

Conservation Committee recommendations 2016-2020 with Progress

Prepared by the Secretariat

2016

Number	Text	Type	Year	Progress	Outcome	Further Action	Recommendation Notes	REVIEW NOTES
CC1601	That the Commission endorse the revised Conservation Management Plan for Southeast Pacific Southern Right Whales, which welcomes Peru as a range state (SC/66b/BRG23).	Recommendation	2016	Complete	Commission endorsed CMP			
CC1602	That the Conservation Committee note that a proposal is being prepared for a stakeholder workshop on the Conservation Management Plan for western gray whales and that funds will be requested from the Voluntary Conservation Management Plans Fund for this workshop.	Workplan action	2016	Ongoing			Believe the proposal was prepared and discussed. COVID disrupted the workshop going ahead. There were plans to proceed virtually but unsure if this has happened. Rather than seeking VCF funds believe the IUCN was proving funding or in kind support. Annie will follow up.	
CC1603	That the Conservation Committee agree that the CMP Standing Working Group consider the two requests for funding noted above out of session, for final endorsement by the Chairs of the Conservation Management Plan Standing Working Group and Conservation Committee.	Recommendation	2016	Complete				
CC1604	That the Commission nominate and endorse the Conservation Management Plan for the Franciscana (IWC/66/CC11).	Recommendation	2016	Complete	Commission endorsed CMP			
CC1605	That the Conservation Committee should continue to highlight to the Scientific Committee (through the Commission) the research actions detailed in recently revised and new Conservation Management Plans.	Recommendation	2016	Ongoing			We could look at whether this is being done effectively. Should we continue to provide updates or official reports. e.g pull out all the research actions across the CMPS.	
CC1606	That the Conservation Committee agree to a proposed mid-term review of the Conservation Management Plan Work Plan 2014-2020, to be undertaken by the Conservation Management Plans Standing Working Group during the 2016-2018 intersessional period, with the Terms of Reference at Appendix 2.	Workplan action	2016	Complete	Mid term review complete. Drafting of new strategic plan for CMPs is complete present to IWC68			
CC1607	That the Conservation Committee note that further consideration of marine debris in Conservation Management Plans will be informed by discussions on bycatch and entanglement activities, as well as the proposed mid-term review and proposed guidelines and principles for development of threat-based Conservation Management Plans.	Workplan action	2016	Ongoing			We considered but moved away from the threat based CMP idea in 2018. it is worth revisiting as it has come up a few times recently. We need to work more closely with the marine debris group as it is currently not a big focus of the CMPS	
CC1608	That the Commission note that Australia was elected to continue as Chair of the Standing Working Group on Conservation Management Plans for a second term.	Workplan action	2016	complete	Commission endorsed Australia continuing as Chair of the SWG.			

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CC1609	That the CMP Working Group meet during the intersessional period and report back to the Conservation Committee at IWC67.	Workplan action	2016	complete	One intersessional meeting held in 2017 and one planned for 2018.			
CC1610	The CC recommended dialogue between the Government of Oman and other IWC member Governments to discuss the potential of a CMP for Arabian Sea humpback whales.	Recommendation	2016	Ongoing	Ongoing communication		The Secretariat and Australia facilitated communication between the range states. This should be done again depending on timing with the ESO and ASWN.	
CC1611	The Conservation Committee (CC) endorsed the strategic planning guidance document (IWC/66/CC10) and the Strategic Plan (IWC/66/CC08) with the changes discussed during the meeting and recommended their submission to the Commission.	Recommendation	2016	Complete	Strategic Plan and Work Plan submitted to and endorsed by Commission			
CC1612	The CC endorsed the draft Terms of Reference (Appendix 4) for a regular Conservation Committee planning meeting.	Workplan action	2016	Complete	Annual Conservation Committee Planning meetings established and reports made available on the IWC website			
CC1613	The CC endorsed the recommendations in IWC/66/CC25 that the Commission requests that the joint SC/CC WG work with the existing Scientific Committee process (being undertaken by the SC Chair, Vice-Chair, Head of Science and convenors) to develop guidelines for both reports on the drafting of clear and focussed stand-alone recommendations that highlight rationale/context, objectives and actors. Unless necessarily general (e.g. addressed to the broad scientific community), the emphasis should be on specific topics and tasks. The guidelines should also consider the use of consistent language (e.g. when and if to use terms such as urge, endorse, agree, recommend and request).	Workplan action	2016	Complete	SC guidance drafted and in use. Conservation Committee guidance drafted and to be considered at its next meeting. In Use and considered a living document			
CC1615	The CC endorsed the recommendations in IWC/66/CC25 that the Commission establishes an intersessional Working Group to develop a draft structure and process for populating a web-accessible database of recommendations (and outcomes), not necessarily limited to conservation recommendations or recommendations of the Scientific Committee, taking into account initial considerations presented in Annex 2 of document IWC/66/CC25. The Working Group would comprise the following members: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, UK, Secretariat and Chair of the CC.	Recommendation	2016	Complete	Database of recommendations complete and in use. Back data entry ongoing			

