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Decision 27/7: Amendments to the “Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean” and Proposals for amendment of Annexes II and III of the SPA/BD Protocol

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Note by the Secretariat

Amendments to the “Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean”

1. The Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD Protocol) in the Mediterranean established a list of endangered or threatened species and a list of species whose exploitation is regulated (Article 12). These two lists respectively constitute Annexes II and III to the Protocol, which invites Contracting Parties to adopt concerted measures to ensure the protection and the conservation of animal and plant species appearing in these annexes.
2. The Protocol provides for the adoption by the Contracting Parties of common criteria for the inclusion of additional species in the annexes (Article 16).
3. At their 15th Meeting, the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 15, Almeria, Spain, 15-18 January 2008) adopted the Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the SPA/BD Protocol (Decision. IG.17/14).
4. To maintain legal integrity, scientific accuracy, and operational effectiveness in species conservation, it is crucial to update Annexes II and III of the SPA/BD Protocol, in line with current taxonomy.
5. Accurate taxonomic classifications are essential for effective conservation, as they define which species require protection. When nomenclature is outdated or inconsistent, legal obligations may not match biological reality. By updating the annexes II and III of the SPA/BD Protocol in accordance with authoritative references like the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS) and applying a rigorous, science-driven approach to taxonomy, conservation efforts can precisely target species, accurately assess their ecological status, and remain responsive to new scientific findings.
6. The proposed amendments have been presented to the 17th meeting of the Focal Points for SPA/BD (Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 May 2025), who agreed to submit this proposal to the 2025 MAP Focal Points meeting and subsequently to the COP24.
7. Amendments to the “*Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean*” are underlined and between brackets in the Annex I to this decision.
8. Furthermore, in order to simplify and further clarify the provisions of the “*Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean*” an explanatory chart outlining the procedure for amending Annexes II and III of the SPA/BD protocol has been included.

Proposals for Amendments to Annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol:

9. SPA/RAC has received on time, proposals from Albania, Israel, Greece and Spain of inclusion of three species of cartilaginous fishes and six species of sponges to the Annex II and the removal of four cartilaginous fishes from Annex III and their inclusion in the Annex II of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, using the related “*Form for amendment proposals*”.
10. As stated in Decision IG.17/14 “*Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean*” adopted by the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP15, Almeria, Spain, January 2008),

SPA/RAC has immediately forwarded the proposals, in its original version, to the other Contracting Parties and relevant international organizations.

11. The proposals have been presented to the 17th meeting of the Focal Points for SPA/BD (Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 May 2025), who agreed to submit this proposal to the 2025 MAP Focal Points meeting, while indicating that reservations were expressed by Libya and Tunisia regarding the amendment proposal for the cartilaginous fish species pending consultation with the relevant national instances in their respective countries and by France concerning the species *Alopias vulpinus* (Bonnaterre, 1788). According to the consultations, the reservations could be confirmed or lifted.

12. Proposed updates in species names are in **bold and between square brackets**. The Proposals for amendment to Annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol are **in red and between brackets** in the Annex II to this decision,

13. The implementation of this Decision is reflected in the proposed 2026-2027 Programme of Work and Budget under Programme 2, especially under activities 2.2.1, 2.3.1 and 2.3.2.

14. This Decision and its Annexes were submitted to the 2025 MAP Focal Points Meeting (Athens, Greece, 16-19 September 2025) that decided to transmit it to the 24th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP24) (Cairo, Egypt, 2-5 December 2025), as amended.

[Decision IG.27/7¹²**Amendments to the “Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean” and amendments to Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean**

The Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols at their 24th Meeting,

Welcoming the outcome document of the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC-3) entitled “Our ocean, our future: united for urgent action”, reaffirming the strong global commitment to conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources and reconfirming the need to strengthen the role of regional seas conventions and action plans,

Being inspired by the high-level celebration of the anniversary of the 50 years of the UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan and the 30 years of the Post-Rio Barcelona Convention, in UNOC-3, on 10 June 2025, as a strong sign of renewed commitment of the Contracting Parties, as reflected in their Ministerial Declaration,

