



Circular Communication to Members of the Scientific Committee  
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**Western North Pacific Japanese Special Permit programme (JARPN II)  
Expert Panel Review Workshop**

This circular is to confirm that the Expert Workshop to review the final results of the western North Pacific Japanese Special Permit programme (JARPN II) will be held in Tokyo, Japan, **22-25 February 2016**, with an additional day on the 26<sup>th</sup> which will be closed for the Panel to focus on its report. Experts are being finalised according to the 'Annex P' process.

There is a provision for Scientific Committee members to attend the Workshop as observers as described in Annex P. It will be helpful if you can indicate whether you might wish to attend the Workshop by **Monday 9 November 2015** by contacting Julie Creek ([secretariat@iwc.int](mailto:secretariat@iwc.int)). As indicated in Table 1, final confirmation of your desire to attend must be received by Monday 7 December 2015 to confirm your attendance. There will be limited space at the workshop venue so please consider carefully before deciding to attend as an observer.

Documents for the workshop provided by the scientists undertaking the research will be uploaded onto the website by Monday 7 December. Members of the IWC Scientific Committee also have the option to submit reviews based on **these or other** documents to the panel members and these reviews must be submitted by 8 January 2016. The full Schedule of remaining events in accord with Annex P is given in Table 1.

Table 1  
Incoming deadlines for the final review of JARPN II

Action	Schedule of events	Dates
Indications of <i>interest</i> by Scientific Committee observers		9 November
Receipt and circulation of results/review documents from Special Permit research (including to IWC Scientific Committee members)	>6 months prior to Annual Meeting	4 December
Observers <i>confirm</i> wish to attend		7 December
Committee member's reviews/analyses due at the Secretariat	1 month	8 January
Committee member's reviews/analyses sent to Specialists and Proponents		15 January
Hold Workshop	>100 days prior to Annual Meeting	22-26 February
Final Workshop report made available to Proponents	>80 days prior to Annual Meeting	11 March
Distribution of result documents, Workshop report and comments from Proponents to the SC	>40 days prior to Annual Meeting	22 April
Discussion within the Committee	Annual Meeting	From 4 June
Submission to Commission	As soon as SC report available	3 July

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c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC

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