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Welcome to SC68B

Dear SC68B participants,

On behalf of all of us at the IWC Secretariat, we welcome you to the 65th meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee!

As noted by your Chair Robert Suydam and Vice-Chair Alex Zerbini, we meet in very unusual circumstances this year due to COVID-19. We realize that the pandemic has impacted all of you in your personal and professional lives, which makes us all the more grateful for the exceptional effort made by our SC leadership and the Convenors to organize the meeting.

We are also pleased to have a record number of participants join us this year, including many new scientists from all over the world. At present we have over 300 participants registered. For those of who are participating in an SC meeting for the first time, we invite you to take a look at the newcomers' PowerPoint (see the link below).

Should you need any assistance during the meeting please do not hesitate to contact us at the Secretariat – secretariat@iwc.int for general questions or it.support@iwc.int for Zoom connection issues.

It is a beautiful sunny morning in Cambridge, which reminds us that we were looking forward to welcoming you to our hometown this morning. We hope to make that possible in a future year.

Useful links:

- [provisional timetable for sub-committee meetings \(SC/68B/T01\)](#) associated Zoom meetings for week 1 and join links can be found on [the new Zoom tab](#).
- [guide to Zoom for SC participants \(SC/68B/GEN/02\)](#) The tutorial for Zoom
- The [newcomers' PPT](#)

Best regards,
Rebecca and the IWC Secretariat