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CC1616	The CC also took note of the report's recommendation that some conservation themes identified by the Scientific Committee do not appear on the Conservation Committee agenda. When developing its workplan, the Committee agreed to consider: i) The need to amend its agenda to reflect additional themes identified from this analysis (i.e. conservation aspects of small cetaceans and of bycatch and entanglement) and the value of establishing intersessional working groups for priority areas to further the Committees workplan; and ii) The need to recommend to the Commission an annual Conservation Committee meeting (whilst this would have cost and logistical implications it would allow the Committee additional time to consider in more detail the progress made intersessionally on key conservation issues).	Workplan action	2016	Complete				
CC1617	The CC agreed that a proposal to hold annual meetings of the CC would be prepared for IWC 67 in 2018. In the meantime, a CC planning meeting would be held in 2017, back to back with the SC.	Workplan action	2016	Complete	Proposal submitted to IWC67 but was not endorsed. Annual CCPG meetings are ongoing			
CC1618	The CC endorsed IWC/66/CC23 to be appended to the Committee's report (Appendix 5) as its recommendations to the Commission on the decadal review of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary.	Recommendation	2016	Complete				
CC1619	The CC endorsed IWC/66/CC14 to be appended to the Committee's report (Appendix 6) as its recommendations to the Commission on the proposed South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary.	Recommendation	2016	Complete	Was not endorsed			
CC1620	The CC welcomed the work undertaken to develop the Ship Strikes Strategic Plan and look forward to its completion intersessionally.	Recommendation	2016	Complete	SS Strategic plan completed and endorsed at IWC67			
CC1621	The CC recommended continued engagement with IMO on the issue of ship strikes.	Recommendation	2016	Ongoing	Continued communication and participation in MEPC meetings			
CC1622	The CC endorsed the recommendations in IWC/CC/03 that the IWC could support the IORA Network and continue to implement Objective 3 of the IWC's Strategic Plan for Whalewatching by: i) Sharing information, best practice, experience and expertise with IORA Member States including through the development of the Whale watching Handbook, including with case studies relevant to the IORA region. ii) Providing capacity-building and training for IORA and its Member States as appropriate. iii) Providing guidelines on best practice and other IWC resources to the IORA Secretariat for circulation among	Recommendation	2016	Ongoing	Limited - 2020 WW handbook feature in the IORA newsletter, Some IORA countries feature in the WW Handbook		IWC supported a conference in Sri Lanka (2016) to get the IORA network off the ground. The IORA network is dormant at the moment. No actions or engagement throughout the pandemic. There has been difficulty getting a coordinating country.	

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CC1623	<p>IORA Member States. iv) Seeking to engage with the IORA Secretariat and the IORA Network through scientific and technical co-operation and, where appropriate, seeking funding, to support sustainable whale watching in the IORA region.'</p> <p>The CC agreed that a small group, led by the Chair of the CC and including the Vice-Chair of the CC, Chair of the SC, Chair of the SWG-WW and Head of Science, discuss a number of items on the SC agenda that could be dealt with by the CC's Standing Working Group on Whale Watching.</p>	Workplan action	2016	Complete	Items are included as part of the WWSWG workplan			
CC1624	The CC recommended that the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) join the Working Group that has been tasked to develop the Whale Watching Handbook.	Recommendation	2016	Complete	CMS joined group			
CC1625	The CC endorsed the recommendations made by the Standing Working Group on Whale Watching, as outlined in IWC/66/CCRep03 to: i) Explore ways to get additional industry input and outside expertise for the relevant sections of the Handbook; ii) Explore opportunities for collaboration with relevant intergovernmental organisations (e.g. CMS, CBD, SPREP etc) in the development of the Handbook iii) Investigate sources of funding for the Whale Watching Handbook	Recommendation	2016	Ongoing				
	and submit applications to potential funding bodies with the aim of completing the Handbook by IWC67 in 2018; iv) Develop a revised Strategic plan with a new timeframe; v) Assist with recommendations related to the outcomes of the IORA workshop; and vi) Add two new ex officio industry members to the WGWW from 2016-2018.							
CC1626	The CC agreed to establish a Standing Working Group on bycatch; and to develop a Bycatch Mitigation Initiative supported by an expert panel. It welcomed the offer by Mark Simmonds to serve as an interim coordinator to assist with these efforts, on a voluntary basis.	Workplan action	2016	Complete	BMI established			
CC1627	The CC agreed to draw the F&A Committee's attention to the budgetary implications of these proposals (Section 3.5 of IWC/66/CC05)	Workplan action	2016	Complete				
CC1628	The CC welcomed progress made in addressing the issue of marine debris and encouraged further collaboration with other intergovernmental organisations.	Recommendation	2016	Ongoing				
CC1629	The CC welcomed the progress of the Small Cetaceans Task Team and the Voluntary Small Cetaceans Fund. It thanked donors and encouraged more contributions to the fund.	Recommendation	2016	complete	Ongoing call for funding			

