

Report of the Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group

**Sunday 7 May 2023 (13:30-15:30 CET)
Arnold Room, Rikli Balance Hotel, Bled, Slovenia**

1. Welcome and aims of the meeting

The Chair of the Scientific Committee (SC), Zerbini (Brazil), and Chair of the Conservation Committee (CC), Bell (UK) were selected as Co-chairs of this meeting of the Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group (CC-SC WG). Bell agreed to lead the meeting as Chair. The Secretariat were appointed as rapporteurs.

The Chair welcomed the participants to the seventh meeting of the Joint CC-SC Working Group. It was noted that IWC Resolution 2014-4 established this Working Group (WG) between the Conservation Committee and the Scientific Committee as a means to facilitate the implementation and follow-up of conservation recommendations. At its first meeting, on 4 June 2015, the Joint CC-SC WG adopted the original Terms of Reference (ToR). These were revised at the 2021 joint meeting and subsequently adopted at IWC68 in 2022. The 2022 ToR are provided in Annex B.

The Chair reminded the participants that six documents, including the agenda, were made available via SharePoint prior to the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted (Annex A). The list of documents available to the meeting is in Annex C and the list of participants is given in Annex D.

3. Future workplan of the Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group

i. Update from small group on process for determining conservation priorities

The Co-chair requested an update from a small group established at the 2021 meeting that has been developing a process for determining priorities for conservation issues. Staniland (Secretariat) reported that the small group had met virtually in 2022 and based on those discussions and the subsequent CC-SC meeting prepared a paper (CC-SC/May23/03), which was available for review and comment, and which served to inform the discussion at this CC-SC meeting.

Three criteria for scoring the importance of different topics were developed. These were:

- Most threatened – possible link to IUCN but challenge of different units used
- Related to Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling
- Likelihood of success or impact of IWC action

Ranking could simply be tagging with Low, Medium or High and could potentially be linked to IUCN categories.

Using the Database of Recommendations (DoR), a table was constructed to categorise recommendations into these criteria/themes (CC-SC/May23/04). If appropriate the species or the IUCN assessment could also be included. Comments were sought on the proposed table and also how

the ranking of Low, Medium or High would work. Simmonds (virtual) reminded the WG of a paper¹ prepared by a student on conservation priorities and presented to CC at IWC68. This could be useful to refer to during this work. Staniland agreed that this would be a very helpful guide when considering scores for categories.

The Chair asked whether the idea was to then communicate this to Commission. The Secretariat responded that this proposed system would need to go through Commission for approval as a first step. The main purpose would then be to aid communication between the two groups of CC and SC and help this WG do its work.

The group heard suggestions to add a column for details of discussions by theme from the Scientific Committee, whether stocks should also be included along with species and related to this separate IWC and IUCN status and setting the table by region to investigate species and threats within those areas. There was discussion of the unit to be considered (e.g. Species, Population, Stock) given levels of threat and conservation status can vary within a population's range. Staniland remarked that both the threat to the species and the threatened species need to be considered. It is possible to have multiple instances of the same recommendation as it covers several species.

Lundquist (NZ) and Double (Australia) requested clarification on the overall intent of this work, noting that the paper suggests that this is to be used to advise the Commission on priorities, however, the contents of the spreadsheet doesn't seem to list all the relevant topics. Staniland explained that the table is a means of developing the discussion, therefore it doesn't necessarily contain all topics of interest. The task was to help the SC convey its work to the CC and assist in prioritising work. Developing a method for this prioritisation is the overall objective. With limited time and resources this process is trying to make the most of what information is available. The Chair also pointed out that the CC Strategic plan will be informed by this process.

There was some discussion regarding the ranking of recommendations and it was explained that the ranking was for the prioritisation of work topics rather than prioritising the recommendations themselves. This table will identify how the Scientific and Conservation Committees can best work together and which actions are prioritised in CC.

Staniland suggested that the table be adjusted based on these discussions and then completed with an example to test and troubleshoot the layout and categories. In addition, the newly refreshed and expanded small group will continue working on this process including running some tests, and that the goal should be to present something at IWC69. This will allow sufficient time for developing the proposal for establishing priorities for the joint work. Cholewiak, Leaper, E. Bell, Double, Lundquist, Fyfe and Zerbini will be added to the small group.

