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Update on Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Process

Circulars [IWC.CCG.1353](#) and [IWC.CCG.1355](#) reported on the IWC Secretariat's engagement in monitoring and reporting to the IWC on the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

As a member of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG), the IWC has been offered the opportunity to send a delegation to discuss early development of the new, post-2020 targets and submit a chapter to their preparatory document. While this is an important opportunity to continue working with other relevant organisations, the Workshop has been announced with limited advance notice (to be held 10-12 June 2019 in Bern, Switzerland) and thus the timeline is very short for arranging IWC representation. The Bureau discussed this offer and noted the need to balance IWC political and geographical interests. Therefore, the Chair of the IWC will represent the Commission at this Workshop, supported by the Secretariat's Heads of Programme Development, Sarah Ferriss and Sarah Smith. The Bureau had requested that the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee also serve on the delegation to the CBD Workshop, however neither one was available at such short notice.

As noted above, the Workshop is focused on identifying ways in which the BLG Conventions can further contribute to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The Secretariat is working with the Chair to contribute basic information on the IWC and its mandate and work programme in advance of, and at the Workshop.

Comments on the Workshop are welcome as the small delegation prepares for the event in early June. Kindly send any queries to Secretariat@iwc.int

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