

ScC-SC6 CRP 3.2/Rev.1**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**
(arising from ScC-SC6)**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR VACANT COP-APPOINTED COUNCILLOR POSITIONS**

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RECOMMENDATIONS**COP-appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals**

The Sessional Committee welcomed the five eligible nominations. All were found to be well qualified. Three candidates, Zahangir Alom, Pavel Gol'din, and Gabriel Segniagbeto have strong regional experience but were considered to lack the global perspective necessary for a CMS Appointed Councillor.

Two candidates; Ellen Hines and Vanessa Tossenberger, were ~~considered suitable~~ shortlisted and were recommended. It was noted that each has very different strengths, Ellen Hines was noted to have very strong scientific credentials, she works around the world, and is an expert in multiple aquatic mammal taxa, particularly cetaceans and sirenians. Vanesa Tossenberger was noted to have a global perspective and broad science-policy experience, including with CMS, CITES, CBD and IWC.

COP-appointed Councillor for Climate Change

As ~~o~~Only one candidate, Zahangir Alom, was nominated. Given the broad subject area, complexity of the topic, developing global agenda and growing interest in this subject, tThe Sessional Committee requests the Secretariat to seek additional candidates for the position of the COP-appointed Councillor for Climate Change, and to present the list of the candidates to COP14 for consideration.