The Chair summarised that the two key actions for the small group are to update the columns based on this discussion and then find a way to communicate more clearly the objectives of this process.

¹ Robinson, E. and Simmonds, M.P. Unpublished. Analysis of the Challenges Inherent in Cetacean Conservation and Recovery Through Expert Opinion. Available from the Lead author at: robinsoneliz1@gmail.com

ii. *Matters arising from IWC68*

a. Timing of CC/SC meetings once SC moves to biennial

The Chair explained that previously this meeting has been held back-to-back with the annual SC meeting. However, with the move to biennial the WG needs to consider how and when to meet starting in 2025 and thereby amend the WG's ToR accordingly. One option could be to have virtual meetings in years when there is no SC. The floor was opened for further thoughts and suggestions.

Staniland noted that this meeting has no budget which is the reason it is normally held in association with the SC when people are already available. There was support for a virtual meeting format due to the cost reductions for the SC budget. The Chair agreed and suggested a paper be drafted intersessionally by SC and CC leadership and the Secretariat to describe what changes need to be made to accommodate a move to virtual meetings.

iii. *Matters arising from SC69A*

a. An additional document with relevant Recommendations from SC69A will be available to review and assist discussion of priorities and actions

Webster (Secretariat) pointed to paper CC-SC/May23/05 which is an extraction of relevant recommendations from the SC69A meeting. The majority fall under topics covered in Item 4 however, there is one recommendation on Deep Sea mining which was discussed during an Environmental Concerns (E) sub-committee session. The CC currently does not have this topic on its agenda and considering the possible impacts of this activity the group was asked whether this should be considered by CC and if so how.

DeMaster provided a summary of the SC discussion and the recommendation, highlighting the suite of potential adverse impacts on cetaceans and their habitat, including noise. An SC intersessional correspondence group was established with an initial focus in the North Atlantic noting there are locations all over the globe where this activity has been proposed. This is an opportunity to provide guidance on the studies needed for primary evaluation and to subsequently propose monitoring. The ICG will report back to E and SC next year.

Renell (CMS) commented that the CMS will be bringing this topic to the next Scientific Council meeting in July and suggested having a representative from CMS on the ICG which was agreed.

Iñiguez (Argentina) agreed to join the ICG as the CC representative.

4. Topics of mutual interest between the CC and SC

CC-SC/May23/02 provides progress on all current topics that overlap the SC and CC. Discussion focused on updates and several specific topics contained therein. Relevant members of the SC, CC and the Secretariat provided additional input.

i. *Species of urgent and emerging concern*

The CC-SC had agreed during the 2022 meeting that this topic should be addressed by a joint group. Simmonds (UK) noted that the many species and populations of emerging concern raise questions about how the SC or CC might best take action. Discussions in SC led to the development of the

‘extinction initiative’, which is a communication tool. A *pro forma* was developed for this initiative which was approved by Commission at IWC68 with the example of the franciscana.

At the SC69A meeting the initiative was renamed the ‘Extinction Alert’. A draft was developed for the vaquita and presented to their Small Cetaceans sub-committee and subsequently endorsed by the SC.

The Secretariat Communications lead (Wilson) is assembling a package of photographs and video to go with the text in order to be ready to move this forward. The draft text will go to the Bureau meeting in June to document how the Commission want to handle this.

There are two further species that are proposed for this initiative, the franciscana which was used as the original example taken to the Commission at IWC68, and the Baltic harbour porpoise. These will likely be discussed at the next Scientific Committee meeting.

ii. *Anthropogenic Underwater Noise (AUN)*

The Convenor of the SC E Sub-committee noted that in anticipating a reduction in the number of sessions at the next SC meeting it will be prioritising work including on Strandings and related issues such as noise and plastics.

Iñiguez reported that the CC intersessional group on anthropogenic underwater noise had been working with Leaper, as SC representative, and the Secretariat, to assist an International Maritime Organization (IMO) correspondence group to review the Guidelines for Reducing Underwater Radiated Noise. This involved three rounds of questionnaires. At the IMO meeting in January 2023 revisions to the guidelines were agreed and will now be presented to the IMO’s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) in July 2023 for adoption.