Noting with appreciation Resolution 6/15 adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly on 1 March 2024, on strengthening ocean efforts to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution,

Recalling also the United Nations General Assembly resolution 76/296 of July 2022, entitled “Our Ocean, Our future, Our responsibility”,

Recalling the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), its goals A and B and targets 4, 5 and 9 and other important decisions underpinning its implementation adopted by 15th Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (Montreal, Canada, 7 - 19 December 2022),

Having regard to Article 10 of the Barcelona Convention, and the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, and in particular Articles 14 and 16 thereof, on the procedure to amend the annexes to the Protocol and the adoption of common criteria for the inclusion of additional species in the annexes to the Protocol respectively,

Recalling Decision IG.17/14 on the Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, adopted by the Contracting Parties at their 15th meeting (COP 15, Almeria, Spain, 15-18 January 2008),

Reaffirming the need to ensure that the lists of species appearing in Annexes II and III to the Protocol are updated, taking into account the evolution of the conservation status of species, changes occurred in taxonomy, the need for additional protection and the emergence of new scientific data,

Emphasising the importance of ensuring harmonisation between Annexes II and III to the Protocol and the relevant annexes to other international and/or regional conventions and agreements pertaining to the preservation of species,

Considering the proposals submitted by Albania, Israel, Greece and Spain at the 17th Meeting of Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity Focal Points (Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 May 2025) to amend Annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol to include:

- three species of cartilaginous fishes in Annex II to the SPA/BD "List of endangered or threatened species”:

¹ Tunisia: reservation regarding *Carcharhinus plumbeus*, *Centrophorus spp.* (*Centrophorus uyato*) and *Prionace glauca*

² Libya: reservation regarding the amendment proposal for the cartilaginous species

- **From Albania**
 - *Centrophorus uyato* (Rafinesque, 1810)
 - *Dalatias licha* (Bonnaterre, 1788)
- **From Israel**
 - *Echinorhinus brucus* (Bonnaterre, 1788)
- six species of sponges in Annex II “List of endangered or threatened species”:
 - **From Greece**
 - *Neophrissospongia* spp. Pisera & Lévi, 2002
 - **From Spain**
 - *Foraminospongia balearica* Díaz, Ramírez-Amaro & Ordines, 2021
 - *Haliclona poecillastroides* (Vacelet, 1969)
 - *Leiodermatium* spp. Schmidt, 1870
 - *Pheronema carpenteri* (Thomson, 1869)
 - *Poecillastra compressa* (Bowerbank, 1866)
- Four species of cartilaginous fish species to be removed from Annex III to the SPA/BD Protocol “List of species whose exploitation is regulated” and included in Annex II “List of endangered or threatened species”:
 - **From Israel**
 - *Alopias vulpinus* (Bonnaterre, 1788)
 - *Carcharhinus plumbeus* (Nardo, 1827)
 - *Centrophorus* spp. (Müller & Henle, 1837)
 - *Prionace glauca* (Linnaeus, 1758)

Recalling Decision IG.25/11 on the Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAPBIO), and its goals aiming to reduce the threats to biodiversity and ensure that biodiversity is preserved and maintained or enhanced in order to meet people’s needs, targets (T.1.1, T.1.2, T.1.3, T.1.4, T.1.5, T.1.6, T.1.7, T.1.8, T.2.1 and T2.2) and actions (1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 35) adopted by the Contracting Parties at their 22nd Meeting (COP 22, Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021),

Recalling the mandate of the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC), as laid down in Decision IG.19/5 on the Mandates of the Components of MAP, adopted by the Contracting Parties at their 16th Meeting (COP 16, Marrakesh, Morocco, 3-5 November 2009), and its relevance to the implementation of this Decision,

Having considered the report of the 17th Meeting of Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity Focal Points (Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 May 2025),

1. *Adopt* the amendments to the “Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean”, set out in Annex I to the present Decision;
2. *Adopt* the amendments to Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, set out in Annex II to the present Decision;

3. *Request* the Secretariat to notify without delay the Depositary of the amendments to Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean;

