Conservation and Management of the African Lion, (Panthera leo), COP12/Doc.24.3.1.2 on Conservation and Management of Cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus) and African Wild Dog (Lycaon pictus), COP12/Doc24.3.3 on Adoption of the African Elephant Action Plan and COP12/Doc.24.4.7 Addressing Unsustainable Use of Terrestrial and Avian Wild Meat.'

Annex I – Page 7, para 3

- After …’under CMS’ insert the following text: ‘including on sustainable land use under the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan, and on poisoning under the action plans for lion, cheetah, wild dog and African elephant to be adopted at COP12’;

Annex 2 – Page 9, para. 12CC

- Insert new paragraph b), as follows: ‘Report to COP13 on the decisions taken as a result of working with the CMS Vulture Working Group, CMS Preventing Poisoning Working Group, CMS-CITES African Carnivores Initiative and CMS Energy Task Force clearly to define synergies and a clear division of labour in tackling poisoning and interactions with energy infrastructure’.

Annex 2 - Page 9, para. 12DD

- After …‘CMS Scientific Council’ insert the following text: ‘on progress in implementation of these decisions and the Vulture MsAP and advise future Meetings of the Conference of Parties of any outstanding scientific issues relating to the conservation of vultures’.