Leaper (HIM Convenor) added that the IMO correspondence group looking at the reviewed IMO guidelines will continue their work over the next year to consider how these guidelines will be implemented and become effective. One component of this is the ‘GloNoise’ project which aims to encourage action on underwater noise from shipping in developing countries. Proposals were accepted from six countries (Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, India, Trinidad and Tobago and South Africa). Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, India and South Africa are IWC members so there could be a role for the IWC via the SC and CC to ensure that there is good communication between the IWC and IMO delegates. This could be achieved via the Secretariat’s passing on information and some discussion has already happened.

The AUN-ICG has also been working on a seismic activity questionnaire. This was distributed to all members in February 2023 and 19 responses have been received so far. Iñiguez requested further help with gathering responses. It is hoped that results will be presented to the next SC meeting.

In discussion it was noted that the seismic questionnaire will be updated as one question needs to be refined. It was emphasised that all responses are confidential.

Double (Australia) explained that Australia would like to respond to this questionnaire however due to limits of legislative process it would have to be outside the current questionnaire framework. Once an Environmental Plan is approved (permitting of the activity) the details can be sent, which means information would be sent sporadically. Iñiguez thanked Australia for this positive response and confirmed that all information is welcome.

The point was raised of the need to target the appropriate agency in government when distributing the questionnaire. Iñiguez reiterated that the aim was to have the cooperation of the Commissioners and members to identify correct agencies.

Finally, an ICG was established at SC68C to look at impacts of noise on beaked whales and establish response protocols for strandings, however, there has been limited progress. They aim to have something to present at the next SC meeting and hopefully feed into the CC work after that. In this regard it was noted that many of the members in the SC ICG are also involved with the ASCOBANS group looking at the same issue.

iii. *Chemical pollution*

SC/69A/E/04 looked at recommendations on pollution since 2018. For each recommendation, published literature that was pertinent or responsive to that recommendation was reviewed. The paper's approach was very well received by the SC E sub-committee and is encouraged as an efficient way to track progress and previous work.

The Chair noted that CC has struggled to make progress on this topic so it is useful to hear what work is happening in the SC. Chemical Pollution is on the CC Strategic Plan so it will be kept on the agenda and any suggestions from SC on how this can be developed are welcome.

iv. *Ecosystem modelling/Ecosystem functioning*

The Secretariat gave an update from the SC Ecosystem Modelling (EM) Working Group. The meeting was reminded that the first Workshop held in April 2021 was virtual and conducted a gap analysis. From this the WG recommended a second workshop to look at the more quantifiable aspects. Planning has been ongoing during the intersessional period and a draft agenda developed at SC69A. These have been shared with CMS who have offered to host the three-day workshop, 14-16 November 2023 in Bonn. There is work planned during the run up to the workshop to ensure the most efficient use of the limited meeting time.

For CC, there was a proposed pilot project put forward at IWC68. While not endorsed it was recommended a small group be established to develop the project further and discuss with EM what might be possible. Galletti (Chile) and the Advisory Group prepared a text which was discussed at SC69A. This included a list of candidate species and geographic areas. The SC decided that specific advice should wait until after the November workshop. The further development of the pilot project proposal will be informed by the workshop results and put to CC for endorsement.

v. *Climate change*

Simmonds reported on the side meeting of the joint CC/SC intersessional group held on the sides of SC69A. Three main points from that meeting will be the focus of intersessional work and include consideration of a future workshop, how to attract more information on climate change related issues into SC and how to fundraise. The joint intersessional group now includes 80 people from around the world. SC/69A/E/07 is a new synthesis of information with an associated Excel spreadsheet of publications. This will inform ICG discussions. One of the key items discussed in the ICG was how to focus climate change discussions so that they directly feed into the different sub-committees of the SC, for example, how we can incorporate climate scenarios into simulation trials.

Next year the SC E sub-committee plans to focus on plastics, noise and strandings, due to likely restrictions on the number of possible sessions at SC69B. That means in terms of ICG and reports, climate change would be scheduled for the 2026 meeting.

vi. *Marine debris and the Plastic Resolution*

The marine debris group is another Joint CC/SC intersessional group with Simmonds and Warrie (Belgium) as the co-convenors. Simmonds provided an update on the recent (April 2023) ASCOBANS/ACCOBAMS workshop held prior to the European Cetacean Society conference (ECS) and briefly outlined the recommendations. The full workshop report will be available later.

