

ADDENDUM 1
In-session version

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC6)

**PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF
LAHILLE'S BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN (*Tursiops truncatus gephyreus*)
IN APPENDIX I AND II OF THE CONVENTION**

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(ScC-SC6 Agenda item 13.4.4)

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14

ScC-SC6 recommends adoption of the listing proposal.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- It was noted that this species had been identified as a priority for conservation action both by the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission and by the IUCN Species Survival Commission.
- There was clear data confirming the migratory nature of the population between Uruguay and Brazil, but due to lack of scientific studies there was uncertainty regarding the population unit in Argentinian waters.
- A problem with the translation from the original Spanish to English was noted, misrepresenting the information on the migratory nature of the species. The Secretariat was requested to revise section 3.2 accordingly.
- Concerns were raised about a possible conflict between a CMS Appendix I listing and the existing CITES Appendix II listing. It was clarified that for a variety of reasons, including that the species is not in trade, there was no reason for concern.
- The Secretariat advised that in the event that no new taxonomic reference for marine mammals were to be adopted by COP14, Lahille's Bottlenose Dolphin could be added to the Appendices with a footnote explaining the divergence with the current taxonomic reference.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

No comments.