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Conservation Committee Planning Group and Joint CC-SC Working Group Meeting

This Circular provides an update on plans for meetings of the Conservation Committee Planning Group and Joint Conservation Committee-Scientific Committee Working Group in 2020.

Conservation Committee Planning Group

At IWC66 in October 2016 the Commission endorsed a recommendation to establish a Conservation Committee Planning Group (CCPG), tasked with helping set the agenda for the biennial Conservation Committee meeting and progression of the Conservation Committee's work plan in the intersessional period. The Terms of Reference for this Planning Group are in the attachments to this Circular.

The next meeting of the Conservation Committee Planning Group will take place virtually on 25 May 2020 at 15:00-17:00 London time. A draft annotated agenda for this meeting is attached. This draws attention to some items which will also be dealt with by email in advance to increase the efficiency of, and reduce the time needed for the remote meeting.

Meeting attendance

The Terms of Reference for the Planning Group note that the group is intended to be small and focused and does not replace a full meeting of the Conservation Committee. It will primarily be composed of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conservation Committee, Chairs of the Committee's Standing Working Groups, and nominees from Contracting Governments and observers who have a contribution to make on particular agenda items. Additional expertise will be decided by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conservation Committee based on the CCPG agenda.

Chairs of Conservation Committee Standing Working Groups and other topic leads will receive an invitation to this meeting. Others who wish to attend this meeting should write to the Chair of the Conservation Committee and the IWC Secretariat (projectdevelopment@iwc.int) by **Tuesday 7 May 2020** to request participation and indicate specific agenda items of interest.

Joint CC-SC Meeting

The Joint CC-SC meeting will not be held on 25 May 2020, as planned. Some issues will be progressed through correspondence and further information will be sent in due course. A remote or in-person meeting will be considered at a later date. Any queries on this should be directed to the Secretariat.

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