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**Documents for IWC/57 and distribution procedure**

**Procedure for distributing documents**

As for the last 3 years, the procedure for distributing documents for IWC/57 is as described below:

Non-confidential documents

All non-confidential documents for the meeting of the Commission and its sub-groups (except the Scientific Committee) are being made available to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and observers via IWC's public website. *Copies of such documents will only be sent by email to those Commissioners and Contracting Governments who specifically request them. Please inform Julie Creek ([Secretariat@iwcoffice.org](mailto:Secretariat@iwcoffice.org)) if you wish to receive documents by email.*

It is assumed that unless we have received a specific request, member governments will download documents from the website. To access these documents, you can go straight to the following link:

<http://www.iwcoffice.org/documents/commission/IWC57docs/iwc57docs.htm>

Commissioners and Contracting Governments who routinely receive hard copies of Circulars and documents by post will continue to do so.

Confidential documents

Confidential documents such as those for the F&A Committee are not being made available from the website. Instead they will continue to be distributed by email or hard copy as appropriate.

**Documents now available**

The documents now available on the website are listed in the table attached. *Please note that the following are recent additions:*

Commission documents:

IWC/57/4:	The South Atlantic: A Sanctuary for Whales ( <i>to be discussed also by the Conservation Committee</i> )
IWC/57/8:	Brazil: Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report, 2005 ( <i>to be discussed also by the Conservation Committee</i> )

RMS Working Group:

IWC/57/RMS 1 rev: Revised Draft Agenda

IWC/57/RMS 2: List of documents (as of 20 May)

IWC/57/RMS 3: Chairs' Reports of the RMS Working Group Meetings (i.e. in Borgholm and Copenhagen)

Conservation Committee:

IWC/57/CC 2: List of documents (as of 23 May)

IWC/57/CC 3: A South Pacific Whale Sanctuary

IWC/57/CC 4: Australia: Voluntary National Conservation Report

IWC/56/Rep 5: Report of the Conservation Committee (i.e. from IWC/56)

**RMS documents**

Please note that the Chair's Report of the recent RMS Working Group meeting in Copenhagen is included in document IWC/57/RMS 3. As indicated above, this document includes the Chair's Reports of both RMS intersessional meetings. The reports from the various technical groups established at the Borgholm meeting are attached as Annexes. Document IWC/57/RMS 3, together with IWC/57/RMS 4 – a consolidated report from the RMS Small Drafting Group - therefore provide comprehensive information on activities on the RMS since IWC/56 in Sorrento last year.

The Draft Agenda for the RMS Working Group Meeting previously circulated on 28 April (IWC.CCG.473) has been revised slightly to include further annotations to item 4. The earlier version omitted to mention that the UK, Australia, Argentina and New Zealand agreed to explore what additional compliance measures the Commission may be able to take legitimately within the context of the current Convention. They agreed to develop a paper for review by the RMS Working Group in Ulsan.

We kindly ask you to ***BRING COPIES OF PRE-CIRCULATED DOCUMENTS WITH YOU TO THE MEETING*** as we do not intend to provide extra copies of these documents in Ulsan on a routine basis.

Dr. Nicky Grandy  
Secretary to the Commisison

**IWC/57 Documents available on website as of 23 May**

<b>Commission documents</b>		
IWC/57/	1	Draft list of documents (as of 20 May 2005)
	2	Provisional annotated agenda
	4	The South Atlantic: A Sanctuary for Whales*
	6	Financial Statements
	8	Brazil: National Cetacean Conservation Report, 2005*
<b>RMS Working Group</b>		
IWC/57/RMS	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda
	2	Draft list of documents
	3	Chairs' Reports of the RMS Working Group Meetings (Borgholm and Copenhagen)
	4	Chairs' Reports of the meetings of the RMS Small Drafting Group (Borgholm and Copenhagen)
<b>Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee</b>		
IWC/57/ASW	1	Revised Draft Agenda
<b>Infractions Sub-committee</b>		
IWC/57/INF	1	Draft agenda
<b>Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues</b>		
IWC/57/WKM&AWI	1	Draft agenda
<b>Conservation Committee</b>		
IWC/57/CC	1	Revised draft agenda
	2	List of documents (as of 23 May 2005)
	3	A South Pacific Whale Sanctuary
	4	Australia: Voluntary National Conservation Report
IWC/56/Rep	5rev	Report of the Conservation Committee

\* These documents will also be considered by the Conservation Committee