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Update on proposals for modifying the JARPN II research plan

At the June 2011 meeting of the Scientific Committee the Japanese delegation to the Committee indicated that it was considering an improvement to the JARPN II research design by adding sub-area 11 to its research area without any change in species sampled or total sample size. The Committee agreed that the proposed change would trigger the 'Annex P' Procedure and Japan confirmed that it would submit a proposal for a change.¹

Further to the above the Chair of the Scientific Committee has now been informed by Professor Hidehiro Kato, Head of the Japanese delegation to the Committee that despite extensive consideration of various aspects of the modified research plan Japan will not be in a position to submit a modified research plan at this stage. Accordingly the planned 'Annex P' process will be postponed and no review meeting will take place in early 2012 as had originally been anticipated.

The 'Annex P' process will go ahead according to an appropriate timetable when and if a modified research proposal is received.

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Secretary to the Commission

¹ See Report of the Scientific Committee 2011 (IWC/63/Rep 1), page 62.