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CC1630	The CC thanked the Secretariat for the update on contributions and encouraged further contributions to the fund.	Recommendation	2016	complete				
CC1631	The CC thanked governments for reports received. It agreed to establish an intersessional group, comprised of Australia, Mexico, UK and the Secretariat, to review and develop the report template and align it with the new Strategic Plan.	Workplan action	2016	complete	proposal for the Conservation Db has taken its place. Db to be presented to IWC68			
CC1632	The CC agreed that the Secretariat should accept the invitations to join the Biodiversity Liaison Group and to participate in SPREP's 2017 Conference on "Whales in a Changing Ocean".	Workplan action	2016	Complete	Joined group-ongoing			
CC1634	The draft CC Work Plan was endorsed by the Committee, who agreed that it will evolve through intersessional work.	Workplan action	2016	complete	CC workplan for 2016-2020 endorsed			

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	CC1801	Draft Working Methods were endorsed by the Conservation Committee and will be updated by the Secretariat at the close of IWC67 and posted on the IWC website.	Recommendation	2018	Complete	Working methods of the Conservation Committee are available on the IWC website at https://iwc.int/conservation-committee			
	CC1802	The Conservation Committee endorsed the proposal to develop the integrated database of voluntary conservation reports. The CC Chair indicated that a funding application would be submitted to the VCF Steering Group.	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing	In development currently by Secretariat prototype to be presented at IWC68	Technical specification has been drafted but more discussion needed on database fields (i.e. what information should be reported into database).		
	CC1803	The updated report of CC comments on the governance review report (Appendix 4 of IWC/67/Rep05) would be circulated to CC participants with the CC report, then finalised for forwarding to the Operational Effectiveness Working Group and for presentation to the Commission.	Workplan action	2018	Complete	Further discussion at CCPG and CC before Commission			
	CC1804	The Commission endorsed the overarching aims and principles of the database of recommendations as outlined in Document IWC/67/CC/15.	Recommendation	2018	Complete	Database developed and in operation			

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	CC1805	The Commission is asked to instruct the Secretariat to populate the database and facilitate its use by the relevant (Sub) Committees, including through the development of a data entry template for use by convenors.	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing	Database populated with all recommendations endorsed at IWC67 , SC 2019 recommendations and some workshops. Back data entry remains a priority. Commission subgroups are starting to use database outputs for review of implementation. Secretariat regularly using database to review progress of actions directed to the Secretariat.			
	CC1806	The Commission is asked to endorse the review process outlined in IWC/67/CC/15 using data from the database of recommendations, and request that the Scientific and Conservation Committees begin to implement this into their standard working practices and report back at IWC68.	Recommendation	2018	complete	Reviews of recommendations are being done regularly by CC			
	CC1807	The F&A Committee and its subsidiary body the Working Group on Organizational Effectiveness is asked to consider and advise on the value in developing a formal process for reviewing the wider effectiveness of the organisation, drawing on the outputs of the database and work of the Committees in considering and reporting their own progress towards implementation.	Recommendation	2018	In progress			Perhaps something we can pick up after the formal review process.	
	CC1808	The Commission is asked to agree to the resource requirements necessary to operationalise the database of recommendations.	Recommendation	2018	Complete	In operation			
	CC1809	The Conservation Committee endorsed the draft Southern Ocean Management Plan contained in IWC/67/CC/06.	Recommendation	2018	complete	Posted on website. Country communication??			
	CC1810	The CC endorsed all the recommendations of the SWG-Bycatch including (i) the Strategic Plan for Bycatch, (ii) the BMI workplan (iii) the continuation of the Bycatch Coordinator position with funding from the Voluntary Conservation Fund and (iv) the Terms of Reference for the SWG and Expert Panel.	Recommendation	2018	Complete	Two-year workplan near completion with a new four-year workplan being developed for 2021-2024 period.			

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	CC1811	The Committee urged Contracting Governments to support the BMI through the development of appropriate national legislation and plans to tackle bycatch; and reporting of experiences and plans on bycatch into the BMI and through Conservation Committee Reports.	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing				
CC1818, CC1819, CC1820, CC1821	CC1812	The CC endorsed the recommendations of the SWG-WW in IWC/67/CC/04, including the revised Strategic Plan and the work plan for the next intersessional period.	Recommendation	2018	complete				
	CC1813	The CC endorsed the Whale Watching Handbook, the communications strategy to promote it, and agreed the budget for its maintenance including an application to the Voluntary Conservation Fund.	Recommendation	2018	complete				
CC1816, CC1817, CC1830, CC1831, CC1832, CC1833, CO1880, CO1881, CO1882	CC1814	The CC endorsed the recommendations of the SWG-CMP	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing				
	CC1815	The CC endorsed the 2019-2020 implementation strategy for the South Pacific Southern Right Whale for submission to the Commission.	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing		COVID has disrupted the implementation strategy. Chile is understaking many actions under the strategy. Check for final report		
	CC1816	The Conservation Committee recommended approval of an allocation of £10,000 from the CMP Voluntary Fund, to support stranding and entanglement response training under the Eastern Southern Pacific Southern Right Whale CMP.	Recommendation	2018	Complete				
	CC1817	The CC noted progress made with regards priority species for CMP and encouraged further efforts during the next intersessional period.	Recommendation	2018	ongoing			All progress.	

