

PROPOSAL TO HOLD AN IWC WORKSHOP

PART 1: Scientific Justification

1. PROPOSED TITLE OF WORKSHOP

Preventing the Entanglement of Whales in Fishing Gear

2. RELEVANT SUB-GROUP OR SUB-GROUPS

Main sub-group: HIM.

Linked to marine debris work being progressed under E. Also relevant to the Commission's Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Concerns

3. OBJECTIVE/TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKSHOP

The objective for the workshop is identify methods, and encourage further research into ways to prevent the entanglement of large whales. Detailed Terms of Reference will be finalised at Scientific Committee 66a, and the HIM workplan has taken into account the need to encourage papers on this topic over the next 12 months.

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

This work will allow the Scientific Committee to provide technical advice on entanglement prevention to the Commission through the Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Concerns.

It responds directly to recommendations made in two previous Commission workshop reports. These are described in more detail in the introduction above.

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

The HIM group will need to establish more detailed Terms of Reference at IWC66a, but this does not require separate budget support.

6. LIKELY SCIENTIFIC OUTCOME

A series of technical recommendations and policy advice to allow the Commission to develop a work programme to prevent entanglement.

PART 2: Logistical aspects

7. SUGGESTED STEERING GROUP (INCLUDING POSSIBLE CONVENOR)

Mattila, Leaper, Brockington + others. Likely convenor: Mattila.

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

Likely 3 day workshop to allow compilation of report. Invitation only to technical and policy experts.

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

Expected participants = 20, to include global experts on current prevention techniques, representatives from industry and representatives from other IGOs.

10. (PROVISIONAL DATE) AND PROPOSED VENUE

Jan – May 2015:	Development of Terms of Reference building from 2011 workshop.
May 2015:	Approval of Terms of Reference by SC66a
Jan 2016:	Funding released
April 2016:	Workshop held
May 2016:	Report received by SC66b
September 2016:	Report presented to Commission at IWC66

Venue to be confirmed nearer time.

11. PROPOSED BUDGET (INCLUDING BREAKDOWN)

Around 20 Participants are likely required for a successful workshop, this being the number that participated in both the 2010 and 2011 workshops.

Costs estimated at around £1000 per person to cover flights, accommodation and subsistence

Venue costs are expected to be donated (for free) or covered by an alternative source

Therefore total cost of workshop = £20,000.

Total requested from Research budget for 2016 period only = £10,000.

(Based on previous experience there is reasonable expectation that the other £10,000, including the room hire costs, can be found from other sources).