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**Reports of the IWC Whale Watch Operators workshop
and the Standing Working Group on Conservation Management Plans**

Two reports are today made available through the Commission's website. They are the report of the IWC Whale Watch Operators Workshop and the report of the Standing Working Group on Conservation Management Plans.

The Whale Watch Operators Workshop was convened as part of the delivery of the IWC's five year strategic plan for whale watching. Its main purpose was to gather operator input on implementation of the IWC's strategic plan and to assist in the development of the IWC whale watching handbook.

The CMP Standing Working Group reviewed the Commission's on-going work with Conservation Management Plans. It received updates on the implementation of CMPs for Western Pacific gray whales, South West Atlantic right whales and South East Pacific right whales. It also looked at development of future plans for Arabian Sea humpback whales and North Sea harbour porpoise. The meeting concluded with a strategic review to support further development and implementation of CMPs.

Both meetings took place in Brisbane, Australia in May 2013 at the kind invitation of the Government of Australia.

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