

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS  
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS  
IWC.CCG.952

**Documents for IWC/63 including Scientific Committee Report**

This Circular addresses the following items:

1. Documents now available;
2. Information on delegations;
3. Credentials;

**1. Documents now available**

**Restricted Access**

Access to documents of the Finance and Administration Committee<sup>1</sup>, and also the report of the Scientific Committee<sup>2</sup> are restricted to Commissioners and Contracting Governments only. Accordingly these documents are distributed ahead of IWC/63 by email. The following documents are attached to this Circular Communication:

- IWC/63/Rep 1 Report of the Scientific Committee arising from the meeting held in Tromsø 30 May – 11 June 2011. The Annexes to this report can be obtained upon request from the Secretariat.
- IWC/63/F&A3rev Review of IWC Rules of Procedure (Secretariat) (Revised)
- IWC/63/F&A 5 The feasibility and associated costs of off-setting the carbon emissions arising from the operation of the Secretariat and IWC meetings (Secretariat)
- IWC/63/F&A 6 Discussion paper on IWC meeting frequency (Secretariat)
- IWC/63/F&A7 Options for separating the meetings of the Scientific Committee and the Commission (Secretariat)
- IWC/63/F&A 8 Report of the Inter-sessional Correspondence Group on strengthening IWC funding (Belgium)

Documents IWC/63/F&A 1 and 4 were circulated on 12 May as part of Circular Communication IWC.CCG.938. Further electronic copies are available on request from the Secretariat.

Work is continuing on French and Spanish translations of a summary of the Scientific Committee report. They will be distributed as soon as they become available.

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<sup>1</sup> Under Rule of Procedure C(2) observers are not permitted to attend meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee

<sup>2</sup> Under the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee (E5b) the report of the annual meeting of the Scientific Committee is confidential until the beginning of the opening plenary of the annual Commission meeting. The report will be made publicly available via the Commission's website on Monday 11 July.

## Open Access Documents

All other documents are available via the Commission's website at:

[http://iwcoffice.org/\\_documents/commission/IWC63docs/iwc63docs.htm](http://iwcoffice.org/_documents/commission/IWC63docs/iwc63docs.htm)

The complete list of documents which are currently available, either through the website or via email circulation is provided in the table at the end of this Circular Communication.

Please keep checking the website as documents will continue to be added as they are received by the Secretariat.

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 on a routine basis.

## 2. Information on delegations

If you have not already done so, the Secretariat would appreciate receiving information on delegation numbers and names for the meetings of the Commission's subgroups and for the Commission as soon as possible.

## 3. Credentials

It is important that proper written credentials are forwarded to the Secretariat in advance of, or are presented at, the meeting as set out in Rule of Procedure D (below). **It is particularly important that the letter of credentials indicates the Commissioner and any alternates and that the original version is provided. Fax or email notifications will not be accepted as the formal credentials, although advance notification by these means is helpful.**

### D. Credentials

1.(a) The names of all representatives of member and non-member governments and observer organisations to any meeting of the Commission or committees, as specified in the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, Technical and Scientific Committees, shall be notified to the Secretary in writing before their participation and/or attendance at each meeting. For member governments, the notification shall indicate the Commissioner, his/her alternate(s) and advisers, and the head of the national delegation to the Scientific Committee and any alternate(s) as appropriate.

The written notification shall be made by governments or the heads of organisations as the case may be. In this context, 'governments' means the Head of State, the Head of Government, the Minister of Foreign Affairs (including: on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs), the Minister responsible for whaling or whale conservation (including: on behalf of this Minister), the Head of the Diplomatic Mission accredited to the seat of the Commission or to the host country of the meeting in question, or the Commissioner appointed under Rule A.1.

(b) Credentials for a Commissioner appointed for the duration of a meeting must be issued as in D.1(a). Thereafter, until the end of the meeting in question, that Commissioner assumes all the powers of a Commissioner appointed under A.1., including that of issuing credentials for his/her delegation.

(c) In the case of members of delegations who will attend the Annual Commission Meeting and its associated meetings, the notification may be made en bloc by submitting a list of the members who will attend any of these meetings.

(d) The Secretary, or his/her representative, shall report on the received notifications at the beginning of a meeting.

(e) In case of any doubt as to the authenticity of notification or in case of apparent delay in their delivery, the Chair of the meeting shall convene an *ad hoc* group of no more than one representative from any Contracting Government present to decide upon the question of participation in the meeting.