Further to the Commission Resolution 2022-1 and discussion in SC, the ICG has some new requested activities which include identification of hotspots of exposure to plastics, synthesis of information on impacts, and a summary of approaches for regional and global assessments for SC to consider. Warrie (Belgium) added encouragement to all Contracting Parties for a good connection to the negotiation process (UN Plastics Treaty) in order to follow what is relevant and how the IWC can contribute.

The Convenor of SC E sub-committee thanked Simmonds for the summary of the expanded Terms of Reference for the ICG on marine debris. The ToR will look at some of the approaches that the SC should consider when tackling this issue. The WG was reminded of direction from the Commission, that any potential approaches put forward should include budget or cost implications. These options will be presented to the SC and Commission next year for their guidance and agreement on next steps.

It was emphasised that an important element of the marine debris/plastics component will be the Strandings Initiative. Information from necropsies will be a crucial part of responding to the Commission's request on risks of plastics/debris to cetaceans. The standardisation of stranding response and necropsy protocols is an important aspect of this piece of work that E recommended.

Staniland added that the Secretariat were also directed to track the negotiations of the Plastic Treaty which is ongoing.

vii. *Whale Sanctuaries*

The Chair noted that the Convenors of the SC working group on Sanctuaries (SAN) were not available for this meeting and only one SAN recommendation was agreed at SC69A, notably providing input to the review of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary and the contiguous Indian Ocean Sanctuary. Efforts were underway to assemble a paper on research to be considered during the review. An online form is available (hosted by the Secretariat) which will help with this process, and a quarterly circular will be distributed to encourage regular input before the next SC. See the SC69A report (Annex N) for full details of the review process. The CC can assist by contributing relevant data for the review.

viii. *Bycatch Mitigation Initiative (BMI)*

Passadore (Secretariat) gave an overview of the work underway on bycatch summarising CC-SC/May23/02 as well as the report of the SWG to SC (SC/69A/HIM/13). The following key activities were highlighted:

- Expert Panel has been reviewed and the invitation for nominations to the Panel closing date is 15th May 2023.
- A Contract was signed earlier this year with FAO for the Common Oceans ABNJ Project addressing bycatch in tuna fisheries in the Indian Ocean and Western Central Pacific Ocean. We

have been engaged with IOTC for this along with the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

- IWC is a partner in the CIBBRiNA project.
- A Cooperation Agreement has been signed with IOTC and the IWC are observers at WCPFC, both will assist with the Common Oceans work.
- From SC69A there are two ICGs important for the BMI work; the south pacific Island small cetacean group and Indian Ocean cetaceans monitoring group, ToR in development.

A question was raised on whether there were regional priorities or species stock priorities focusing this work. It was explained that the BMI focuses on gillnets and small-scale fisheries for pilot projects. Six countries were identified previously in the adopted workplan starting in Peru. Other areas are still in the development stage or on stand-by. Discussions about progressing these pilot projects took place in the margins of SC69A. Passadore noted that the ABNJ project has a broader focus of the two ocean basins and focusing on tuna fisheries and gears.

ix. *Ship Strikes*

The Ship Strike Data Manager (O'Loughlin) introduced herself and encouraged reporting of ship strikes information and/or details of known data sets that could potentially be incorporated into the database. In addition, the Secretariat would be happy to assist with data requests. Finally, the Ship Strikes Expert Panel has been selected and approved by the Ship Strikes WG with a membership of 21 people. Formal letters will be distributed shortly, and a meeting is planned for the summer 2023.

No new recommendations were made on ship strikes this year at SC69A, however, positive progress was noted on voluntary measures in some of the high-risk areas previously identified. Some previous recommendations were reiterated concerning implementation of routing measures through IMO.

The IMO will be discussing ship strike related issues in the navigational sub-committee on 10 May 2023 and will consider the associated protective measures in relation to the Northwestern Mediterranean Particularly Sensitive Sea area (PSSA). In addition, the Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) will meet in July 2023 and consider a re-routing proposal south of Sri Lanka to reduce the risk of ship strikes to blue whales.

The Secretariat welcomed the ship strikes data received from Australia and thanked them for the valuable contribution.

It was highlighted that the Strandings Initiative, to be one of the priorities in E for 2023/4, could also contribute information/data on ship strikes and bycatch mitigation.

x. *Whale Watching*

Suydam (SC) reported on two items of interest to CC, the discussion regarding the CMS guidance on recreational in-water interactions with marine wildlife and whether it could be incorporated into the WW Handbook, and also the discussion around the communications plan.

