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Abundance Steering Group (ASG) pre-meeting, 21-23 April, 2023

The Abundance Steering Group (ASG) will hold its in-person pre-meeting on 21-23 April, 2023, in Bled, Slovenia, in advance of the IWC Scientific Committee Meeting. Formally, the ASG comprises nine SC Convenors and two Secretariat experts, but the group greatly benefits from the expertise of additional participants.

The ASG pre-meeting will focus on the review and endorsement of submitted abundance estimates for a wide variety of cetaceans. Unlike past years, many of these estimates will not be substantively re-evaluated by ASI or Plenary during the main meeting, although they may be discussed further in topic-related subgroups. The Status of Stocks Initiative will not be discussed during the pre-meeting. It will be covered during SC69A.

The ASG pre-meeting will share several days with the Maui/Hector's dolphin pre-meeting, but sessions are not planned to overlap.

Unfortunately, seating is limited. If you are interested in participating in the ASG pre-meeting, please contact Geof Givens (geof@geofgivens.com) or Leslie New (lnew@ursinus.edu) to inquire about reserving a seat.

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