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**Scientific Committee Report and Proposed Allocation of Research Budget**

**Availability of Report**

I am pleased to draw attention to the 2013 report of the Scientific Committee meeting held from 3-15 June 2013. The Plenary report can be downloaded from the IWC's website at:

<http://iwc.int/scientific-committee-reports>.

The Annexes can be downloaded at:

<http://iwc.int/screport>

**Proposed Allocation of Research Budget**

At IWC/64 in July 2012 the Commission agreed a two year budget (document IWC/64/7). This budget included a total research allocation for the 2013-2014 financial year of GBP 315,800.

The Scientific Committee's Rule of Procedure G.3 states that 'the Scientific Committee shall recommend in priority order those research proposals for Commission financial support as it judges best meets its objectives'.

The proposed research allocation prepared by the Scientific Committee is given in Table 9 of the report on page 89 and an explanation of the methods used for prioritisation is given under Item 26. The recommended budget after reductions is equal to the allocation of GBP 315,800.

In previous years, the proposed research allocation has been approved by the Commission during its annual meetings. In the absence of an annual meeting in 2013 Contracting Governments are invited to return any views on the Scientific Committee's proposed research allocation to the Secretary by **Friday 9 August 2013**.

Any views received will be collated and circulated to Contracting Governments. If no alternative views are expressed, the proposed budget will be accepted and acted upon. If alternative views are received the Bureau will advise on a process to be used for the Commission to finalise the budget allocation.

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