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**Request for consultation from the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of  
Wild Animals (CMS)**

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**WCPFC-SC13-2017/EB-IP-19**

**Secretariat**

The WCPFC Secretariat has received the attached documents (Annex A) from the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) requesting consultation on current proposals for amending Appendices I and II of the Convention. A response is requested on or prior to 23 August 2017.

We note that the proposals refer to two WCPFC key shark species, namely whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*) which is proposed for inclusion in CMS Appendix I by the Philippines, Israel and Sri Lanka, and blue shark (*Prionace glauca*) which is proposed for inclusion in CMS Appendix II by Sri Lanka and Samoa. More details are available at the following weblinks:

Species	Proposal	CMS Scientific Council Comments
Whale shark	<a href="http://www.cms.int/en/document/proposal-inclusion-whale-shark-rhincodon-typus-appendix-i-convention">http://www.cms.int/en/document/proposal-inclusion-whale-shark-rhincodon-typus-appendix-i-convention</a>	<a href="http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/cms_cop12_doc.25.1.20_add1_e_0.pdf">http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/cms_cop12_doc.25.1.20_add1_e_0.pdf</a>
Blue shark	<a href="http://www.cms.int/en/document/proposal-inclusion-blue-shark-prionace-glauca-appendix-ii-convention">http://www.cms.int/en/document/proposal-inclusion-blue-shark-prionace-glauca-appendix-ii-convention</a>	<a href="http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/cms_cop12_doc.25.1.22_add1_e.pdf">http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/cms_cop12_doc.25.1.22_add1_e.pdf</a>

The WCPFC Secretariat proposes to respond to the CMS Secretariat by acknowledging the request for consultation and pointing interested parties to the newly updated WCPFC Shark Portal (<https://www.wcpfc.int/sharks>) which provides information on WCPFC science, compliance, management and data activities related to sharks. We would also note that the portal provides links to several recent, pertinent studies that have not been incorporated into the proposals.

**SC13 is invited to consider whether there is any further information or comment that should be included in the WCPFC Secretariat’s response to the CMS Secretariat.**

**Annex A.** Letter received by the WCPFC Secretariat from the CMS Secretariat on 18 July 2017.

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18 July 2017

**Subject** : CMS COP12 Proposals to list species on the Appendices

Dear Executive Secretary,

The 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS will be held from 23 to 28 October 2017 and the deadline for submission of proposals to amend CMS Appendices I and II was 25 May 2017. The proposals we received are in the attached list.

The proposals can also be found on our website at [www.cms.int/COP12](http://www.cms.int/COP12). We are informing you in accordance with paragraph 7 of CMS Resolution 11.33, which:

*Requests the Secretariat to consult other relevant intergovernmental bodies, including RFMOs, having a function in relation to any species subject to a proposal for amendment of the Appendices and to report on the outcome of those consultations to the relevant meeting of the Conference of Parties.*

We seek to obtain scientific data and other comments on the proposals in order to communicate this information to the Parties to CMS for consideration at the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

We would appreciate receiving your response as soon as possible and preferably before 23 August 2017.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

