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**Pre-meeting to discuss the reviews of the spatial risk assessment for Hector's and Maui dolphins in New Zealand, 22-23 April, 2023, Bled (Slovenia)**

A Scientific Committee pre-meeting will be held in Bled (Slovenia), 22-23 April 2023, to discuss the outcomes of the independent expert reviews of the 'Spatial risk assessment of threats to Hector's and Māui dolphins' carried out by Roberts and colleagues (2019) to inform management measures by the relevant New Zealand authorities to address anthropogenic threats to Hector's and Māui dolphins.

The objectives of this meeting are to:

- (1) *Evaluate the design and structure of the multi-threat risk assessment model;*
- (2) *Evaluate the overall sensitivity to model choices, data selection, uncertainties or potential biases identified in the review papers; and*
- (3) *Make recommendations to reduce key uncertainties and improve the utility of the model to inform management decisions.*

If you are interested in participating at this pre-meeting, please contact Caterina Fortuna ([caterina.fortuna@isprambiente.it](mailto:caterina.fortuna@isprambiente.it)) and Iain Staniland ([iain.staniland@iwc.int](mailto:iain.staniland@iwc.int)) for further details.

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