



Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and  
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**Joint Conservation Committee - Scientific Committee Working Group (CC-SC) and  
Conservation Committee Planning Group (CCPG) Meetings**

This Circular provides an update on plans for meetings of the Joint Conservation Committee-Scientific Committee Working Group and the Conservation Committee Planning Group in 2024.

**Joint CC-SC Meeting**

The Working Group was established through IWC Resolution 2014-4 to facilitate the implementation and follow-up of conservation recommendations.

The Joint CC-SC meeting will be held virtually on **9 May 2024, 13:30-15:30 BST**. Any queries on this should be directed to the Secretariat ([secretariat@iwc.int](mailto:secretariat@iwc.int)). A draft agenda for this meeting will be circulated in the following weeks.

*Meeting attendance*

Chairs of both the CC and SC, their convenors and Standing Working Group chairs and topic leads will receive an invitation to this meeting. Others who wish to attend this meeting should send a request to the Secretariat ([secretariat@iwc.int](mailto:secretariat@iwc.int)).

**Conservation Committee Planning Group**

At IWC66 in October 2016 the Commission endorsed a recommendation to establish a Conservation Committee Planning Group (CCPG), with the objective of helping set the agenda for the biennial Conservation Committee (CC) 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 **22 May 2024, 10:00- 12:00 BST**. A draft agenda for this meeting is attached. This draws attention to some items which will be dealt with at the CCPG meeting in advance to increase the efficiency of, and reduce the time needed for discussion at the CC meeting in September 2024. We invite comments by **Friday 10 May 2024**. Any queries should be directed to the Secretariat ([secretariat@iwc.int](mailto:secretariat@iwc.int)).

*Meeting attendance*

The Planning Group meeting attendance will primarily be composed of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conservation Committee, Chairs of the Committee's Standing Working Groups, topic leads and nominees from Contracting Governments and observers who have a contribution to make on particular agenda items. Others who wish to attend this meeting should send a request to the Secretariat ([secretariat@iwc.int](mailto:secretariat@iwc.int)).

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