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**Call for nominations for external independent reviewers to support the
Scientific Committee's sanctuary reviews**

At its meeting held in May 2015 the Scientific Committee finalised the process by which it would conduct the decadal review of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary and review the proposed South Atlantic Sanctuary.

The details of the review process are described in Annex O of the Scientific Committee's report from its 2015 meeting is available here:

<https://archive.iwc.int/?r=5429>

Table 2 of Annex O provides a timeline for completion of the reviews. This table indicates that the Sanctuary Steering Group wishes to receive nominations from Scientific Committee members for potential external scientists to assist with the review.

The Chair of the Steering Group, Dr Alex Zerbini, would be pleased to receive nominations by 31 August 2015.

Nominations can be made direct to Dr Zerbini alex.zerbini@noaa.gov or to secretariat@iwc.int

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