

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC6)

MARINE TURTLES

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14

ScC-SC6 recommended the draft Decisions for adoption with the amendments listed below.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- No comments.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Decision 14.BB a)

- Amend to read:
“Review, as far as feasible in collaboration with the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU) and the InterAmerican Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles, relevant scientific information on conservation and threats to marine turtles in a region- and species-specific context, such as ~~including their vulnerability to climate change, and the identification of habitats resilient to climate change as these habitats may require increased conservation effort over time, as well as threats to post-hatchlings such as plastic pollution and light pollution;~~ and”

Decision 14.BB b)

- Amend to read:
“Based on this review, develop new recommendations for the conservation of all species of marine turtle included in Appendix I or II of the Convention, including on the preservation of the current nesting beaches and the identification of new nesting beaches, and collate current and innovative management options to mitigate the effects of climate change on nesting beaches, such as beach cooling and beach restoration projects, for presentation at the 44¹⁵th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;”