4. *Request* the Depositary to communicate pursuant to Article 23(2)(iii) of the Barcelona Convention, to all Contracting Parties the adopted amendments without delay, which will become effective 60 days after the notification by the Depositary, as provided for in Article 23(2)(iv)(v) and (vi) of the Barcelona Convention;

5. *Urge* the Contracting Parties to take, at national level, the necessary measures for the effective implementation of conservation of the species included in the annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol;

6. *Request* the Secretariat (SPA/RAC) to assist the Contracting Parties, based on the available budget, in the implementation of the necessary conservation and management measures of the species included in the Annexes II and III to the SPA/DB Protocol, including through resource mobilisation activities.

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Annex I

Amendments to the “Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean”

General principles

1. The present criteria will apply to the evaluation of proposals for:

- inclusion of new species in Annexes II and III of the Protocol;
- removing species from these annexes;
- transferring species from one of the said annexes to the other;
- modifying the names of species, as a result of changes occurred in taxonomy.

2. No limit is set either on the total number of species included in Annexes II and III of the Protocol, nor on the number of species that an individual Party can propose for inclusion in these annexes.

However, Parties agree that species will be selected on a scientific basis and will be included in the Annexes based on their conservation status; they will therefore have to conform to the conditions laid out in the Protocol and to one or several of the following criteria:

- The IUCN Red List³ categories and criteria developed for assessing the conservation status of species are used by most international conventions. It is recommended that they be used for assessing the status of species when examining proposals for amending Annexes II and III of the Protocol.
- A species that is threatened outside the Mediterranean region and is known to be occasionally or marginally present in the Mediterranean may be considered for inclusion in the Annexes to the Protocol unless it is a potential invasive species.
- The World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)⁴ is recognised as the basis on which the Annexes II and III to the SPA/BD Protocol and amendments thereto, are prepared. Parties agree to follow a conservative approach in the use of the online reference to update names of listed species.
- The following rules are adopted for the treatment of cases of synonymy, generic changes, species splitting and species aggregation (lumping) as a result of a change of standard nomenclatural reference:
 - Synonymy and generic change: corrections can be made automatically as there is no change of status for any listed population;
 - Splitting: when a listed taxon is split into two or more, each of the resulting taxa retains the listing status of the former aggregated taxon; and
 - Aggregation (lumping): if a taxon listed in either Annex II or Annex III is merged with one or more unlisted taxa, under its name or that of one of the unlisted taxa, the entire aggregate taxon will be listed in the Annex that included the originally listed, narrower taxon in all cases where the unlisted entity thus added has the same conservation status as, or a worse one than, the one of the previously listed taxon.

3. The criteria listed below do not figure either in order of importance or of priority.

³ (a) IUCN 2001. IUCN red list Categories and criteria. Version 3.1. Species Survival Commission, Gland. (b) IUCN 2003. Guidelines for the Application of IUCN red list Criteria on the regional level. Version 3.0 Species Survival Commission. Gland. The two documents can be downloaded from: <https://www.iucnredlist.org/resources/categories-and-criteria>.

⁴ WoRMS (<https://www.marinespecies.org>) integrates databases like AlgaeBase, FishBase, MolluscaBase, and others covering marine taxa (e.g., amphipods, sponges, sea anemones). Full list at WoRMS.

Common Criteria to be applied in evaluating proposals for inclusion of species in Annex II of the Protocol as adopted by the Fifteenth Ordinary Meeting (COP 15; Almeria, January 2008)

4. A species can be included in Annex II to the Protocol if, on the basis of reliable scientific data, it is demonstrated that:
 - the **species is in decline** with a substantial reduction in its numbers (observed, estimated, inferred or suspected); or that
 - **important reductions** (including fragmentation) **of its habitats** have been observed in the Mediterranean; or that
 - the **species or its Mediterranean population** figures on the **IUCN Red List as critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable** or appears in the **IUCN-ACCOBAMS Cetacean Red List**.
5. **Habitat building species and those at the basis of important biological formations** for the Mediterranean may be included in Annex II of the Protocol if important regressions of the said habitats or of the areas covered by the said formations have been observed, inferred or suspected over the last 10 years.
6. **A species endemic to a country, or a group of countries**, may be included in Annex II of the Protocol at the proposal of the country, or of the group of countries in question.
7. The inclusion of a species in Annex II of the Protocol may be decided if it proves necessary to the adequate **implementation of conservation measures advocated for a species already included** in the said annex.

