

Children	Number	Text	Year	Last Reviewed	Outcome
		The Committee notes the absence of representation and expertise from Africa within the Strandings Expert Panel (SEP). The Committee and the Chair of the Expert Panel therefore strongly recommends identifying and recruiting local representation from Africa and Asia in future reviews of the SEP membership.	2022		Annual reviews of membership planned under 4-year workplan and need for local representation from Africa and Asia noted.
		The Committee welcomes this new information on cetacean welfare and encourages that these papers should be brought to the attention of the IWC's Whale Killing methods and Welfare Issues group.	2022		
	SC2178	The Committee discussed the present accessibility of satellite imagery and encourages satellite image providers to develop collaborative partnerships with stranding networks, NGOs and governments, to allow an inclusive way for this platform to prosper.	2021	15/07/2021	
	SC2177	The Committee recognised the promise of Very High Resolution (VHR) satellite imagery and encourages the further refinement and use of VHR for strandings monitoring.	2021	15/07/2021	
	SC2176	The Committee emphasised the importance of the role of the Strandings Coordinator in underpinning the Strandings Initiative and: (1) requests the Secretariat to recruit a Strandings Coordinator as soon as possible subject to available funds (2) encourages the Secretariat to seek funding to support the role of the Strandings Coordinator.	2021	27/02/2022	Coordinator in place since April 2022. Fundraising staff also in place

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	SC2175	The Committee recommends: (3) the SEP and the Strandings Steering Committee meet shortly after the close of SC68C to review and complete a costed version of the Strandings Initiative work plan.	2021	01/10/2021	Steering group met 27 Sept. Agreed to workplan. SEP had already agreed the workplan at SC68C. A costed version of the workplan is outstanding but to be actioned at in-person SEP meeting in 2023 (funding permitting)
	SC2174	The Committee recommends: (2) the refreshed Strandings Steering Committee appoint a convenor; and	2021	01/10/2021	Steering group meeting held 27 Sept 2021. Membership review underway, Chair nominated and confirmed at meeting on 15th Aug 2022.
SC2174,SC2175	SC2173	The Committee expresses its ongoing strong support for the Strandings Initiative, commended the work of the chair and the rest of the Strandings Expert Panel (SEP) to date and endorses the options presented, subject to an addition to the Terms of Reference (ToR) 10 for the SEP, whereby the SEP will provide regular updates to the Strandings Steering Committee, and endorses membership of the SEP and the Strandings Steering Committee. The Committee recommends: (1) the Committee funds for strandings be carried over to the next biennial budget;	2021	15/07/2021	This was agreed at SC
	SC20131	The Committee reiterated the importance of the IWC Strandings Initiative. Recognising the outstanding needs regarding the data generated through the initiative, the Committee: (2) agrees to further consider the topic of database development and data standardisation at SC68C and coordinate this with the on-going work on database development in the Ad Hoc Working Group on Databases.	2020	15/02/2021	IWC data manager in place
	SC20130	The Committee reiterated the importance of the IWC Strandings Initiative. Recognising the outstanding needs regarding the data generated through the initiative, the Committee: (1) requests that the Secretariat liaise intersessionally with this group to facilitate discussion of existing database development plans, and coordination with the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Databases;	2020	15/02/2021	IWC data manager in place, scoping of database needs/challenges is underway including discussions with other organisations regarding possible development of a global database and how this could work

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	SC20129	Regarding the new four year work plan for the Strandings Initiative the Committee: (1) agrees on expanding the scope of the Expert Panel to address geographic gaps and gaps in expertise, (2) requests the Strandings Initiative Steering Group to identify appropriate additional members and (3) encourages the Committee members represented on this group to engage with development of the work plan as it proceeds intersessionally.	2020	15/02/2021	New members recruited from South Africa, Hawaii, The Netherlands, Spain, Thailand, Brasil and the Carribean
	SC20128	The Committee recalls previous recommendations stressing the importance of the IWC Strandings Initiative. The Committee: (3) requests the Strandings Expert Panel and Secretariat to pursue wider fundraising opportunities.	2020	15/02/2021	Fundraising staff in place
	SC20127	The Committee recalls previous recommendations stressing the importance of the IWC Strandings Initiative. The Committee: (2) encourages Contracting Governments and relevant organisations to contribute funding to the initiative;	2020	15/02/2021	Ongoing
	SC20126	The Committee recalls previous recommendations stressing the importance of the IWC Strandings Initiative. The Committee: (1) draws attention to the need for funding for the Strandings Coordinator position and the Strandings Initiative work programme;	2020	15/02/2021	Proposals for staffing to support the SI to be presented to IWC68B along with funding needs. Strandings Coordinator in post April 2022. Superseded by SC2176.

	SC1925	Wherever possible strandings and especially mass strandings events of beaked whales and baleen whales be thoroughly investigated - the Committee can assist in this through the Strandings Initiative and it encourages governments to request help if required.	2019	15/02/2021	Support being provided by strandings Expert Panel. See SC68B/E08
	SC1924	Reiterates to the Commission and Contracting Governments the vulnerability of beaked whales to acoustic impacts.	2019	15/02/2021	SC work ongoing

	SC1923	Strandings Coordinator looks to identify unusual mortality events and to request those involved to submit papers for consideration by the Committee.	2019	15/02/2021	Report on UMEs submitted to SC68B
	SC1922	National co-ordinators should indicate mass stranding or unusual mortality events in the National Progress Reports.	2019	15/02/2021	Work also underway to encourage more countries to submit progress reports

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	SC1921	The Committee recognises the importance of receiving information on and understanding the causes of mass strandings and unusual mortality events and encourages submission of such reports to the Committee.	2019	15/02/2021	
	SC1920	Secretariat to pursue wider fundraising efforts for Strandings Initiative activities.	2019	15/02/2021	Superseded by SC20126
	SC1919	Contracting Governments to consider providing support for strandings initiative.	2019	15/02/2021	No voluntary donations received in 2019 or 2020 to date

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	SC1918	Funding be sought for the continued support of the Strandings Coordinator beyond October 2020.	2019	15/02/2021	Also see SC1919. Currently there is no funding for reappointment of the co-ordinator. Staffing needs for SI work programme to be discussed (in light of other Secretariat recruitments) and proposals presented to IWC68 including on funding needs. Superseded. Strandings coordinator in post April 2022
	SC1917	The Committee encourages the Strandings Coordinator and SEP to develop a package of training materials for use in IWC events and for outreach purposes.	2019	15/02/2021	Discussion ongoing as to whether IWC should develop its own training materials or act as a repository and disseminator for others. Will be considered in context of development of new SI work programme. Superseded
	SC1916	Guidelines in the Prioritization Matrix for providing stranding response training by the strandings coordinator should be adopted and modified in future as necessary.	2019	15/02/2021	Prioritisation matrix in use
	SC1915	The Committee reiterates its support for the IWC Stranding Initiative and the work of the co-ordinator, noting that it is entering a new and important critical phase.	2019	15/02/2021	Progress reported to SC68B and new strandings workplan presented at SC68C and to IWC68 for endorsement