

# IWC/M16/CW/GEN/04

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## Final Agenda

Secretariat



INTERNATIONAL  
WHALING COMMISSION

**Progressing the International Whaling Commissions (IWC)**  
**Welfare Action Plan.**

**Workshop Agenda**

3-6 May 2016

Skukuza Rest Camp, Kruger National Park, South Africa

**Workshop to support the IWC's consideration of non-hunting related aspects of cetacean welfare**

**Day 1 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 09.00**

**09.00**

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- 1.1 Opening remarks
- 1.2 Appointment of rapporteur(s)
- 1.3 Available documents

**09.30**

**2. WORKSHOP AIMS (OBJECTIVES, AND FOCUS)**

- 2.1 Overview
- 2.2 Relationship with the IWC Welfare Action Plan (*Presentation- Jamie Rendell, United Kingdom*)
- 2.3 Expected workshop outcomes and production of report

**10.00**

**3. THE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT**

- 3.1 Understanding what we mean by 'animal welfare' (*Presentation: Christine Nicol, University of Bristol*).
- 3.2 National perspective (*Presentations - Sarah Wilkin, USA; Angela Recalde Salas, Colombia; Herman Oosthuizen, South Africa*).
- 3.3 International organisations perspectives on animal welfare (*Presentation: Claire Bass, HSI/Katie Moore, IFAW*).

**11.15**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**11.30**

**4. ASSESSING WELFARE THREATS TO WILD CETACEANS AT THE INDIVIDUAL AND POPULATION LEVEL.**

*Presentations: David Mattila, IWC Secretariat. Craig Johnson, Massey University.*

- 4.1 Assessing welfare status – physical, physiological, and behavioural impacts indices.
- 4.2 Separating human-induced poor welfare from natural welfare challenges

**12.30**

**LUNCH**

**13.30**

**5. SUMMARY OF NON-HUNTING THREATS TO CETACEAN WELFARE**

- 5.1 Entanglement in active gear and ALDFG (abandoned, lost and discarded fishing gear)  
*(Presentations: David Mattila, IWC Secretariat).*
- 5.2 Ship strikes *(Presentation: Julie Van der Hoop, Woods Hole).*
- 5.3 Whalewatching *(Presentation: Miguel Iniguez, Fundacion Cethus/Lars Bejder, Murdoch University).*
- 5.4 Marine litter excluding ALDFG *(Presentation Andrew Butterworth, University of Bristol)*
- 5.5. Matters related to habitat degradation *(Presentation: Mark Simmonds, HSI).*
  - 5.1.1 Chronic and acute noise*
  - 5.2.2 Chemical pollution (other than marine litter)*
  - 5.2.5 Prey depletion i.e. from overfishing*
  - 5.2.7 Climate change*

**15.30**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**15.50**

**6. COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF WELFARE THREATS: DISCUSSION AND GROUP EXERCISE**

**18.00**

**CLOSE OF DAY ONE**

**Day 2 - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10:00**

**TBC – SUNRISE GAME DRIVE**

**10.00**

**6. (CONTINUED) BRIEF PRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF GROUP EXERCISE, FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSION**

**11.15**

**7. REFLECTIONS ON DAY 1 – WHAT HAVE WE MISSED?**

**11.45**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**12.00**

**8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**8.1 Identification of priority advice and evidence gaps**

**13:00**

**Lunch**

**14:00**

**8.2 Recommendations (including, timescales, funding, responsible actors and collaboration)**

*8.2.1 With respect to evidence/advice gaps*

*8.2.2 With respect to mitigation actions*

*8.3.3 With respect to updating the IWC Welfare Action Plan and a communication strategy*

**16.00**

**9. NEXT STEPS AND CLOSE OF DAY 2**

**18:00 (TBC) – EVENING RECEPTION**

# **Workshop to develop practical guidance for the handling of cetacean stranding events**

## **Day 3 - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10:00 (timings to be confirmed)**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. National strandings and background presentations
3. Assessment (single stranding events)
4. Live stranding response and options
5. Post release monitoring
6. Mass stranding considerations
7. Post-mortem investigations and tissue sampling

## **Day 4 - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 09:00 (timings to be confirmed)**

8. Carcass disposal
9. Human health and safety considerations
10. Legislation and cultural considerations
11. Media liaison and public engagement
12. Summarise work to be progressed and establishing the potential role of the IWC
13. Close