

**ADDENDUM 1  
In-Session Version**

**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
(arising from ScC-SC4)

**BYCATCH**  
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**ScC-SC4 Agenda Item 10.2.3**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP13**

- Recommended the draft Decisions for adoption, with the amendments listed below.

**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

- In addition to the activities listed in the document, the Scientific Council acknowledged the work of the ACCOBAMS-ASCOBANS Joint Bycatch Working Group and the IWC Bycatch Mitigation Initiative.
- Regarding page 3, para. 14, the Scientific Council wished to clarify that the guidelines were intended to ensure best practice methodology, not to improve fisheries' sustainability.
- Regarding page 4, para. 17, the Scientific Council noted that purse seine fisheries should have been included in the list of gear types in which these chondrichthyan species are bycaught in high numbers.

**COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION**

- Page 5, Decision 13.AA b)  
- "review the FAO Technical guidelines to prevent and reduce bycatch of marine mammals in fisheries when they become available; ..."
- Page 5, Decision 13.BB b)  
- "... on the most effective and appropriate measures to mitigate and reduce bycatch to ~~sustainable levels~~ based on..."
- Page 5, Decision 13.CC a) i.  
- The Scientific Council emphasized that all taxa should be considered and proposed: "...determine relative levels of bycatch of all CMS-listed marine species..."