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Secretary to the Commission

## Documents available as of 17 June 2011

			Date circulated/ made available	On website?	French (FR) and/or Spanish (SP) translation available?
<b>COMMISSION DOCUMENTS</b>					
<b>IWC/63/</b>	1	List of Documents			
	2	Annotated Provisional Agenda	13/05/11	YES	YES (SP/FR)
	3	Delegates and Observers attending the 63 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting			
	4	Cooperation with other organisations	08/06/11	YES	
	5Rev	Finance Statements	20/06/11	YES	
	6Rev	The South Atlantic Sanctuary: A sanctuary for Whales (submitted by Brazil & Argentina))	13/05/11	YES	
	7	Resolution to Maintain Progress on the Future of the IWC (submitted by New Zealand and USA)	13/05/11	YES	YES (SP/FR)
	8	Draft Resolution 2011 - On Improving the effectiveness of operations within the International Whaling Commission (submitted by UK)	29/05/11	YES	YES (SP/FR)
	9	Contact with World Health Organisation (submitted by Secretariat)	17/06/11	YES	
<b>Reports from Commission sub-groups:</b>					
<b>IWC/63/Rep</b>	1	Report of the Scientific Committee	20/06/11	NO	
<b>CONSERVATION COMMITTEE</b>					
<b>IWC/63/CC/</b>	1	Draft Agenda	13/05/11	YES	
	2	List of Documents			
	3	Report of the Working Group on Whalewatching (submitted by Argentina)	13/05/11	YES	
	4	Nomination of a Conservation Management Plan for South American population of Southern Right Whales (submitted by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru)	13/05/11	YES	
	5	Report of the Small Advisory Group on Conservation Management Plans (submitted by Australia)	13/05/11	YES	
	6	Report of the Workshop on Whalewatching	13/05/11	YES	
	7	The Honolulu Commitment (submitted by USA)	13/05/11	YES	
	8	Report of the Joint IWC-ACCOBAMS Workshop on Reducing Risk of Collisions between Vessels and Cetaceans	16/05/11	YES	
	9	United Kingdom Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report, 2011	29/05/11	YES	
	10	Argentina: Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report	01/06/11	YES	
	11	Australia: Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report	06/06/11	YES	
	12	Australia: Country Report on Ship Strikes	06/06/11	YES	
		13	Ship strikes working group. Sixth progress Report to the Conservation Committee	17/06/11	YES
	14	United States Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report, 2011	17/06/11	YES	

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<b>ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING SUB-COMMITTEE</b>					
<b>IWC/63/AS/</b>	1	Draft Agenda	13/05/11	YES	
	2	List of Documents			
<b>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE</b>					
<b>IWC/63/F&amp;A</b>	1	Draft Agenda	13/05/11	NO	
	2	List of Documents			
	3rev	Review of IWC Rules of Procedure <sup>3</sup> (submitted by Secretariat)	17/06/11	NO	
	4	Proposals for Improving the effectiveness of operations within the International Whaling Commission (IWC) (submitted by UK)	13/05/11	NO	
	5	The feasibility and associated costs of offsetting the carbon emissions arising from the operation of the Secretariat and IWC Meetings. (submitted by Secretariat)	17/06/11	NO	
	6	Discussion Paper on IWC Meeting Frequency (Secretariat)	17/06/11	NO	
	7	Options for separating the meetings of the Scientific Committee and the Commission (submitted by Secretariat)	17/06/11	NO	
	8	Strengthening IWC funding. Proposals made by the ICG on conservation funding (submitted by Belgium)	20/06/11	NO	
<b>INFRACTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE</b>					
<b>IWC/63/INF</b>	1	Draft Agenda	13/05/11	YES	
	2	List of Documents			
<b>WHALE KILLING METHODS AND ASSOCIATED WELFARE ISSUES</b>					
<b>IWC/63/WKI &amp;AWI</b>	1	Draft Agenda	13/05/11	YES	
	2	List of Documents			
	3	Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods (based on Resolution 1991-1) – submitted by New Zealand	13/05/11	YES	
	4	Report of the Whale Welfare and Ethics Workshop (submitted by UK)	29/05/11	YES	
	5	Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods (based on Resolution 1991-1) – submitted by USA	17/06/11	YES	

<sup>3</sup> Originally circulated 13/05/11. Revised version circulated 17.06.11