



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments  
**IWC.CCG.1214**

**Draft Agendas for the 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission**

The 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Whaling Commission will take place from 20-28 October 2016 at the invitation of the Republic of Slovenia. Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1210 of 8 July 2016 provided information on document submission dates and associated deadlines, and Communication IWC.CCG.1212 of 12 July 2016 informed on the venue, timetable, accommodation options, registration, credentials, media enquiries and the process for obtaining visas to enter Slovenia.

In accordance with Rule of Procedure F.2, this Communication distributes the draft agendas for the Commission and associated Sub-committee meetings for comment by Contracting Governments.

The draft agenda for the Commission meeting was developed by the Chair working in close association with the members of the IWC's Bureau. It takes account of the decisions and outcomes from the Commission's last meeting (IWC65 in 2014) as well as the extensive intersessional work which has taken place in the intervening period. The agenda adopts a themed approach to the Commission's work, and in addition:

- 1 Includes items at the start of the agenda to allow the Chairs of the Scientific and Conservation Committees to summarise the main items of work undertaken during the intersessional period since IWC65. The Chairs of all relevant Committees and Sub-committees will also provide input under specific agenda items later in the agenda.
- 2 Items covering Schedule Amendments and Resolutions are placed early in the agenda in order to allow maximum time for discussions aimed at reaching consensus agreement.

Comments on the draft agendas should be returned to the Secretariat within 30 days, i.e. by Monday 15 August 2016. Provisional agendas, incorporating comments received, will be distributed to Commissioners and Contracting Governments on Thursday 25 August 2016.

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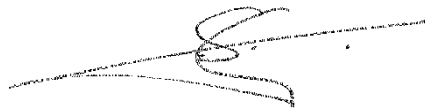
*C.C. Accredited observers to the IWC*

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*Chair:* Mr Bruno Mainini (Switzerland)  
*Vice-Chair:* Dr Joji Morishita (Japan)  
*Executive Secretary:* Dr Simon Brockington

The draft agendas for the Commission and associated Sub-committee meetings are available for download from the IWC66 meeting website at: <https://iwc.int/iwc66>

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Simon Brockington  
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