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Dr Hideyoshi Yoshida

The IWC Secretariat is sad to announce the loss of a long-time member of the Scientific Committee. Dr Hideyoshi Yoshida passed away while attending the SC69A meeting in Bled, where he was participating as a member of the Japanese delegation.

Dr Yoshida worked as a cetacean scientist at the National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries (currently Fisheries Resources Institute, Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency). His doctoral thesis was on population ecology studies of finless porpoises in coastal waters of western Kyushu. Dr Yoshida's 30-year career spanned a wide range of topics relevant to the IWC, focused on cetaceans in waters around Japan. He led research on abundance estimation of finless porpoises by aerial sighting surveys (as seen in the photo below) and genetic studies for stock identification of coastal Bryde's whales and small cetaceans.

Dr Yoshida was a research cruise leader and contributed to international cooperation with the Republic of Guinea and other African countries through guidance on research voyages. He actively participated in the IWC's Scientific Committee every year with the Japanese delegation. Dr Yoshida's contributions as a member of the Japanese delegation, a mentor for younger scientists, and an expert in cetacean science was much appreciated and will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the entire IWC community, the IWC Secretariat sends its sympathies to his family, his friends, and his colleagues.



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