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	CC1818	Maintain and update the Whale Watching Handbook including: Implement an outreach and communication strategy for the Handbook; Add country profiles and case studies to the Handbook; Develop a plan for identifying and securing long-term funding for the further development and the ongoing maintenance of the Handbook; Apply to the Voluntary Conservation Fund for funding as appropriate; Include new information from the 2019 and 2020 Scientific Committee; include new industry information; Translate new content into French and Spanish; Update the Handbook software as needed; Continue to work with the Convention on Migratory Species to further develop the Handbook.	Recommendation	2018	complete	New Case studies, Country Profiles and Fact Sheets for guides developed during 2020 and made available for review in May 2020. Plans for promotion are under further development. Work with CMS on translations is ongoing.	Translation finished April 2022		
	CC1819	Implement the 2018-2024 Strategic Plan for Whale Watching.	Recommendation	2018	In progress				
	CC1820	Gain additional industry (both small-capacity and larger-capacity operators) input into the SWGWW, the Handbook and the implementation of the 2018-2024 Strategic Plan	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing	Aksed for input from SC to help with this at last 2 meetings			
	CC1821	Support the IORA Network on Sustainable Whale Watching	Recommendation	2018	In progress				
	CC1822	The Conservation Committee endorsed the Ship Strikes Strategic Plan, and adopted the Ship Strikes Working Group work programme as set out in document IWC/67/CC/12.	Recommendation	2018	Complete	New workplan 2020-2022 under development and to be reviewed by the Conservation Committee at its next meeting			
	CC1823	The Conservation Committee also supported the request for funds for the workshop as elaborated in Annex 1 of document IWC/67/CC/12 and that an application should be made to the Voluntary Conservation Fund once the final budget is determined.	Recommendation	2018	Complete	Joint IWC-IUCN workshop was held 2019 to evaluate how the data and process used to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) can assist the IWC to identify areas of high risk for ship strikes			
	CC1824	The Conservation Committee endorsed the proposals in document IWC/67/CC/13 for further work on marine debris including the establishment of the Intersessional Correspondence Group to further scope this work.	Recommendation	2018	Complete	Workshop held 3-5 May 2019 in La Garriga, Catalonia, Spain. Report and recommendations to be reviewed by Scientific Committee in 2020 and the Conservation Committee at its next meeting			

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	CC1825	The Conservation Committee endorsed continued cooperation with other organisations on the issue of underwater noise.	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing		Ongoing comms with IMO/CMS/ASCOBANS etc		
	CC1826	The Committee endorsed the proposals in document IWC/67/CC/14 for further work on Anthropogenic Underwater noise including the establishment of the Intersessional Correspondence Group to further scope this work.	Recommendation	2018	complete	Some scoping work to be undertaken during Scientific Committee pre meeting 11 May 2020. Planning for a Conservation Committee workshop delayed due to COVID - 19 and will be further developed through 2020. Meeting held Dec20	workshop delayed due to COVID - 19, held April 2022, next steps to be outlined in workshop report	AUN ICG established at CC2020	
	CC1827	The Conservation Committee endorsed the proposals for future work on ecosystem functioning outlined in IWC/67/CC/16 in principle, subject to consideration of budget implications.	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing				
	CC1828	The Conservation Committee recommended that the Secretariat be requested to write to the Chinese authorities to forward concerns on the proposed transfer of finless porpoises from an ex situ population to commercial aquaria.	Recommendation	2018	Complete	letter 11/3/19, from SC and CC. No replies			
	CC1829	The Conservation Committee agreed to continue the discussion intersessionally on potential ways in which the CC could help with species of critical conservation concern for which urgent action was required, and the CC Vice Chair encouraged CC members to join the intersessional working group on this subject. The CC recommended this should also be discussed as part of the governance review process.	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing	This issue was discussed again at the CCPG meeting in July 2019. A paper is being prepared for the next meeting of the joint CC-SC.	Discussed at CC2020 and SC meetings. See update in CCPG meeting 2022 report		
	CC1831	The Commission endorsed the draft revised CMP Work Plan 2014-2020, including the guidelines and funding principles in Annex A of Document IWC/67/CC/08	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing			Much to do. Annie can provide a more detailed commentary on this separately. Much of this will be actioned through a development of a handbook for the CMP programme. The newsletters are seeing progress but will likely have to adjust to once annual due to capacity issues putting them together. I believe the review of the pacific inventory was completed and on that basis it was decided that regional inventories was not an effective approach. Annie will check with colleagues. The website update was done in 2018 but needs to be done again. The skills experience list for mentoring was started by Sarah and Sarah and was used to e-introduce officials developing CMPs to experienced coordinators. Feedback was that coordinators would prefer people to come through the standing working group rather than their contact details being shared.	

