

## **Scientific Committee's recommended budget for the 2012/2013 intersessional period**

Table 1 summarises the complete list of recommendations for funding made by the Scientific Committee. The total required to meet its preferred budget is £327,000. The Scientific Committee recommends all of these proposed expenditures to the Commission.

However, it understands that the projected amount available for funding is about £315,000. Following some initial suggestions produced by the Convenors group, the Scientific Committee therefore carefully reviewed the proposed full list, taking into account its work plan, priorities and the possibility that some of the work requiring funding could be postponed to a future year or years. Such considerations are difficult and the Scientific Committee stresses that projects for which it has had to suggest reduced funding are still important and valuable. Should the Commission be unable to fund the full list of items in Table 1, the Scientific Committee **agrees** that the final column given in the table represents a budget that will allow progress to be made by its sub-groups in its priority topics. Progress will not be possible in some important areas, and the Scientific Committee strongly requests that the Commission or individual member governments provide additional funding in these areas. The Scientific Committee **strongly recommends** that the Commission accepts its reduced budget of £315,000.

Full details on each proposed project can be found under relevant Agenda Items as given in Table 1.

Table 1

Budget requests for 2012/2013 Scientific Committee intersessional period. Note that in addition, there are budget requests for two additional separate funds (small cetaceans and SORP).

Title	Agenda Item	Full (£)	Reduced (£)
(1) Development of an operating model for West Greenland humpback and bowhead whales	8. AWMP	5,000	5,000
(2) Workshop on development of SLAs for Greenlandic hunts	8. AWMP	8,000	8,000
(3) AWMP developers funds	8. AWMP	3,000	3,000
(4) Ship strike database coordinator	7.8 Ship strikes	10,000	8,000
(5) Right whale survey off of South Africa	10.5 SH right whales	21,730	21,730
(6) Genomic diversity and phylogenetic relationships among right whales	10.6 N Pacific right whales	7,000	0
(7) Photographic matching of gray whales	9.2 E Pacific gray whales	9,000	9,000
(8) Contribution to the preparation of the State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER)	12.1 SOCER	3,000	3,000
(9) Pre-meeting workshop on assessing the impacts of marine debris	12.8 Habitat related issues	20,500	20,500
(10) Develop simulations of Southern Hemisphere minke line transect data	10.1 Antarctic minke whales	9,000	5,000
(11) IWC-POWER cruise for summer 2013	10.8.1 IWC-POWER cruise	60,754	60,754
(12) Preparation for the application of the statistical catch-at-age assessment method for Southern hemisphere minke whales	10.1 Antarctic minke whales	4,000	4,000
(13) "Second' intersessional workshop on the <i>Implementation Review</i> for wNP common minke whales	6.3 N Pacific common minke whale Implementation Review	20,000	18,500
(14) Essential computing for RMP/NPM and AWMP	22. Data processing and computing needs	25,000	25,000
(15) MSYR review workshop	5.1 MSY rates review	5,000	5,000
(16) Review and guidelines for model-based and design-based line transect abundance estimates	5.7 Abundance estimates	5,000	5,000
(17) Modeling of Southern Hemisphere humpback whale populations	10.2 SH humpback whales	3,000	3,000
(18) Antarctic humpback whale catalogue	10.1 Antarctic minke whales	15,000	13,000
(19) Photo matching of Antarctic blue whales	10.3 SH blue whales	3,000	3,000
(20) Southern Hemisphere blue whale catalogue 2012/13	10.3 SH blue whales	3,000	3,000
(21) Expert workshop for final review of Iceland's Special Permit programme on common minke whales	17.1 Review of existing scientific permits	30,000	24,000
(22) Whale watching guidelines and operator training in Oman	10.7 Arabian Sea humpback whales	3,500	3,500
(23) Invited Participants (IP's) funds	All	64,000	64,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>337,484</b>	<b>314,984</b>