

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS  
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS  
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**Information on RMS working groups**

You will recall that at the Commissioners'/Alternate Commissioners' meeting on the RMS held here Cambridge last October, it was agreed to establish three working groups, i.e. on catch verification, costs and compliance.

Subsequent to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.289 of 13 November 2003 requesting Contracting Governments to indicate their interest in participating in the working groups, I am writing to provide information on:

- The composition of each working group;
- The convenor for each working group;
- The dates and venue for the meetings of the working groups on catch verification and costs.

The composition of the working groups is shown in the Table attached.

Henrik Fischer has appointed the following convenors: (1) the USA for the catch verification working group; (2) Japan for the costs working group; and (3) the Netherlands for the compliance working group.

As agreed in October, only the catch verification and costs working groups will meet prior to IWC/55 in Berlin. Antigua and Barbuda has kindly offered to host both these meetings at the Jolly Beach Resort Hotel in Antigua. The catch verification meeting will be held from Monday 28 April to Wednesday 30 April, and the costs meeting from Thursday 1 May to Saturday 3 May. The two groups are meeting back-to-back in view of the considerable overlap of group members and the limited number of dates on which meetings could take place owing to participant availability. Further details on the venue will be provided to the working group participants shortly.

The compliance working group will work at least initially via email correspondence.

All working groups will report to the meeting of Commissioners/Alternate Commissioners scheduled for 12-13 June at IWC/55 in Berlin.

Dr. Nicky Grandy  
Secretary to the Commission

cc: Working Group participants

**COMPOSITION OF RMS WORKING GROUPS**  
(as of 5 February 2003)

**WORKING GROUP ON CATCH VERIFICATION**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Commissioner/Alternate</b>	<b>Alternate/Expert Advisor</b>
Australia	Robyn Bromley	
Denmark	Kate Sanderson	Kim Mathiasen
Dominica	Lloyd Pascal	Andrew Magloire
Germany	Peter Bradhering	Marlies Reimann
Iceland	Stefan Asmundsson	Tomas Heidar
Japan	Joji Morishita	Dan Goodman
Netherlands	Henk Eggink	Anne Marie van Heyden
New Zealand	<i>Name to be advised</i>	<i>Name to be advised</i>
Norway	Halvard Johansen	Hanne Østgård
Sweden	<i>To be notified</i>	<i>To be notified</i>
USA (convenor)	Michael Tillman	Jean-Pierre Plé

**WORKING GROUP ON COSTS**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Commissioner/Alternate</b>	<b>Alternate/Expert Advisor</b>
Antigua & Barbuda	Daven Joseph	?
Denmark	Kate Sanderson	Kim Mathiasen (if meeting scheduled back-to-back with that of the catch verification working group)
Germany	Peter Bradhering	Marlies Reimann
Iceland	Stefan Asmundsson	Tomas Heidar
Japan (convenor)	Yoshiaki Ito	Takanori Nagatomo
Norway	Odd Gunnar Skagestad	Turid Eusebio
Sweden	<i>To be notified</i>	<i>To be notified</i>
UK	Richard Cowan/Rob Bowman	Geoff Jasinski
USA	Michael Tillman	Jean-Pierre Plé

**WORKING GROUP ON COMPLIANCE**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Commissioner/Alternate</b>	<b>Alternate/Expert Advisor</b>
Denmark	Kate Sanderson	Kim Mathiasen
Germany	Peter Bradhering	Marlies Reimann
Iceland	Stefan Asmundsson	Tomas Heidar
Japan	Joji Morishita	Yasuo Iino
Netherlands (convenor)	Henk Eggink	
New Zealand		Al Gillespie
Norway	Odd Gunnar Skagestad	Halvard Johansen
Spain	Carlos Dominguez	Carmen Asencio
Sweden	<i>To be notified</i>	<i>To be notified</i>
UK	Richard Cowan/Rob Bowman	Laurie Kell
USA	Michael Tillman	Jean-Pierre Plé