

PROPOSAL TO HOLD AN IWC WORKSHOP

PART 1: Scientific Justification

1. PROPOSED TITLE OF WORKSHOP

Proposal for a scientific committee/conservation committee whalewatching handbook working meeting

2. RELEVANT SUB-GROUP OR SUB-GROUPS

Whalewatching sub-committee

3. OBJECTIVE/TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKSHOP

The working group will work on:

- Geographical and temporal vulnerability (not all threats are whalewatching-related)
- Potential threats and how to quantify them? Geographical and temporal extent, cumulative
- Risk assessment
- The role of uncertainty
- Monitoring

4. SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE FOR THE WORKSHOP, EXPLAINING *INTER ALIA* WHY IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND HOW IT RESPONDS TO IDENTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

In August 2014 there will be a workshop, symposium and focus group (small workshop) on whalewatching organised by WW sub-committee members at the International Marine Conservation Congress (the largest academic meeting on marine conservation which this year has sustainable marine tourism as one of its themes) in Glasgow, Scotland. It is proposed that adjacent to this meeting, taking advantage of the assistance of several WW subcommittee members at this Congress, a working meeting be held to further develop the SC/CC handbook on whalewatching making the most of the expertise on sustainable marine tourism that would be attending that meeting for both the WW sub-committee-related sessions and also wider conference sessions on sustainable tourism, to broaden input into the handbook and also to save on funding required. Mention should be made that it was a request of the Commission to have the Scientific Committee develop the scientific aspects of the handbook.

5. ANY PREREQUISITE DATA REQUIREMENTS AND ANALYSES (IF BUDGET REQUESTS THESE SHOULD BE ON A SEPERATE RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORM)

NO

6. LIKELY SCIENTIFIC OUTCOME

Draft chapters for the handbook.

PART 2: Logistical aspects

7. SUGGESTED STEERING GROUP (INCLUDING POSSIBLE CONVENOR)

Lorenzo Rojas-Bracho (Convenor), Rob Williams, Carole Carson, Chris Parson, Fabian Ritter and Greg Kaufman

8. TIMETABLE AND FORMAT OF WORKSHOP, E.G. 2-DAY WORKSHOP BY INVITATION ONLY

Three day meeting

9. EXPECTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING SUGGESTED INVITED PARTICIPANTS (GIVE NAMES AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE)

Four + two invited participants

10. (PROVISIONAL DATE) AND PROPOSED VENUE

Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre, Glasgow around 15th to 18th August

11. PROPOSED BUDGET (INCLUDING BREAKDOWN)

Room hire: 150 GBP

Accommodation and subsistence - 3 days each for 2 people at 150 GBP per day: 900 GBP

2 international flights: 2400

Total 3450 GBP