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## **2015 Scientific Committee Report**

I am pleased to draw attention to the report of the Scientific Committee meeting held from 22 May to 3 June 2015 in San Diego, United States. The report and its annexes are available at:

## https://archive.iwc.int/?r=5429

During the meeting a total of 13 Sub-committees considered more than 100 research and working papers during two weeks of parallel sessions and plenaries. There are many highlights contained in the report, including documentation of a continued recovery in Southern Hemisphere humpbacks, developments in management of aboriginal whaling, and new work on endangered Maui dolphins and the vaquita.

I would like to thank all convenors, rapporteurs, participants and members of the Secretariat on the completion of a well-attended and highly productive meeting.

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