CMS (Renell) provided details on upcoming meetings and deadlines regarding the draft guidelines. They will be available online by the end of June (120 days before CMS COP) and there will be opportunity for final input at the CMS Scientific Council on 18th July 2023. Participation from IWC was welcomed.

During SC69A it was reported that IWC had worked with CMS by providing comments to the draft guidelines and also agreed that there should be discussion regarding how the recreational in-water interactions with cetaceans could be a joint product. The WG **agreed** that linking them to the IWC/CMS WW Handbook would be the best option. CMS would work with IWC to determine the form this would take.

Secondly the CC has developed a communication plan for distributing information on the endorsed WW guidelines as part of a long-term strategy to raise awareness of the WW Handbook and wider IWC work on whale watching. However, through a recommendation from SC68D, an SC communication plan has been developed in parallel (SC/69A/WW/05).

The Chair was conscious of the redundancy of having two communication plans for the same purpose and called for thoughts on how best to bring them together. Wilson (Secretariat) reiterated the logic of combining the plans, for consistency and efficiency, and because the SC plan outlines some actions which are already in progress. It was **agreed** that Wilson would work with the authors of SC/69A/WW/05 to select those new cost-neutral items in the SC plan which can be worked on together and incorporate them into the next version of the existing plan which is updated annually. This plan will be shared with both the SC and CC. Staniland recalled that each committee has a steering group for this issue and suggested combining both into a single Steering Group. This was **agreed** by both the CC and SC Chairs.

xi. Conservation Management Plans

The value of CMPs which have been endorsed by more than one intergovernmental body (e.g. IWC, ACCOBAMS, CMS) was highlighted (see SC69A Report, Annex F). It was suggested that the CC should work with these bodies to offer advice on efficient mechanisms for their development. The declining budget of the SC was noted and yet there will be more and more CMPs. WG members were encouraged to consider what was needed to continue progressing these CMPs.

The importance of prioritising work to ensure good use of funds was discussed. In the past this was done via recommendations, SC CMP sub-committee (CMP) would review and put forward proposals to the SC research fund to be ranked. The SC Chair added that in the last 2-3 years a prioritisation process has been developed for all projects in the SC for distribution of funds.

The Chair mentioned the use of the Voluntary Conservation Fund which is flagged for CMPs and also announced that Carolina Cassani has accepted to be co-chair of the CC CMP Standing Working Group with Anne Robinson.

xii. Small Cetaceans and Task Teams

There were no proposals this year for new Task Teams so the Steering Group has not convened. However, an update was received from the Lahille's dolphin task team which is making good progress. The Steering Group welcome new proposals for consideration.

5. IWC Database of Recommendations

The Chair reminded the meeting that at IWC66 in October 2016 the Commission approved a recommendation from the CC to establish a web-accessible database of recommendations. Following a generous voluntary contribution from the UK, the database was developed, and initial population of the database undertaken by the Secretariat.

i. *Update on database status and use*

The Secretariat (Webster) thanked everyone for reviewing the recommendations at SC69A. Thanks to the review by the Secretariat and Convenors, there are over 200 recommendations that can potentially be closed by the end of the SC69A report review period. The Secretariat welcomes any feedback on the closing recommendations process.

In terms of the CC, the same process could be implemented. This would need to be done every two years, in accordance with the CC meeting schedule. Therefore, a compiled list of recommendations will be presented later this year at Conservation Committee Planning Group (CCPG) to then go onto the agenda for the Conservation Committee the following year. There was support for this plan and for the database overall.

ii. *Use by the Joint CC-SC WG*

The DoR is one of the tools being used to prepare a plan for establishing priorities for the CC-SC, as noted under agenda Item 3(i) above. It is also a useful tool for the two Committees to track recommendations and actions taken under each in areas of common interest.

6. Matters to transmit to CCPG and next SC

The Chair reminded the participants that the process for this Joint WG is different to the SC where the report is endorsed by silent procedure. As per the WG's terms of reference, temporary groups can be established to address topics that need further and more detailed consideration intersessionally, from this meeting that includes working on timings of future CC/SC meetings. The steps involved for the report and recommendations from this WG are, discussion at CCPG, transmission to next SC before presentation to CC for endorsement and then Commission for adoption.

