ADDENDUM 1

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC6)

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MIGRATORY SPECIES

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14

Recommended for adoption.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

Appreciation was expressed for the efforts of the Secretariat and the authors of the document, which were perceived as very useful. The growing importance of renewable energy for many countries was reiterated, as were the known and unknown risks they pose to migratory species. The importance of countries exchanging information was emphasized. The relevance of the Energy Task Force (ETF), specially for ensuring there is no duplication of efforts and for effectively mitigating effects, including offshore, was pointed out. The vast number of activities delivered by the ETF were perceived as being positive. It was noted that much information – for example, on mitigation of impacts on Harbour Porpoise in the North and Baltic Seas – was available online. It was recognized that this is an important issue around the world, and that, while difficult, it is vital to keep at pace with the rapid rate of development.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS / INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

- Page 8, Annex 2, Draft Decision 14 AA:

  !4.AA Parties are:

  a) requested to integrate biodiversity and migratory species <u>conservation needs</u> ~~considerations~~ in<u>to</u> national energy and climate policy and action plans, and legislation and regulations on siting of new energy infrastructure <u>with the aim of avoiding negative impacts from habitat loss and degradation</u>;

  b) encouraged to support an evidence-based renewable energy mix in the design and implementation of renewable energy policies such as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Energy and Climate Plans, and integrate Strategic Environmental Assessments and ~~species~~ sensitivity mapping <u>for migratory species, especially for those protected at national or international level</u>, into decision-making processes for climate targets;