

## Progressing the work of the IWC on the impacts of marine noise on cetaceans

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### Background

The Conservation Committee Strategic Plan 2016-2026 (IWC/66/CC08) and the Work Plan for the Intersessional Period 2016-20 (IWC/66/CC21) were adopted during the 66 IWC meeting in Portoroz, Slovenia. At the meeting of the Conservation Committee Planning Group (CCPG) in 2018 a small intersessional working group was established to consider and propose initial steps in articulating and progressing work on noise under the Conservation Committees Strategic Plan and Work Plan.

In order to help set the direction of work of the IWC, it is proposed to increase the membership of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Noise and formalise its role with the following terms of reference:

### *Terms of Reference*

- 1. Develop a costed programme of work on noise within the IWC to underpin delivery of the Conservation Committees Strategic Plan.*
- 2. Elaborate and develop key themes and objectives for inclusion in the Conservation Committees Work Plan.*
- 3. Develop and organise a workshop (subject to available funds), to be held in 2019, to support delivery of ToR 1 and 2.*
- 4. Ensure the advice of the Scientific Committee and other IWC subsidiaries bodies is incorporated into the considerations of the Conservation Committee.*
- 5. Explore engagement with other organisations to jointly advance this work such as the United Nations General Assembly, the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and its related bodies.*
- 6. Submit a report of the workshop and progress at IWC68*