



Circular Communication to Commissioners. Contracting Governments and  
Members of the Scientific Committee  
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**Updated Rules of Procedure including changes adopted at IWC67 in September 2018**

Please find below the link to the Commission's revised Rules of Procedure, Financial Regulations and Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Committee which incorporate changes adopted at IWC67 in September 2018.

The following changes were agreed:

- the Southern Ocean Research Partnership (SORP) was added as a Commission fund and its purpose and background added to the financial regulations (see IWC/67/FA02 Rev1);
- an Assessment Panel was established for the Voluntary Fund for Small Cetacean Research and Conservation to facilitate the smooth running of its research projects (see IWC/67/FA02 Rev1);
- for the Voluntary Conservation Fund, revised project categories, eligibility criteria, evaluation criteria, and allocation process were adopted (see IWC/67/FA04);
- a series of changes to the Scientific Committee's Rules of Procedure on Membership and Observers, Agenda and Workplan, Organisation, Financial Support and Working Practices (see IWC/67/FA02 Rev1).

The revised Rules of Procedure are also available through the Commission's website at: <https://iwc.int/convention>

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