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**Confirmation of Dates and Location for the 64th Annual Meeting in 2012, and
Preliminary Information on Visa Requirements**

The 64th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission and the associated meetings of its Scientific Committee and other sub-groups will take place in Panama City, Panama from 11 June – 6 July 2012.

The venue for the meetings will be the El Panama Hotel and Convention Centre:

<http://www.elpanama.com/>

The timetable for the meetings is provided in Annex 1 below. The Scientific Committee will meet from 11-23 June and is currently scheduled to be preceded by one pre-meeting on Marine Renewable Energy Developments and Cetaceans. The full set of Commission sub-groups will meet from 25-28 June, and the Commission plenary will take place 2-6 July.

Further details relating to hotel booking, delegation offices and document submission will be provided as they become available through the meeting section of the IWC's website:

<http://iwcoffice.org/index.htm>

Invitations to Commissioners, Contracting Governments, Observers and Scientific Committee delegates to attend IWC/64 will be mailed in December 2011 (six months prior of the start of the meeting).

Visa Requirements

The Government of Panama has kindly supplied information on visa entry requirements. This information can be accessed at:

<http://www.iwcoffice.org/meetings/meeting2012.htm>

The Secretariat is currently establishing contact with the Government of the USA to obtain visa information for IWC/64 delegates wishing to travel to Panama via the USA.

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Secretary to the Commission

c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC

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Annex 1
IWC/64 in 2012 Timetable for Meetings

| Date | | | Meeting | | |
|-----------|----|------|---|---------|-----|
| Friday | 8 | June | Venue Set-up | | |
| Saturday | 9 | June | Venue Set-up | | |
| Sunday | 10 | June | (and pre-meeting on Marine Renewable Energy Developments and Cetaceans) | | |
| Monday | 11 | June | Scientific Committee Opening Plenary | Reading | |
| Tuesday | 12 | June | Sub-committee introductions | Reading | |
| Wednesday | 13 | June | Scientific Sub-committee Meetings (Seven Days) | | |
| Thursday | 14 | June | | | |
| Friday | 15 | June | | | |
| Saturday | 16 | June | | | |
| Sunday | 17 | June | | | |
| Monday | 18 | June | | | |
| Tuesday | 19 | June | | | |
| Wednesday | 20 | June | Possible Rest Day | | |
| Thursday | 21 | June | Scientific Committee Plenary (Three Days) | | |
| Friday | 22 | June | | | |
| Saturday | 23 | June | | | |
| Sunday | 24 | June | Scientific Committee Convenors' Meeting & Registration (delegates, observers) | | |
| Monday | 25 | June | WKM&AWI | INF | BSC |
| Tuesday | 26 | June | CC | | |
| Wednesday | 27 | June | ASW | OBS | |
| Thursday | 28 | June | F&A | | |
| Friday | 29 | June | Committee Report Preparation | | |
| Saturday | 30 | June | Committee Report Translation | | |
| Sunday | 1 | July | Private Meeting of Commissioners | | |
| Monday | 2 | July | 64 th Annual Commission Meeting (Five Days) | | |
| Tuesday | 3 | July | | | |
| Wednesday | 4 | July | | | |
| Thursday | 5 | July | | | |
| Friday | 6 | July | | | |

Committees and Working Groups to include:

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| INF | Infractions Sub-committee |
| WKM&AWI | Working Group Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues |
| ASW | Sub-committee on Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling |
| CC | Conservation Committee |
| BSC | Budgetary Sub-Committee |
| F&A | Finance and Administration Committee |
| OBS | Working Group to consider the role of observers at meetings of the Commission ¹ |

¹ The establishment of this group was requested through Resolution 2011-1