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Conservation Committee Planning Group

This Circular provides details of the plans for the next meeting of the Conservation Committee Planning Group.

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At IWC66 in October 2016 the Commission endorsed a recommendation to establish a Conservation Committee Planning Group (CCPG), tasked with helping set the agenda for the biennial Conservation Committee meeting and progression of the Conservation Committee's work plan in the intersessional period.

The next meeting of the Conservation Committee Planning Group will take place virtually on **05 October 2023** at **10:00-12:00 UK time**. A draft agenda for this meeting is attached.

Meeting attendance

The Terms of Reference for the Planning Group note that the group is intended to be small and focused and does not replace a full meeting of the Conservation Committee. It will primarily be composed of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conservation Committee, Chairs of the Committee's Standing Working Groups, and nominees from Contracting Governments and observers who have a contribution to make on particular agenda items.

Chairs of Conservation Committee Standing Working Groups and other topic leads will receive an invitation to this meeting. Others who wish to attend this meeting should register <u>here</u> by **Monday 2 October 2023**.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Secretariat (projectdevelopment@iwc.int).

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