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Report of the Scientific Committee 2022

I am pleased to announce the publication of the report of the IWC Scientific Committee meeting (SC68D) held virtually from 25 April to 13 May 2022. The report and its annexes are available [here](#).

Due to COVID-19 the meeting was again held online with a revised format building upon lessons learnt from the last two years. Some technical discussions were held in a virtual pre-meeting of the Abundance Steering Group and a later in-person meeting of the Implementation Simulation Trials Sub-committee. Whilst this allowed a larger portion of the agenda to be addressed, there were still a number of discussions that were postponed.

The meeting and its pre-meetings were attended by approximately 500 cetacean scientists compared to an average in-person total of 150-200. The percentage of newcomers was 32% and additional support was made available via introductory sessions and user guides in English, French and Spanish.

On behalf of the Scientific Committee Chair, Alex Zerbini, and Vice-Chair, Lindsay Porter, we look forward to reporting in-person at IWC68, on this meeting and the three other SC meetings held since IWC67.

I would like to thank the leadership of the Scientific Committee, and everyone involved in the meeting for their cooperative spirit and commitment to ensuring that the meeting was both productive and inclusive.

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