

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

**PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF THE STEPPE EAGLE (*Aquila nipalensis*) ON
APPENDIX I OF THE CONVENTION
UNEP/CMS/COP12/DOC.25.1.13 (a) and (b)**

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

- The species meets all criteria for listing on Appendix I of the Convention.
- The species is recommended for inclusion in Appendix I of the Convention.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- The Chair of the Avian Working Group noted that two similar, but separate, species listing proposals relating to the Steppe Eagle had been submitted independently by two CMS Parties – Mongolia and Saudi Arabia. Both documents were reviewed simultaneously by the Working Group.
- Both proposals were recognized as very similar in content. They were considered to be comprehensive and convincingly presented the case for the species to be listed on CMS Appendix 1.
- It was noted that the Steppe Eagle is already covered by the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of the Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors MOU).

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- No amendments proposed.