

IWC Bureau Meeting, 2 October 2023

# Scientific Committee Updates

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- Assessing budget situation (IWC Head of Finance, SC Chair, Vice-Chair, HoSCM).
- Development of the IP list (SC Chair, Vice-Chair, HoSCM and Convenors).
- Development of the SC Agenda (SC Chair, Vice-Chair, HoSCM).
- Preparing the review of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary (SC Chair, Vice-Chair, HoSCM and Steering Committee).
- Preparing pre-meetings (Abundance Steering Group, Southern Right Whale catches, possibly SOS).
- Engaging with Exeter University to advance work related to 2022-1 Resolution on Marine Plastic Pollution (SC Vice-Chair and HoSCM).

- 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 – Status of the SC Meeting Budget and Voluntary Contributions

Item	Budget: SC69A	Actual: SC69A	Balance SC69A	Budgeted for SC69B	Voluntary Contributions	Available: SC69B	Estimated: SC69B	Shortfall/ Surplus
SC Meeting Costs	£133,532	£142,185	- £8,653	£141,000	FR £8,626	£140,973	£147,872	- £6,899
IP Costs	£84,162	£77,612	£6,550	£84,162	NL £6,898	£97,610	£80,716	£16,894
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£217,694</b>	<b>£219,797</b>	<b>- £2,103</b>	<b>£225,162</b>	<b>£15,524</b>	<b>£232,033</b>	<b>£232,033</b>	<b>£9,995</b>

The estimated costs for SC69B are based on SC69A costs plus 4% inflation, however, some of the hotel costs have increased by more than this. Therefore, the £10k total surplus may be absorbed and budgets will be closely monitored.

## IP Support for SC69A from other funds

Fund	# IPs	Cost
Conservation	1	£2,812
ASW	4	£11,398
Small Cetaceans	5	£11,669
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>£25,879</b>

Conservation and Welfare funds support for Secretariat: £ 8,041

**TOTAL: £33,920**

**ASW funds may not be available to support IPs in 2024**

- 5.2.3 – Saving measures in place:
  - Shorten meeting (condensing sub-group meeting days).
  - Reduce size of meeting rooms (e.g., smaller plenary).
  - Reduce SC/sub-group agendas.
  - Early IP invitation to reduce costs.
  - Request countries to add identified IPs to their delegations.
  - Optimize costs by hosting a workshop as a pre-meeting and conduct more intersessional work.
  - More work conducted within Intersessional Correspondence Groups (ICGs).
  - Being more strategic about virtual participation.
  - Provide additional guidance to participants to make discussions more efficient (e.g., etiquette for interventions and presentations).