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	CC1832	The Conservation Committee agreed that the Standing Working Group develop a thematic strategic plan and associated work program for CMPs during the next intersessional period, to be submitted to the Conservation Committee and Commission for endorsement at IWC68.	Recommendation	2018	Ongoing	will be presented to IWC68 (2022)			
	CC1833	That the Conservation Committee notes the progress made during the intersessional period to implement each of the current CMPs, as well as the upcoming priorities for the 2018-2020 intersessional period.	Recommendation	2018	complete				

BMI Workshop 2019

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	BMI1901	The workshop recommends that governments in the Indian Ocean region establish or strengthen bycatch assessment and reduction programmes as a matter of urgency, with priority on bycatch hotspots areas identified across the region (including those identified during the workshop in Annex 8). Associated actions could include rapid risk assessments, on-board data collection, mitigation trials (experimental and existing measures) and/or implementation of effective management measures.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Will be covered under FAO Common Oceans activities		
	BMI1902	The workshop recommends that governments and other relevant stakeholders in the Indian Ocean region carry out cetacean sampling surveys to collect information on species abundance and distribution at national and regional scales and encouraged that this information could be shared with the IWC Scientific Committee.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Will be covered under FAO Common Oceans		
	BMI1903	The workshop recommends that the IWC (including through its Conservation Committee) develop and communicate recommendations to governments on the importance of addressing bycatch through policies and other measures that support bycatch mitigation efforts, and of more coherent approaches across government departments with different mandates; and promotes the sharing of information and experience between its contracting members.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing			
BMI1905, BMI1906	BMI1904	The workshop recommends that the BMI assist bycatch reduction efforts in the Indian Ocean region.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Indian Ocean is a basin of focus for the FAO Common Oceans Project to start July 2022 with collaboration from RFMOs		
	BMI1905	The workshop recommends that the BMI assist bycatch reduction efforts in the Indian Ocean region including through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - raising awareness and prioritisation of addressing cetacean bycatch in small-medium-scale gillnet fisheries through its engagement with member countries and other IGOs and NGOs; 	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Will be covered under FAO Common Oceans activities		

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	BMI1906	The workshop recommends that the BMI assist bycatch reduction efforts in the Indian Ocean region through developing a regional road map for bycatch reduction (including assessment, monitoring and mitigation) in collaboration with other relevant bodies (e.g. FAO, IOTC, CMS, national governments)	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Will be covered under FAO Common Oceans activities		
	BMI1907	The workshop recommends that the BMI assist bycatch reduction efforts in the Indian Ocean region by providing technical assistance to countries to assess different aspects of cetacean bycatch (e.g. monitoring, assessment, mitigation) and support and promote multidisciplinary monitoring (e.g. social science techniques, economics) and mitigation approaches, including through capacity building	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Will be covered under FAO Common Oceans activities		
	BMI1908	The workshop recommends that the BMI assist bycatch reduction efforts in the Indian Ocean region by exploring means of more consistent and sustainable approaches for funding of bycatch mitigation efforts.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	FAO Project funding secured for 4 years, also exploring other opportunities		
	BMI1909	The workshop recommends that bycatch reduction efforts employ a multi-disciplinary and multi-taxa approach at local, national and international scales.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Participating in a multitaxa workshop Aug 2022- organised by WWF Pakistan		
	BMI1910	The workshop recommends that the BMI provides technical assistance to governments and other relevant stakeholders within the Indian Ocean region in the design of experimental mitigation trials that are both scientifically rigorous and which supports the livelihoods of fishing communities, as far as is possible.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Will be covered under FAO Common Oceans activities if additional funding is sourced		
	BMI1911	The workshop recommends that the IWC (through the BMI and through its conservation and scientific committees) assist efforts to communicate scientific and conservation advice to decision makers in collaboration with other inter-governmental organisations and non-governmental organisations	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	IWC contracted to produce FAO factsheets on mitigation techniques for capacity building and awareness		
	BMI1912	The workshop recommends to governments and other relevant stakeholders in the Indian Ocean region that bycatch monitoring and reduction efforts use (where appropriate) crew-based approaches for collecting data on bycatch and mitigation measures (including where observer programmes are not feasible due to the size of vessel, the large numbers of small and medium-scale fishing vessels, trip length, safety concerns etc).	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing			
	BMI1913	The workshop recommends that the BMI assist national efforts by developing a toolbox of more effective tools for communication with fishing communities and associations including the promotion of fisher-exchanges to share experiences of bycatch mitigation efforts and efficacy.	Recommendation	2019	Not started			
	BMI1914	The workshop recommends renewed efforts by the research community and fisheries technologists in the research and development of low-cost bycatch mitigation and monitoring solutions, particularly for gillnet fisheries and the scaling-up of testing of existing measures (e.g. lights and acoustic deterrents, and experimental low-tech tools) in different fisheries and locations.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing			
	BMI1915	The workshop recognised the importance of capturing socio-economic information as part of a holistic and multi-disciplinary approach, and therefore recommends to countries that monitoring and mitigation programmes should also integrate collection of economic data (CPUE, catch value etc) to be collected and analysed alongside bycatch information.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing			
	BMI1916	The workshop recommends that governments in the Indian Ocean region consider pro-active reassurance to fishers that there will not be negative consequences in response to reporting bycatch and furthermore recommends to use fisher reported data for monitoring and bycatch management purposes rather than for compliance and enforcement.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing			