Common Criteria to be applied in evaluating proposals for the inclusion of species in Annex III of the Protocol as adopted by the Fifteenth Ordinary Meeting (COP 15; Almeria, January 2008)

8. A species may be included in Annex III of the Protocol if:
 - **statistical data show a regression of more than 50%** of landings over the past 5 years; or
 - unless its exploitation is regulated, it is likely to fall into the **category of endangered or threatened species** as defined by the Protocol.
9. A species may be included in Annex III of the Protocol if the techniques used to exploit it are destructive to biological formations or habitats listed on the reference list of habitats of conservation interest adopted within the MAP framework.

Common Criteria to be applied in evaluating proposals for removing species from Annexes II and III of the Protocol

10. A species may be removed from Annexes II or III of the Protocol if **reliable data**, especially **better available scientific data**, indicate that **the reasons that led to its initial inclusion no longer exist**.
11. However, removal can only be considered if the said species **runs no risk**, in the **short or medium term**, of finding itself in the condition that originally warranted its inclusion in the said annexes.

Procedures to be followed in proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol

With a view to facilitating the implementation of Article 23 of the Convention and articles 14 and 16 of the SPA/BD Protocol, the following procedure is proposed to be followed:

- a) The Parties submitting proposals for inclusion of species or their removal from an Annex will submit a proposal to the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC), in conformity with the attached model, at least 90 days before the Meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points. The proposal must be submitted either in English or in French;
- b) The Centre will immediately forward the proposal, in its original version, to the other Parties and to the Coordinating Unit;
- c) The proposal will be submitted to the meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points, which will proceed to evaluate it in the light of the above common criteria. To this end, SPA/RAC will proceed to the translation of the original version so that the proposal may be sent to the SPA/BD Focal Points and to the relevant international organisations in English and in French at least a month before the Focal Points Meeting;
- d) The proposal, by the concerned Party, accompanied by the recommendation of the meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points, will be submitted to the Contracting Parties for their consideration and adoption according to paragraph 2 letter (ii) of Article 23;
- e) Prior to each meeting of the SPA/BD Focal Points, the Centre will carry out a review of taxonomic changes in relation to the species listed on Annexes II and II of the SPA/BD Protocol and bring to its attention any need for possible taxonomic updates of the lists for their consideration and submission, as appropriate to the COP.

Furthermore, the Contracting Parties may instruct SPA/RAC to undertake evaluation exercises about the status of species with the view of proposing amendments to Annex II and or Annex III to the Protocol.

Procedure for Amending Annexes II and III of the SPA/BD Protocol



Annex II

Amendments to Annex II (List of endangered or threatened species) and Annex III (List of species whose exploitation is regulated)

