



Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments
and Members of the Scientific Committee

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**Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group, 8 May 2018
at 09.30 hrs**

The next meeting of the Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group will take place at the Hotel Golf in Bled, Slovenia, on Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 09.30 am. The Working Group was established through IWC Resolution 2014-4 in order to propose a procedure to facilitate the implementation and follow-up of conservation recommendations. The Terms of Reference agreed by the Working Group are attached as Annex 1.

Meeting Agenda

A draft annotated agenda for this meeting, developed by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee is attached to this Circular. This meeting will focus on the development of a database of recommendations to facilitate the communication and implementation of conservation-related recommendations.

Any comments on the draft agenda should be sent to the IWC Secretariat (secretariat@iwc.int) by **Friday 23 March**.

Meeting attendance

The Terms of Reference for the Working Group states that the Group will comprise **nominees** from the Scientific Committee, Conservation Committee and Contracting Governments. Additional expertise may be included as appropriate at the discretion of the Scientific Committee and Conservation Committee Chairs.

Any Contracting government or accredited Observer wishing to nominate an attendee should contact the IWC Secretariat (secretariat@iwc.int) and the Chairs of Scientific Committee and Conservation Committee by **Friday 13 April 2018** to propose their candidatures. The Chairs of the Scientific Committee and Conservation Committee will nominate their representatives. To ensure that a meeting room of sufficient size can be arranged, all accredited participants will be required to register via the IWC portal at <https://portal.iwc.int/e/ccsc2018>.

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c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC

Annex 1 Terms of Reference for the Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group

The Joint CC/SC working group (CC/SC WG) is tasked with facilitating the communication, implementation, and follow-up of conservation recommendations.

The CC/SC WG shall:

- review, collate and prioritise conservation recommendations made by the Scientific and Conservation Committees where further efforts/actions are needed, in the first instance focussing on those from 2010 onwards;
- report, as appropriate, to the Commission on progress in delivering conservation recommendations;
- develop clear procedures/strategies for effectively transmitting and facilitating the implementation of conservation recommendations to and from the SC/CC WG to the appropriate Committees and sub-committees/working groups, including for further technical work;
- provide advice to the Conservation Committee on those priority conservation recommendations it could assist in implementing;
- provide feedback to the Scientific Committee on further advice and/or actions to assist in the implementation of conservation recommendations;
- respond to specific requests for support in facilitating the implementation of conservation recommendations from the Scientific and/or Conservation Committees.

The CC/SC WG will be comprised of nominees from the Scientific Committee, Conservation Committee and Contracting Governments. Additional expertise may be included as appropriate at the discretion of the Scientific Committee and Conservation Committee Chairs.