

ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC4)

**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF
THE GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD (*Ardeotis nigriceps*)
IN APPENDIX I OF THE CONVENTION**

UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.27.1.4

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP13

- Recommended for adoption.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- Endorses the proposal and acknowledges that the species is declining rapidly, facing a number of threats (collisions with powerlines, collision with wind turbines in wind farms, threats in the grounds, trampling of eggs), features slow level of reproduction and could, potentially, easily be lost quickly;
- Notes that a report was released in 2019 showing the movement of a number of birds in far northern Pakistan;
- Notes from the proposal that seasonal and cross-border movements of the species are poorly understood and that birds are reportedly hunted on the Pakistan side;
- Notes that the Government of India is collaborating with the United Arab Emirates to develop plans to conserve the species; as a first step, a captive breeding facility has been built to help increase the number of individuals; however, threats need to be addressed urgently;
- Notes that the CMS COP13 [website](#) illustrates “Gibi, the great” as flagship species for the Conference.