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	BMI1917	The workshop recognised the growing importance of REM methods and the possibility for cost-effective monitoring at a fleet-scale, and therefore recommends that governments and relevant stakeholders in the Indian Ocean region engage in trialling REM approaches for bycatch monitoring , including low-cost methods for small and medium-scale vessels (and in other vessels as appropriate).	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing			
	BMI1918	The workshop recommends that the BMI provide technical assistance upon request on the REM systems available and their applicability to a specific situation.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing			
	BMI1919	The workshop concluded that there was an important need to raise the profile of cetacean bycatch and promote bycatch reduction efforts within the context of RFMOs, and specifically within the Indian Ocean and it therefore recommends that the BMI engage more formally and more regularly with the IOTC, the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIFOC) and other relevant RFMOs, including in collaboration with other relevant organisations, to encourage more discussion and action of cetacean bycatch monitoring and mitigation in the fisheries under their management. This could be achieved through direct observer status and/or the appointment of regional representatives/contacts to maintain an overview of relevant RFMO meetings and opportunities to participate and/or present information.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	IWC and IOTC have a Lol that will be presented at IWC68		
	BMI1920	The workshop concluded that there was an important need to raise the profile of cetacean bycatch and promote bycatch reduction efforts within the context of RFMOs, and specifically within the Indian Ocean and it therefore recommends that IWC Contracting Governments undertake further efforts to improve the quality and quantity and reliability of cetacean bycatch data reported to the IOTC and to other bodies (including the IWC national reports) and for small-scale fisheries.	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Within FAO project		
	BMI1921	The workshop concluded that there was an important need to raise the profile of cetacean bycatch and promote bycatch reduction efforts within the context of RFMOs, and specifically within the Indian Ocean and it therefore recommends that the BMI support where appropriate contracting and non-contracting governments in the exchange of cetacean bycatch information and experiences between neighbouring countries and support the development of transboundary approaches including through BMI engagement with RFMOs	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Within FAO project		
	BMI1922	The workshop concluded that there was an important need to raise the profile of cetacean bycatch and promote bycatch reduction efforts within the context of RFMOs, and specifically within the Indian Ocean and it therefore recommends that the BMI explore its potential to assist countries in fulfilling their reporting requirements under IOTC, as well as the potential for greater sharing of information on bycatch between the IWC and FAO/the RFMOs	Recommendation	2019	Ongoing	Within FAO project		

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	CC2001	The Conservation Committee agreed to undertake a mid-term review of the Conservation Committee Strategic Plan 2016-2026 and report to IWC68. The CC asked the Chair and Vice Chair of the CC to progress this review in liaison with Conservation Committee Standing Working Group (SWG) Chairs and topic leads.	Workplan action	2020	In progress		Will be presented to CC and IWC68		

