



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments  
**IWC.CCG.1388**

**IWC engagement in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Process**

Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1361 reported on IWC engagement in the process for developing the post-2020 biodiversity framework.

This Circular Communication provides an update, and information on IWC participation in “Bern 2”, a second consultation meeting for Biodiversity-related Conventions on development of the post 2020 framework (<https://www.unenvironment.org/events/workshop/bern-2-consultation-workshop-biodiversity-related-conventions-post-2020-global>).

Through its membership of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG), the IWC was invited to participate, along with other Secretariats of the Biodiversity-related Conventions, at a workshop held in June 2019 in Bern to input to early discussions of the new post 2020 framework and targets. This meeting was attended by the Chair of the Commission and the Secretariat. Since then, the process has also included several thematic meetings, including one on marine issues which was attended by Scientific Committee Vice-Chair Alex Zerbini.

A Zero Draft post 2020 framework is now available and is attached. This meeting will discuss elements of the draft framework and associated elements for its implementation. It is also an opportunity to discuss synergies across the Conventions in delivering the framework. On the advice of the Bureau, this meeting will be attended by the Chair of the Commission, the IWC Executive Secretary, Rebecca Lent and the Secretariat’s Head of Programme Development, Sarah Smith. As previously, IWC contributions to these discussions will be based on existing IWC mandates, priorities and work programmes and relevant to the key threats facing cetaceans.

Contracting Governments are invited to consult with their national focal points for other Biodiversity-related Conventions who may be attending this meeting.

Comments on this meeting are welcome as the small delegation prepares for this event. Kindly send any queries to [secretariat@iwc.int](mailto:secretariat@iwc.int)

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