Doc. No.	Scientific Name	Annotations	Common name	Proposed Amendment	Proponent Party	Languages
<b>MAMMALIA</b>						
25.1.1	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>		Chimpanzee	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	COG, TZA	E, F, S
25.1.2	Four species of <i>Lasiurus</i> bats				PER	E, S
	<i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i>		Southern Red Bat	Inclusion in Appendix II		
	<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>		Eastern Red Bat	Inclusion in Appendix II		
	<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>		Hoary Bat	Inclusion in Appendix II		
	<i>Lasiurus ega</i>		Southern Yellow Bat	Inclusion in Appendix II		
25.1.3	<i>Panthera leo</i>		Lion	Inclusion in Appendix II	NER, TCD, TGO	E, F
25.1.4	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		Leopard	Inclusion in Appendix II	GHA, IRN, KEN, SAU	E, F
25.1.5	<i>Ursus arctos isabellinus</i>	Mongolian and Chinese populations	Gobi Bear	Inclusion in Appendix I	MNG	E, F, S
25.1.6	<i>Pusa caspica</i>		Caspian Seal	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	IRN	E, F, S
25.1.7(a)	<i>Equus africanus</i>		African Wild Ass	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	ERI	E, F, S
25.1.7(b)	<i>Equus africanus</i>		African Wild Ass	Inclusion in Appendix I	ETH	E, F, S
25.1.8	<i>Equus ferus przewalskii</i>		Przewalski's Horse	Inclusion in Appendix I	MNG	E, F, S
25.1.9	<i>Gazella bennettii</i>		Indian Gazelle	Inclusion in Appendix II	IRN	E
25.1.10	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>		Giraffe	Inclusion in Appendix II	AGO	E, F
<b>AVES</b>						
25.1.11	<i>Fregata andrewsi</i>		Christmas Frigatebird	Inclusion in Appendix I	PHL	E, F, S
25.1.12	<i>Anous minutus worcesteri</i>		Black Noddy	Inclusion in Appendix II	PHL	E
25.1.13(a)	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>		Steppe Eagle	Inclusion in Appendix I	MNG	E, F, S
25.1.13(b)	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>		Steppe Eagle	Inclusion in Appendix I	SAU	E, F, S
25.1.14	Four Asian vulture species				PAK	E, F, S
	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>		White-rumped Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I		
	<i>Gyps indicus</i>		Indian Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I		
	<i>Gyps tenuirostris</i>		Slender-billed Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I		
	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>		Red-headed Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I		
25.1.15	Five sub-Saharan vulture species				KEN	E, F, S
	<i>Gyps africanus</i>		White-backed Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I		
	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>		Cape Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I		
	<i>Gyps rueppelli</i>		Rüppell's Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I		
	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>		Hooded Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I		
	<i>Trigonoceps occipitalis</i>		White-headed Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I		
25.1.16(a)	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>		Lappet-faced Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I	ISR	E, F, S
25.1.16(b)	<i>Torgos tracheliotos</i>		Lappet-faced Vulture	Inclusion in Appendix I	SAU	E, F, S
25.1.17	<i>Emberiza sulphurata</i>		Yellow Bunting	Inclusion in Appendix II	PHL	E
25.1.18	<i>Lanius excubitor excubitor</i>		Great Grey Shrike	Inclusion in Appendix II	EU	E, F, S
25.1.19	<i>Lanius minor</i>	European population	Lesser Grey Shrike	Inclusion in Appendix II	EU	E, F, S

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	<b>PISCES</b>					
25.1.20	<i>Rhincodon typus</i>		Whale Shark	Inclusion in Appendix I	PHL, ISR, LKA	E, F, S
25.1.21	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>		Dusky Shark	Inclusion in Appendix II	HND	E, F, S
25.1.22	<i>Prionace glauca</i>		Blue Shark	Inclusion in Appendix II	LKA, WSM	E, F, S
25.1.23	<i>Squatina squatina</i>		Angelshark	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	MCO	E, F, S
25.1.24(a)	<i>Rhinobatos rhinobatos</i>	Appendix I: Mediterranean Sea population Appendix II: global population	Common Guitarfish	Inclusion in Appendix I & II	ISR	E, F, S
25.1.24(b)	<i>Rhinobatos rhinobatos</i>		Common Guitarfish	Inclusion in Appendix II	MRT	E, F, S
25.1.24(c)	<i>Rhinobatos rhinobatos</i>		Common Guitarfish	Inclusion in Appendix II	SEN	E, F, S
25.1.24(d)	<i>Rhinobatos rhinobatos</i>		Common Guitarfish	Inclusion in Appendix II	TGO	E, F, S
25.1.25	<i>Rhynchobatus australiae</i>		White-spotted Wedgefish	Inclusion in Appendix II	PHL	E, F, S