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	CC2002	The Conservation Committee discussed and endorsed an interim Conservation Committee Work Plan for 2020-21 (Appendix 4).	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing		Further extended until 2022		
	CC2003	The Conservation Committee agreed to develop a new costed four-year Conservation Committee Work Plan intersessionally for discussion at IWC68 and asked the Chair and Vice Chair to develop this in liaison with CC SWG Chairs and topic leads.	Workplan action	2020	Ongoing	Not started but will be after mid-term review complete	Will be presented to IWC68		
	CC2004	The Conservation Committee welcomed the update on the IWC Conservation Database for Voluntary Reporting, thanked all who provided their comments on this during the meeting and encouraged the intersessional group to take these comments into account in the development of a prototype database by IWC68.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing	Further work needed in prep for IWC68	Will be presented to IWC69	The recommendation encouraged the "intersessional group" to work on this.	
	CC2005	The Conservation Committee agreed to establish an ICG to develop draft CC comments on the questions posed by the WG-OE Co-Chairs at this CC meeting. It further agreed that comments would be circulated to the whole Committee (via the CC mailing list maintained by the Secretariat) for their review prior to their submission to the WG-OE.	Workplan action	2020	In progress	ICG created and comments have been circulated to CC	Will be presented to IWC70		
	CC2006	The Conservation Committee adopted the Guidance on Drafting Recommendations for the Conservation Committee as a living document which will be further refined as use of the Database of Recommendations increases.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing	Drafted and feedback always welcome			
	CC2007	The Conservation Committee endorsed the new, four-year BMI Work Plan (2021-2024) and thanked Belgium for their leadership on this issue.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing	Workplan endorsed			
	CC2008	The Conservation Committee re-affirmed the importance of addressing cetacean global bycatch and agreed that bycatch remains one of the priority issues for the IWC. It noted with concern, however the limited voluntary funds available and encouraged wider fundraising efforts to achieve all work plan activities.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing	Sec developing fundraising Strategic plan to assist with this			
	CC2009	The Conservation Committee endorsed the SWG-Bycatch proposal for the allocation of existing funds to support BMI Work Plan activities in 2021 and noted the intention for possible future submissions to the VCF for seed funding or co-funding of pilot projects (if needed).	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing				
	CC2010	The Conservation Committee endorsed the Report of the IWC Workshop on Bycatch Mitigation Opportunities in the Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea (CC/68A/REP/BMI/01) and all its recommendations.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing	Endorsed by SC (SC2091)		Endorsed all recs BMI1901- BMI1922 (see 2019 tab)	
	CC2011	The Conservation Committee endorsed the recommendations made within A Review of Regional Fisheries Management Organization Efforts in Addressing Cetacean Bycatch: Report to the International Whaling Commission (CC/68A/06.4.2/01) and the prioritisation of the RFMOs for BMI engagement, and commended the excellent work done in producing the review document.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing	Sec working with RFMOs as part of FAO project			
	CC2012	The Conservation Committee welcomed the Report of the Whale Watching SWG and endorsed its Work Plan for 2020-21.	Recommendation	2020	Complete				

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	CC2013	The Conservation Committee strongly welcomed progress on the IWC Whale Watching Handbook and encouraged its further development, including through further engagement with industry.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing				
	CC2014	The Conservation Committee noted the importance of dissemination to ensure maximum effectiveness and impact of the Whale Watching Handbook, welcomed and endorsed plans for promotion of the Handbook and encouraged Contracting Governments and Observers to provide their assistance.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing		Promotional work will be developed following IWC68 discussions		
CC2016	CC2015	The Conservation Committee endorsed the Editorial Protocol for the Whale Watching Handbook and agreed to include this in its report to the Commission at IWC68.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing		Present to IWC68 via CC report		
	CC2016	The Conservation Committee agreed to include the Editorial Protocol for the Whale Watching Handbook in its report to the Commission at IWC68.	Workplan action	2020	Ongoing		Present to IWC68 via CC report		
	CC2017	The Conservation Committee noted the revisions to the IWC General Principles for Whale Watching proposed by the SC and the comments provided on them at this meeting. It agreed that changes to the Principles would need to be reviewed and adopted by the Commission and requested the SWG-WW to review the comments from this meeting and incorporate any further recommendations in the SWG-WW report to CC and the Commission at IWC68.	Workplan action	2020	Ongoing	SWG working with SC WW to review General Principles	Further comments from both groups and presented to SC68D and approved- present to CC then IWC68 for endorsement		
	CC2018	The Conservation Committee endorsed the report of the SWG-CMP and thanked Australia and the range states for their continued commitment to the CMP Work Programme.	Recommendation	2020	complete				
	CC2019	The Conservation Committee endorsed the CMP Nomination for a Conservation Management Plan for South American river dolphins (genus Inia and Sotalia fluviatilis) to proceed to a draft CMP and looked forward to the endorsement of the CMP at IWC68.	Recommendation	2020	complete	Draft produced and presented to and endorsed by SC68C	Presented to VSM 2021		
	CC2020	The Conservation Committee welcomed progress on the development of a CMP Handbook and Strategic Plan for CMPs and encouraged the presentation of these documents at IWC68.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing	on track	Present to IWC68		
CC2022	CC2021	The Conservation Committee endorsed the new Ship Strikes Work Plan 2020-2022, on the understanding that it is a living document which will be subject to further refinement before IWC68, in particular after a new Ship Strikes Strategic Plan has been developed.	Recommendation	2020	complete	Recommendations made at SC68C have been added to the workplan	New workplan 2022-2024 and Strategic Plan drafted and to be presented to IWC68		
CC2023, CC2024	CC2022	The Conservation Committee supported the proposed IWC Data Manager post to be included in the Ship Strikes Work Plan.	Recommendation	2020	complete	Data Manager Recruited April 2021	Find funding for this position to continue	Started 19/04/2021	
	CC2023	Because of the postponement of the in-person Commission meeting until September 2021 the Conservation Committee agreed that an initial one-year contract for the IWC Data Manager post will be included in the CC Work Plan 2020-21 to allow the work of the CC to advance under these unusual circumstances and extended intersessional period.	Workplan action	2020	Ongoing	Further postponement of IWC68, so this will be until 2022			
	CC2024	The Conservation Committee further agreed to seek advice from the Bureau on the process for seeking agreement of the Commission to this CC Work Plan including the proposal for a 1-year contract for the IWC Data Manager Post.	Workplan action	2020	complete	1 year extension was granted, a further 1 year was agreed at VSM of Commission in Sept 2021.	Continuation of the position will need to be requested and funded at CC2022		

