

69th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

xx.00-xx.00 Hrs xxxxdy xx September 2024, Virtual

Draft PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- 1.1 Appointment of Chair
- 1.2 Appointment of Rapporteurs
- 1.3 Review of Documents
- 1.4 Observer Participation [*Relevant Rules of Procedure are given at the end of this agenda*]

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN AND WORKPLAN

- 3.1 Conservation Committee and the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework
- 3.2 Conservation Committee and the International treaty on Sustainable use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
- 3.3 Updates to the Strategic Plan
- 3.4 Workplan for the 2024-2026 Biennium and beyond

4. STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Working Methods of the Conservation Committee
 - 4.1.1 Revision of all topic Terms of Reference
- 4.2 Voluntary Conservation Reports
 - 4.2.1 Contracting member reports
 - 4.2.2 Update of the prototype Conservation Database
- 4.4 IWC Governance Review
 - 4.4.1 Latest updates from the WGOE process and recommendations relevant to the CC
 - 4.4.2 Discussion of findings and recommendations

5. JOINT WORKING GROUP OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Topics to highlight from the last meetings (2023, 2024)
- 5.2 Database of Recommendations
 - 5.2.1 Review of implementation of recommendations and agree recommendations to close

6. WHALE SANCTUARIES

6.1 Update on the Review of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary and contiguous Indian Ocean Sanctuary

7. BYCATCH

7.1 Report from the Bycatch Standing Working Group

7.1.1 Progress of the Bycatch Mitigation Initiative workplan

7.2 Engagement with RFMOs

7.2.1 GEF/FAO Common Oceans project update

7.3 Report from the Scientific Committee

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, particularly promotion and communication of the Whale Watching Handbook

8.1.3 Review of WW outputs (see relevant recommendation)

8.2 Report from the Scientific Committee

9. CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLANS

9.1 Progress Report by the SWG-CMP

9.1.1 CMP Work Plan 2024-2026

9.1.2 Handbook for CMPs

9.2 Progress on current CMPs

9.2.1 Western Pacific Gray Whale CMP??

9.2.1.1 Update from range States

9.2.1.2 Scientific Committee update

9.2.2 Southwest Atlantic Southern Right Whale CMP

9.2.2.1 Update from range States

9.2.2.2 Scientific Committee update

9.2.3 Southeast Pacific Southern Right Whale CMP

9.2.3.1 Update from range States

9.2.3.2 Scientific Committee update

9.2.4 Franciscana CMP

9.2.4.1 Update from range States

9.2.4.2 Scientific Committee update

9.2.5 South American River Dolphins CMP

9.2.5.1 Update from range states

9.2.5.2 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 Ship Strikes Working Group
 - 10.1.1 Progress on the Ship strikes Strategic Plan and workplan
 - 10.1.2 Engagement with IMO
- 10.2 Report from the Scientific Committee
- 10.3 Committee discussions and recommendations

11. MARINE DEBRIS

- 11.1 Progress on work by the Conservation Committee
- 11.2 Report from the Scientific Committee
- 11.3 Progress on Resolution 2022-1 on Plastics

12. OTHER WORK PROGRAMMES FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

- 12.1 Anthropogenic underwater noise
 - 12.1.1 Update from the ICG
 - 12.1.2 Report from the Scientific Committee
 - 12.1.3 Discussion of future work
- 12.2 Climate Change
 - 12.2.1 Update from the ICG
 - 12.2.2 Report from the Scientific Committee
 - 12.2.3 Discussion of future work
- 12.3 Chemical pollution
 - 12.3.1 Report from the Scientific Committee
 - 12.3.2 Discussion of future work

13. CETACEANS AND ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONING

- 13.1 Update from the working group
- 13.2 Report from the Scientific Committee
- 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 Intersessional working group
- 15.2 Report from the Scientific Committee
- 15.3 Discussion of future work

16. ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

17. FUNDING

- 17.1 Funding opportunities
 - 17.1.1 Report on IWC fundraising
- 17.2 Progress under the Voluntary Conservation Fund
 - 17.2.1 Update on contributions and funding
 - 17.2.2 Update from the new group with Terms of Reference to advise the Secretariat in its increased focus on fundraising activities.

18. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OFFICERS

19. ADOPTION OF REPORT

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

Rule of Procedure C.2

2. Observers accredited in accordance with Rule [of procedure] C.1.(a) and (b) are admitted to all meetings of the Commission and the Technical Committee, and to any meetings of Committees and all subsidiary groups of the Commission and the Technical Committee, except the Commissioners-only meetings, meetings of the Bureau and closed meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee.

SPEAKING RIGHTS FOR OBSERVERS

Rule of Procedure C.3

3. Observers accredited in accordance with rule C.1.(a) and (b) will have speaking rights during Plenary sessions and sessions of Commission subsidiary groups and Committees to which they are admitted to under C.2, in accordance with the Rules of Debate of the Commission. Observers might also submit documents for information to the delegations and observers participating in such sessions, provided these are submitted through the Secretariat at least 48 hours before the session in which they are intended to be made available, and are duly authored or endorsed by the accredited organisation making the submission, which is to be held responsible for its contents.

Rules of Debate Paragraph A

A. Right to Speak

1. The Chair shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak, with the exception of accredited Observers, which should be allowed to speak only after all Commissioners desiring to speak do so. As a general rule, Observers will only be allowed to speak once at each Agenda item under discussion, and at the discretion of the Chair.