

ADDENDUM 1**SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS**
(arising from ScC-SC6)**IMPORTANT SHARK AND RAY AREAS**

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(ScC-SC6 Agenda item 9.4.2)**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP14**

Sc-SC6 recommended to adopt the draft Resolution and the Decisions.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

- Some members felt that the Resolutions on Important shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs) and Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) could be merged to streamline similar processes under CMS.
- Others highlighted the usefulness of keeping these Resolutions separate as the processes and criteria to identify such Important Areas differ and as relevant stakeholders might find it easier to work with taxon-specific Resolutions.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION**Page 6, paragraph 3 of the preamble:**

- Either include the full text of the target or mention only the number of the target instead of using a summary.
- [Add target 1.](#)

Page 7, operative paragraph 5:

- Amend as follows:

Also invites the Convention on Biological Diversity, ~~and~~ the International Maritime Organization, and the Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) Partnership to consider ISRAs as useful contributions for the determination of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs), Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) and other areas such as Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA); and

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- Include a reference to target 1 of the GBF and only refer to the targets without summarizing their content. Amend as follows:

~~Prioritize identified ISRA for spatial planning and conservation action in the context light of targets 1 and 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework aiming to ensure and enable that by 2030 at least 30 per cent of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas are effectively conserved and managed through ecologically representative, well-connected and equitably governed systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures.~~

Directed to the Scientific Council 14.CC

- Replace “Support the IUCN...” with “Work with the IUCN...”
- Directed to the Secretariat 14.DD b)
- Inform other relevant bodies, not only Parties.