Annex II:
List of endangered or threatened species⁵

Magnoliophyta
<i>Cymodocea nodosa</i> (Ucria) Ascherson 1870
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i> (Linnaeus) Delile 1813
<i>Zostera marina</i> Linnaeus 1753
[<i>Nanozostera noltei</i> (Hornemann) Tomlinson & Posluszny 2001]
Chlorophyta
[<i>Caulerpa prolifera</i> (Forsskål) J.V.Lamouroux 1809]
Heterokontophyta
[<i>Cystoseira</i> genus (except <i>Cystoseira compressa</i>)]
[<i>Ericaria</i> genus]
[<i>Gongolaria</i> genus]
<i>Fucus virsoides</i> J. Agardh 1868
<i>Laminaria rodriguezii</i> Bornet, 1888
<i>Sargassum acinarium</i> (Linnaeus) Setchell, 1933
<i>Sargassum flavifolium</i> Kützinger, 1849
<i>Sargassum hornschurchii</i> C. Agardh, 1820
<i>Sargassum trichocarpum</i> J. Agardh, 1889
Rhodophyta
<i>Gymnogongrus crenulatus</i> (Turner) J. Agardh, 1851
[<i>Feliciinia spathulata</i> (J.Agardh) Le Gall & Vergés, 2018]
[<i>Lithophyllum byssoides</i> (Lamarck) Foslie, 1900]
[<i>Ptilophora dentata</i> (Kützinger) Alongi, Cormaci & G. Furnari, 2020]
<i>Schimmelmannia schousboei</i> (J. Agardh) J. Agardh, 1851
<i>Sphaerococcus rhizophylloides</i> J.J. Rodríguez y Femenías, 1895
<i>Tenarea tortuosa</i> (Esper) Me.Lemoine, 1910
[<i>Lithophyllum woelkerlingii</i> Alongi, Cormaci & G. Furnari, 2017]
<i>Titanoderma trochanter</i> (Bory) Benhissoune, Boudouresque, Perret-Boudouresque & Verlaque, 2002
Porifera
<i>Aplysina</i> sp. plur.
[<i>Lycopodina hypogea</i> Vacelet & Boury-Esnault, 1996]
<i>Axinella cannabina</i> (Esper, 1794)
<i>Axinella polypoides</i> (Schmidt, 1862)
[<i>Foraminospongia balearica</i> Díaz, Ramírez-Amaro & Ordines, 2021]
[<i>Geodia cydonium</i> (Linnaeus, 1767)]
[<i>Haliclona poecillastroides</i> (Vacelet, 1969)]
[<i>Leiodermatium</i> spp. Schmidt, 1870]
[<i>Neophrissospongia</i> spp. Pisera & Lévi, 2002]
<i>Petrobiona massiliana</i> (Vacelet & Lévi, 1958)

⁵ Proposed updates in species names are in bold and between brackets. Proposed amendments to the Annex are in red and between brackets.

<u>[<i>Pheronema carpenteri</i> (Thomson, 1869)]</u>
<u>[<i>Poecillastra compressa</i> (Bowerbank, 1866)]</u>
[<i>Sarcotragus foetidus</i> (Schmidt, 1862)]
[<i>Sarcotragus pipetta</i> (Schmidt, 1868)]
<i>Tethya</i> sp. plur.
Cnidaria
<i>Antipathella subpinnata</i> (Ellis & Solander, 1786)
<i>Antipathes dichotoma</i> Pallas, 1766
<i>Antipathes fragilis</i> Gravier, 1918
<i>Astroides calycularis</i> (Pallas, 1766)
<i>Callogorgia verticillata</i> (Pallas, 1766)
<i>Cladocora caespitosa</i> (Linnaeus, 1767)
<i>Cladocora debilis</i> Milne Edwards & Haime, 1849
<i>Dendrophyllia cornigera</i> (Lamarck, 1816)
<i>Dendrophyllia ramea</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Desmophyllum dianthus</i> (Esper, 1794)
<i>Ellisella paraplexauroides</i> Stiasny, 1936
<i>Errina aspera</i> (Linnaeus, 1767)
<i>Isidella elongata</i> (Esper, 1788)
<i>Leiopathes glaberrima</i> (Esper, 1792)
[<i>Desmophyllum pertusum</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)]
<i>Madrepora oculata</i> Linnaeus, 1758
<i>Parantipathes larix</i> (Esper, 1790)
[<i>Savalia savaglia</i> (Bertoloni, 1819)]
Bryozoa
<i>Hornera lichenoides</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
Mollusca
<i>Charonia lampas</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
[<i>Charonia variegata</i> (Lamarck, 1816)]
[<i>Dendropoma cristatum</i> (Biondi-Giunti, 1859)]
[<i>Naria spurca</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)]
[<i>Steromphala nivosa</i> (A. Adams, 1853)]
<i>Lithophaga lithophaga</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Luria lurida</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) (= <i>Cypraea lurida</i>)
[<i>Episcomitra zonata</i> (Marryat, 1819)]
<i>Patella ferruginea</i> Gmelin, 1791
[<i>Cymbula safiana</i> (Lamarck, 1819)]
<i>Pholas dactylus</i> Linnaeus, 1758
<i>Pinna nobilis</i> Linnaeus, 1758
<i>Pinna rudis</i> Linnaeus, 1758
[<i>Ranella olearium</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)]
<i>Schilderia achatidea</i> (J. E. Gray, 1837)
<i>Tonna galea</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)