The next CCPG meeting is scheduled for September 2023, date to be confirmed.
Our discussions here will be transmitted to the CCPG and the CC.

7. Any other business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 15h26 CET.

Annex A Agenda

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Location: Arnold Room, Rikli Balance Hotel, Bled, Slovenia

- 1. Welcome and aims of the meeting**
 - i. Appointment of Co-chairs [Cat Bell and Alex Zerbini are proposed]
 - ii. Appointment of Rapporteur [The Secretariat will offer to act as rapporteur]
 - iii. Terms of Reference and aims of the meeting (Annex 1)
 - iv. Review of documents available to the meeting

- 2. Adoption of the agenda**

- 3. Future work plan of the Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group**
 - i. Update from the small group on the process for determining conservation priorities.
 - ii. Matters arising from IWC68
 - a. Timing of CC/SC meetings once SC moves to biennial
 - iii. Matters arising from SC69A
 - a. An additional document with relevant Recommendations from SC69A will be available to review and assist discussion of priorities and actions

- 4. Topics of mutual interest between the CC and SC**
 - i. Species of urgent and emerging concern
 - ii. Anthropogenic Underwater Noise
 - iii. Chemical pollution
 - iv. Ecosystem modelling/Ecosystem functioning
 - v. Climate change
 - vi. Marine debris and the Plastics Resolution
 - vii. Whale Sanctuaries
 - viii. Bycatch Mitigation Initiative (BMI)
 - ix. Ship Strikes
 - x. Whale watching
 - xi. Conservation Management Plans
 - xii. Small cetaceans and Task Teams

- 5. IWC database of recommendations**
 - i. Update on database status and use
 - ii. Use by the Joint CC-SC WG.

- 6. Matters to transmit to the CCPG and next SC meeting**

- 7. Any other business**

Annex B

Terms of Reference for the Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group (endorsed IWC68)

The Joint Conservation Committee/Scientific Committee working group (CC-SC WG) is tasked with facilitating communication between the two Committees on matters related to the IWC's conservation priorities. The main benefit of the WG is to jointly discuss recommendations addressing those priority issues, and efforts to implement and track their progress by the Commission, relevant subsidiary bodies, Contracting Governments, intergovernmental organisations, accredited observers and other relevant organisations.

The CC-SC WG shall develop and promote a clear strategy and mechanism for:

- (a) review, collate, and suggest priorities to the Commission about conservation issues and associated recommendations made by the Scientific and Conservation committees, while respecting the direction provided by the Commission to both Committees;
- (b) the effective transmission of identified priority recommendations to the appropriate entities and stakeholders likely to implement the recommendations (e.g., Commission, its subsidiary bodies, Contracting Governments, and Intergovernmental organisations);
- (c) review and report progress to the Commission, through the CC and SC committees, including use of the database of recommendations

An important component of the CC-SC WG is the facilitation of communication between the Committees on proposed work required by each to address priority conservation issues, including the direct communication and collaboration between convenors and standing group chairs and topic leads, the identification of the need for further technical work and/or more clear advice on the practical implementation of priority recommendations (e.g. identifying resources required, key actors and any socio-economic implications and if needed, identify the obstacles to achieve these recommendations).

The CC-SC WG will comprise at least the Chairs and Vice-chairs of the Scientific and Conservation committees, with encouragement of SC convenors and leads of the CC SWGs to attend. Additional expertise (or requests for participation by specified Contracting Governments) may be included as appropriate at the discretion of the Chairs of the SC and CC. Temporary working groups may be established to address topics requiring consideration at a more detailed or focused level. The group will be supported by the Secretariat.

Annex C List of Documents

Document Number	Title	Authors
CC-SC/GEN/01	Draft Annotated Agenda Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group	IWC Secretariat
<i>Primary papers</i>		
CC-SC/MAY23/02	Update on Work Across Topics of Mutual Interest	IWC Secretariat
CC-SC/ MAY23/03	Report of the Joint CC-SC Small Group to Design a Process for Identifying Conservation Priorities	IWC Secretariat
CC-SC/MAY23/04	Proposed table for Identifying Conservation Priorities	IWC Secretariat
<i>Working papers</i>		
CC-SC/MAY23/05	Recommendations made at SC69A	IWC Secretariat
CC-SC/MAY23/06	CMP Summary	SC-CMP Convenor

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