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Second Intersessional Workshop for Western North Pacific Bryde's Whale Implementation

In order to proceed with the *Implementation* for western North Pacific Bryde's whales, the Commission has endorsed the process recommended two years ago by the Scientific Committee, (IWC, 2005, pp.84-92). As agreed at the St Kitts and Nevis meeting, the second and final Workshop required to allow completion of the *Implementation* at the 2007 Annual Meeting will be held from 10-14 December 2006 (Table 3 of the Scientific Committee report). The venue has now been confirmed as the National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries, Yokohama City, Japan (<http://ss.nrifs.affrc.go.jp/index-e.html>).

The purpose of this Workshop is to discuss the results of the final trials (decided upon at SC/58 in St. Kitts) and develop recommendations for consideration by the full committee on:

- (1) management areas;
- (2) RMP variants (e.g. *Catch cascading*, *Catch-capping*);
- (3) associated operational constraints (e.g. temporal restrictions);
- (4) suggestions for future research (either within or outside whaling operations) to narrow the range of plausible hypotheses/eliminate some hypotheses;
- (5) 'less conservative' variant(s) with their associated required research programmes and associated duration.

Further details can be found in IWC/58/Rep1, Appendix 6 of Annex D available from the IWC website (http://www.iwcoffice.org/sci_com/screport.htm).

Committee members are strongly requested to provide the following information by **3 November 2006**:

- 1) indicate to Helen Sharp (helen.sharp@iwcoffice.org), with a copy to Greg Donovan, (greg.donovan@iwcoffice.org) whether they will be attending and/or submitting new papers to the Workshop and if possible a brief abstract of what the papers will contain or topics they will address;
- 2) submit any relevant 'in press' or 'in review' papers as soon as possible to participants via the Secretariat (helen.sharp@iwcoffice.org). Note that it is of course possible to include a note on restrictions on citation.

Eight rooms have been provisionally reserved for participants at the Yokohama Techno Tower Hotel (Famiel). Please contact Shigeyuki Kawahara (kawahara@fra.affrc.go.jp) if you would like to secure one of these rooms. Further information about this hotel is attached. A map showing the location of the meeting and hotel will be placed on the IWC website shortly (http://www.iwcoffice.org/sci_com/workshops/workshops.htm)

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Information on YOKOHAMA Techno Tower Hotel "FAMIEL"



Address: 1-1-1 Fukuura Kanazawa-ku Yokohama-City Kanagawa, Japan
1-minute walk from Sangyo Shinko Center Station of the Seaside Line
Phone: +81-45-788-8000, Fax: +81-45-788-7411
Check- in: 15:00, Check- out: 10:00

Currency: Japanese Yen only
Service Charge: 10%
Credit Cards: Master, VISA, Diners, AMEX etc.
Cancellation Charge: 100% (No show), 50% (Same day)

Rooms double room 46, single room 10, triple room 16, twin room 40
Cafe, Bar, Meeting Room available: Nonsmoking room not Available
Chinese, European and Japanese restaurants

Air-Conditioning, Alarm Clock, BS, CATV, Bath, Bath Towels, Desk, Hair Dryer, Modular Jack, Radio,
Refrigerator, Sleeping Wear, TV, Telephone, Thermos
Fax, Internet (max ten), Laundry, Photocopying, Rent-a-car, Room Service, Ticket Arrangement