<i>Zonaria pyrum</i> (Gmelin, 1791)
Crustacea
<i>Ocypode cursor</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Pachylasma giganteum</i> (Philippi, 1836)
Echinodermata
<i>Asterina pancerii</i> (Gasco, 1870)
<i>Centrostephanus longispinus</i> (Philippi, 1845)
<i>Ophidiaster ophidianus</i> (Lamarck, 1816)
Pisces
<i>Acipenser naccarii</i> Bonaparte, 1836
<i>Acipenser sturio</i> Linnaeus, 1758
<i>Aetomylaeus bovinus</i> (Geoffroy St. Hilaire, 1817)
<i>Alopias superciliosus</i> Lowe, 1841
<u><i>[Alopias vulpinus (Bonnaterre, 1788)]</i></u>
<i>Aphanius fasciatus</i> (Valenciennes, 1821)
<u><i>[Apricaphanius iberus (Valenciennes, 1846)]</i></u>
<i>Bathytoshia lata</i> (Garman, 1880)
<i>Carcharias taurus</i> Rafinesque, 1810
<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<u><i>[Carcharhinus plumbeus (Nardo, 1827)]</i></u>
<u><i>[Centrophorus spp. (Müller & Henle, 1837)⁶]</i></u>
<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i> (Gunnerus, 1765)
<u><i>[Dalatias licha (Bonnaterre, 1788)]</i></u>
<i>Dasyatis Pastinaca</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Dipturus batis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<u><i>[Echinorhinus brucus (Bonnaterre, 1788)]</i></u>
<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Gymnura altavela</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Hippocampus guttulatus</i> Cuvier, 1829
<i>Hippocampus hippocampus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Huso huso</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> Rafinesque, 1810
<i>Lamna nasus</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788)
<i>Lampetra zanandreae</i> Vladykov, 1955
<i>Leucoraja circularis</i> (Couch, 1838)
<i>Leucoraja melitensis</i> (Clark, 1926)
<i>Mobula mobular</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788)
<i>Myliobatis aquila</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Odontaspis ferox</i> (Risso, 1810)
<i>Oxynotus centrina</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<u><i>[Ninnigobius canestrinii (Ninni, 1883)]</i></u>
<i>Pomatoschistus tortonesei</i> Miller, 1969
<i>Pristis pectinata</i> Latham, 1794

⁶ The entire genus *Centrophorus* is listed in Annex II (with no species names), and *C. granulatus* is deleted from Annex III. The listing in Annex II shall be therefore *Centrophorus spp.*, which refers to all species of this genus.

<i>Pristis pristis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<u><i>[Prionace glauca (Linnaeus, 1758)]</i></u>
<i>[Glaucostegus cemiculus (Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1817)]</i>
<i>Rhinoptera marginata</i> (Geoffroy St. Hilaire, 1817)
<i>Rhinobatos rhinobatos</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Rostroraja alba</i> (Lacépède, 1803)
<i>Sphyrna lewini</i> (Griffith & Smith, 1834)
<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i> (Rüppell, 1837)
<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Squatina aculeata</i> Cuvier, 1829
<i>Squatina oculata</i> Bonaparte, 1840
<i>Squatina squatina</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Valencia hispanica</i> (Valenciennes, 1846)
<i>Valencia letourneuxi</i> (Sauvage, 1880)
Reptiles
<i>Caretta caretta</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Chelonia mydas</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> (Vandelli, 1761)
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)
<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> (Garman, 1880)
<i>Trionyx triunguis</i> Forsskål, 1775
Aves
<i>Calonectris diomedea</i> (Scopoli, 1769)
<i>Ceryle rudis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> Linnaeus, 1758
<i>Charadrius leschenaultii columbinus</i> Lesson, 1826
<i>Falco eleonora</i> G��n��, 1834
<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> (Gmelin, 1789)
<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i> ssp. <i>melitensis</i> (Schembri, 1843)
<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> (Pallas, 1770)
<i>Larus armenicus</i> Buturlin, 1934
<i>Larus audouinii</i> Payraudeau, 1826
<i>[Chroicocephalus genei (Br��me, 1839)]</i>
<i>[Ichthyaetus melanocephalus (Temminck, 1820)]</i>
<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i> (Pallas, 1773)
<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i> Vieillot, 1817
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Pelecanus crispus</i> Bruch, 1832
<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> Linnaeus, 1758
<i>[Gulosus aristotelis (Linnaeus, 1761)]</i>
<i>[Phoenicopterus ruber Linnaeus, 1758]</i>
<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i> Lowe, 1921
<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i> (Acerbi, 1827)

