

IWC69 Outcomes – Thursday 26 September 2024 (revised)

This Report records the main outcomes of IWC69. Before each Agenda item is closed, the Chair will read out the decision, which the Secretariat will add to the Main Outcomes Report. The Secretariat will circulate an updated version of this Report at the end of each day, prior to adoption under Item 20.

Item	Title	Closed (time, date)	Main outcomes
14.1	Discussion of the Scientific Committee Reports	26.9.24, 11:45	The Commission requests the Science Liaison Group to consider the question of a Comprehensive Assessment of North Pacific fin whales and bring back a recommendation to IWC70.
10.1	Report of the Finance and Administration Committee	26.9.24, 14:15	The Commission endorses the next steps identified in Document IWC/69/10.1/09 for carrying out work on Resolution 2022-1 towards a global risk assessment on the impacts of marine plastic pollution on cetaceans and requests the Scientific Committee to undertake this work in the next biennium, drawing on the Scientific Committee's Research Fund to the value of £15,000 from the lowest prioritised projects.
		26.9.24, 14:15	The Commission requests the Science Liaison Group to consider ways in which the priorities of the Commission can be absorbed by the Research Fund when the Commission gives instructions to the Scientific Committee.
		26.9.24, 14:20	The Commission endorses the membership of the Science Liaison Group to include Australia (Convenor), Brazil, Iceland, Norway, Portugal, South Africa and the USA, and continues to seek participation from, at least, a West African party and an Asian party.
10.7	Any other matters	26.9.24 14:21	The Commission requests the Secretariat and Budgetary Sub-Committee to look at the details of Uruguay's situation and relevant elements of the Contributions Formula and report back to IWC70 with options on how to proceed.
10.6	Adoption of the F&A Report	26.9.24, 14:22	The Commission adopts the Finance and Administration Committee's Report and its recommendations.
14.2	Adoption of the SC Report and Workplan	26.9.24, 14:25	The Commission adopts the Scientific Committee's Report and its recommendations.
17	Bureau membership	26.9.24, 14:30	The Commission approves the membership of the Bureau, with Belgium to remain, Brazil to replace Argentina, Togo to replace Ghana, and Antigua and Barbuda to replace Saint Lucia.
9.1	Resolution on Food Security	26.9.24, 14:35	The Proponents withdraw the Resolution on Food Security but will continue to work with interested parties during the intersessional period and develop a revised Resolution for consideration at IWC70.
9.2	Resolution on the Implementation of a	26.9.24, 14:45	Following consultations, a decision was not sought at IWC69 on the draft Resolution on the

	Conservation and Management Program for Whale Stocks Aimed Towards the Lifting of the Moratorium and Orderly Development of the Whaling Industry		Implementation of a Conservation and Management Program for Whale Stocks aimed towards the orderly Management and Development of the Whaling Industry. Work will continue intersessionally between interested Contracting Governments and representatives of civil society to continue dialogue on the issues raised in this proposal and aim to bring a new proposal to IWC70. Any efforts to meet in-person will be in a manner that does not require additional resources from the Commission.
8.1	Proposal of a Schedule Amendment to create a South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary	26.9.24, 16:45	The Commission votes on the proposal to amend the Schedule to create a South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary as presented in Document IWC/69/8.1/01. Having not received the required number of votes, the proposal is not adopted. The proposed Schedule Amendment received 40 Yes votes, 14 No votes and 3 abstentions. This fell below the 41 Yes votes required for the Schedule Amendment to be adopted.
9.3	Resolution on Co-operation with CCAMLR in Antarctica	26.9.24, 17:00	The Commission agrees by consensus to adopt the Resolution on Co-operation in Antarctica as presented in Document IWC/69/9.3/01/Rev1.
9.4	Resolution on Synergies between the IWC, the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the BBNJ Agreement	26.9.24, 17:05	The Commission agrees by consensus to adopt the Resolution on Synergies between the IWC, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted thereunder, and the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction as presented in Document IWC/69/9.4/01/Rev2.
9.5	Resolution on International Legal Obligations in Commercial Whaling	26.9.24, 17:25	The Commission adopted by vote the Resolution on Responsibilities Related to Commercial Whaling Activities as presented in Document IWC/69/9.5/01/Rev1.