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**Expert Panel on Bycatch
Call for Nominations**

At IWC66 in 2016 the Commission endorsed the Scientific Committee's recommendations on bycatch. It also endorsed a Conservation Committee recommendation to establish a Standing Working Group on Bycatch and to establish a Bycatch Mitigation Initiative supported by an Expert Panel and a Bycatch Coordinator.

The purpose of this Circular is to invite Contracting Governments, members of the Scientific Committee and Observers to submit nominations for members of the Expert Panel. It is intended that the Expert Panel will draw on a wide range of expertise in cetacean science, fisheries, bycatch mitigation and policy development. Proposed Terms of Reference and modus operandi for the Expert Panel are attached, along with further details of the selection process.

Nominations should be sent to secretariat@iwc.int by 31 January 2018 accompanied by a short supporting statement (max. 500 words) and/or a CV setting out the prospective member's expertise, abilities and willingness to serve on the Expert Panel.

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