

**68<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Whaling Commission**

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

09.00-16.00 Hrs          Saturday 15 October at the Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož, Slovenia

DRAFT AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS
  - 1.1 Appointment of Chair
  - 1.2 Appointment of Rapporteurs
  - 1.3 Review of Documents
  - 1.4 Observer Participation
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
3. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN AND WORKPLAN
  - 3.1 Updates to the Strategic Plan
  - 3.2 Workplan for the 2022-2024 Biennium and beyond
4. STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
  - 4.1 Working Methods of the Conservation Committee
  - 4.2 Voluntary Conservation Reports
    - 4.2.1 Contracting member reports
    - 4.2.2 Review of the prototype Conservation Database
  - 4.3 IWC Governance Review
    - 4.3.1 Introduction to the WGOE process and recommendations relevant to the CC
    - 4.3.2 Discussion of findings and recommendations
5. JOINT WORKING GROUP OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
  - 5.1 Database of recommendations
  - 5.2 Review of implementation of recommendations
6. WHALE SANCTUARIES
7. BYCATCH
  - 7.1 Report from the Bycatch Standing Working Group
    - 7.1.1 Progress of the Bycatch Mitigation Initiative workplan
    - 7.1.2 Conservation Committee role in workplan activities
  - 7.2 Report from the Scientific Committee
  - 7.3 Engagement with RFMOs
    - 7.3.1 GEF/FAO Common Oceans project update
8. WHALE WATCHING
  - 8.1 Report from the Conservation Committee's Standing Working Group on Whale Watching
    - 8.1.1 Update on the Whale Watching Handbook
    - 8.1.2 Workplan
  - 8.2 Report from the Scientific Committee

### 8.3 IWC Principles for Whale Watching

## 9. CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLANS

### 9.1 Progress Report by the SWG-CMP

#### 9.1.1 CMP Work Plan 2022-2026

#### 9.1.2 Thematic Strategic Plan and Handbook for CMPs

### 9.2 Progress on current CMPs

#### 9.2.1 Western Pacific Gray Whale CMP

##### 9.2.1.2 Update from range States

##### 9.2.1.3 Scientific Committee update

#### 9.2.2 Southwest Atlantic Southern Right Whale CMP

##### 9.2.2.2 Update from range States

##### 9.2.2.3 Scientific Committee update

#### 9.2.3 South-east Pacific Southern Right Whale CMP

##### 9.2.2.1 Update from range States

##### 9.2.2.2 Scientific Committee update

#### 9.2.4 Franciscana CMP

##### 9.2.4.2 Update from range States

##### 9.2.4.3 Scientific Committee update

#### 9.2.5 South American River Dolphins CMP

##### 9.2.5.2 Update from range states

##### 9.2.5.3 Scientific Committee update

### 9.3 Priority species for future CMPS

#### 9.3.1 Arabian Sea Humpback whales

#### 9.3.2 Mediterranean Fin whales

#### 9.3.3 Mediterranean Sperm whales

#### 9.3.4 Asian River dolphins

#### 9.3.5 Central American Humpback whales

#### 9.3.6 Populations requiring further research

### 9.4 CMP financial update

## 10. SHIP STRIKES

### 10.1 Report from the Scientific Committee

### 10.2 Report from the Ship Strikes Working Group

#### 10.2.1 Ship strikes strategic plan and workplan

#### 10.2.2 Engagement with IMO

### 10.3 Committee discussions and recommendations

## 11. MARINE DEBRIS

### 11.1 Report from the Scientific Committee

### 11.2 Future work by the Conservation Committee

## 12. NEW WORK PROGRAMMES FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

### 12.1 Anthropogenic underwater noise

#### 12.1.1 Report from the Scientific Committee

#### 12.1.2 Update from the ICG

#### 12.1.3 Discussion of future work

- 12.2 Climate Change
  - 12.2.1 Report from the Scientific Committee
  - 12.2.2 Report of the joint CC/SC workshop on Climate Change
  - 12.2.3 Discussion of future work
  
- 12.3 Chemical pollution
  - 12.3.1 Report from the Scientific Committee
  - 12.3.2 Report from the Pollution 2025 workshop
  - 12.3.3 Discussion of future work
  
- 13. CETACEANS AND ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONING
  - 13.1 Report from the Scientific Committee
  - 13.2 Report of Workshop on Socio-economic value of cetaceans to ecosystem functioning
  - 13.3 Discussion of future work
  
- 14. SMALL CETACEANS
  - 14.1 Progress under the voluntary fund for small cetacean conservation research
  - 14.2 Small Cetaceans Task Teams
  
- 15. SPECIES OR POPULATIONS OF URGENT OR EMERGING CONCERN
  - 15.1 Report from the Scientific Committee
  - 15.2 Report from the Intersessional Working Group
  - 15.3 Discussion of future work
  
- 16. ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS
  
- 17. FUNDING
  - 17.1 Funding opportunities
    - 17.1.2 Report on IWC fundraising
  
  - 17.2 Progress under the Voluntary Conservation Fund
    - 17.2.1 Update on contributions and funding
    - 17.2.2 Process for funding allocation
  
- 18. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OFFICERS
  
- 19. ADOPTION OF REPORT