

PROPOSAL TO HOLD AN IWC WORKSHOP

PART 1: Scientific Justification

1. PROPOSED TITLE OF WORKSHOP

Premeeting of the Cetacean Emerging and Resurging Diseases Working Group

2. RELEVANT SUB-GROUP OR SUB-GROUPS

Environmental Concerns

3. OBJECTIVE/TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKSHOP

To review website progress and develop plans for future work on cetacean emerging and resurging diseases including the possibility of health mapping and consistent reporting standards.

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

The CERD Steering Committee recognizes the need for additional subject matter experts to assist the SC in sound science and assessment on the health and diseases of cetacean and guide future plans for the CERD. An extended email list has been created to encourage regular communication, however, meeting at least once to work on planning for both the CERD international means of cetacean disease communication) and the future priorities for the international collaboration on diseases of cetaceans.

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

No.

6. LIKELY SCIENTIFIC OUTCOME

An assessment of the priorities of CERD, more effective and consistent evaluation of disease processes and identification of the most effective means of communication and capacity building for rapid identification and assessment of disease factors that may impact cetacean populations (e.g., morbilliviruses or Harmful algal blooms).

PART 2: Logistical aspects

7. SUGGESTED STEERING GROUP (INCLUDING POSSIBLE CONVENOR)

Rosa, Mattila, Stimlemayr, Rowles, Hall, Vely, Gallego, Thomas, Iniguez, Weller, Marcondes, Shpak, Brownell

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

1-day workshop held as a pre-meeting to SC66a meeting.

Tentative agenda:

Develop the work of the CERD work plan for the next four or five years.

Further develop CERD website and review input of additional data.

Discuss expansion of sections of the website (e.g. skin diseases, mortality events, visual health assessment).

Review and potentially upgrade software essential to CERD.

Efforts to link and promote CERD website via social media.

Evaluate issues related to consistency in terminology, classification of disease and disease factors, and effective means of communication and capacity building

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

~20-25 participants including the IWC CERD Steering Committee (n=13) plus 3 invited scientist (travel supported by IWC) and potential for local or regional subject matter experts in the local area.

10. (PROVISIONAL DATE) AND PROPOSED VENUE

Pre-meeting period prior to SC66a,venue tbd (IWC SC meeting venue)

11. PROPOSED BUDGET (INCLUDING BREAKDOWN)

3000£ to put toward base travel for 2-3 participants