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	CC2025	The Conservation Committee endorsed the IWC-IUCN-ACCOBAMS Workshop report and its recommendations.	Recommendation	2020	complete				
	CC2026	The Conservation Committee welcomed the WWF-IUCN-IWC-Oceanmind IMMAS-AIS study and encouraged follow up work.	Recommendation	2020	Complete				
	CC2027	The Conservation Committee endorsed the report and recommendations of the IWC Workshop 'Marine Debris: The Way Forward' held in December 2019 and encouraged its further dissemination.	Recommendation	2020	complete	Endorsed at SC (SC20136). Workshop recs numbered SC19185-19224.			
	CC2028	The Conservation Committee endorsed the marine debris work plan as proposed by the ICG on Marine Debris and asked that the intersessional processes, which will now take work on this topic forward, consider the issues raised in its discussions.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing				
	CC2029	The Conservation Committee endorsed the interim work plan and supported the proposal to change the name of the theme 'Anthropogenic sound' on the CC Strategic Plan to 'Anthropogenic underwater noise'.	Recommendation	2020	Complete	Name change made			
	CC2030	The Conservation Committee thanked Chile for its leadership on this issue and endorsed the proposed 2020-21 work plan for the Intersessional Working Group on Cetaceans and Ecosystem Functioning.	Recommendation	2020	Complete				
CC2032	CC2031	The Conservation Committee endorsed the plan for the CC workshop on cetaceans and ecosystem functioning to be held virtually before IWC68.	Recommendation	2020	complete	Workshop Held April 2022	Present report to IWC68 and next steps		
	CC2032	The Conservation Committee encouraged the Intersessional Working Group on Cetaceans and Ecosystem Functioning to further consider the views expressed at this meeting with regards to participation in the workshop on cetaceans and ecosystem functioning.	Recommendation	2020	complete				
	CC2033	The Conservation Committee welcomed the work of the Small Cetaceans Fund and thanked donors for their contributions.	Recommendation	2020	complete				
	CC2034	The Conservation Committee recommended that the IWC website make Small Cetacean Task Teams more prominent.	Recommendation	2020	Complete	New page developed and posted			
	CC2035	The Conservation Committee agreed to establish a small working group convened by Mark Simmonds and comprising USA, the Chair of the CC, IUCN and other interested parties to further review how to improve IWC response where populations are in decline, especially small, threatened populations. This small working group would report to the next meeting of the CC in 2021.	Workplan action	2020	Ongoing	No meeting in 2021 will report in 2022			
	CC2036	The Conservation Committee acknowledged the work by the SC on the development of templates for statements on three scenarios of extinction and endorsed the proposal for a dedicated IWC webpage on extinctions.	Recommendation	2020	complete	Webpage developed and posted			
	CC2037	The Conservation Committee welcomed the development of the proposed new MOUs with other organisations and agreed that these should be presented at IWC68 for Commission endorsement.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing	To present to IWC68			

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	CC2038	The Conservation Committee agreed with the next steps proposed by the Secretariat with regards to engagement in the process to develop the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, noting that the development of any proposals to IWC68 on the GBF should be led by Contracting Governments.	Workplan action	2020	Ongoing				
	CC2039	The Conservation Committee thanked the Chair of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Strengthening IWC Finance for its report and thanked the Secretariat for its efforts on fundraising. It recognised the limited capacity of the Secretariat to bid for and manage large grants and recommended that this should be reviewed in the coming year such that proposals on how to increase IWC capacity in this area could be presented to IWC68.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing	Secretariat creating a Strategic plan for fundraising	Project Manager covering fundraising was employed 2022		
	CC2040	The Conservation Committee thanked all of the Contracting Governments, Accredited Observers and other organisations that had provided donations to the Voluntary Contribution Fund and encouraged further contributions to the fund.	Recommendation	2020	complete				
	CC2041	The Conservation Committee agreed in principle that the Vice Chair of the CC should succeed the Chair automatically after the Chair has served a set term.	Recommendation	2020	Ongoing		edits made to the CC working methods and will be presented at IWC68 for approval		
	CC2042	The Conservation Committee agreed to consider the appropriate changes to the CC Working Methods at its next meeting.	Workplan action	2020	Ongoing		edits made to the CC working methods and will be presented at IWC68 for approval		