<i>Sternula albifrons</i> (Pallas, 1764)
[<i>Sterna bengalensis</i> Lesson, 1831]
[<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i> Latham, 1787]
Mammalia
<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i> Lacépède, 1804
<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i> Lesson, 1828
<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Delphinus delphis</i> Linnaeus, 1758
<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i> (Müller, 1776)
<i>Globicephala melas</i> (Trail, 1809)
<i>Grampus griseus</i> (G. Cuvier, 1812)
[<i>Kogia sima</i> (Owen, 1866)]
<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i> (Borowski, 1781)
<i>Mesoplodon densirostris</i> (de Blainville, 1817)
<i>Monachus monachus</i> (Hermann, 1779))
<i>Orcinus orca</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Phocoena phocoena</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i> Linnaeus, 1758
<i>Pseudorca crassidens</i> (Owen, 1846)
<i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i> (Meyen, 1833)
<i>Steno bredanensis</i> (G. Cuvier in Lesson, 1828)
<i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (Montagu, 1821)
<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i> Cuvier, 1832

Annex III:
List of species whose exploitation is regulated⁷

Porifera
<i>Hippospongia communis</i> (Lamarck, 1814)
[<i>Spongia (Spongia) lamella</i> (Schulze, 1872)]
[<i>Spongia (Spongia) officinalis</i> Linnaeus, 1759]
[<i>Spongia (Spongia) zimocca</i> Schmidt, 1862]
Cnidaria
<i>Antipathes</i> sp. plur.
<i>Corallium rubrum</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
Crustacea
<i>Homarus gammarus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Maja squinado</i> (Herbst, 1788)
<i>Palinurus elephas</i> (Fabricius, 1787)
<i>Scyllarides latus</i> (Latreille, 1803)
<i>Scyllarus arctus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
[<i>Scyllarus pygmaeus</i> (Spence Bate, 1888)]
Echinodermata
<i>Paracentrotus lividus</i> (Lamarck, 1816)
Pisces
<i>[<i>Alopias vulpinus</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788)]</i>
<i>Alosa alosa</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Alosa fallax</i> (Lacépède, 1803)
<i>Anguilla anguilla</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>[<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i> (Nardo, 1827)]</i>
<i>[<i>Centrophorus granulosus</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)]</i>
<i>Epinephelus marginatus</i> (Lowe, 1834)
<i>Dasyatis marmorata</i> (Steindachner, 1892)
<i>Heptranchias perlo</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788)
<i>Hexanchus griseus</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788)
<i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
[<i>Mustelus asterias</i> Cloquet, 1821]
<i>Mustelus mustelus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
[<i>Mustelus punctulatus</i> Risso, 1826]
[<i>Petromyzon marinus</i> Linnaeus, 1758]
<i>Pteroplatytrygon violacea</i> (Bonaparte, 1832)
<i>Prionace glauca</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
[<i>Sciaena umbra</i> Linnaeus, 1758]
[<i>Squalus acanthias</i> Linnaeus, 1758]
<i>Thunnus thynnus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
<i>Umbrina cirrosa</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)
[<i>Xiphias gladius</i> Linnaeus, 1758]

⁷ Proposed updates in species names are in bold and between brackets. Proposed amendments to the Annex are in red and between brackets.