

Summary of the 2021 Financial Contributions Calculation¹

1. At each Biennial Meeting the Commission adopts a budget for the forthcoming two-year period. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission agreed an additional one-year 'bridge budget' for the 2021 financial year via postal vote. This budget contains a figure for the total annual income due from Contracting Governments. The adopted budget for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2021 is given in Note 1 below.
2. The contribution due from each Contracting Government is allocated in two stages. During the first stage an initial financial contribution is calculated by allocating shares to each Government for:
 - Membership
 - The number of delegates at the most recent Biennial Meeting
 - Whaling activities

Note 2 outlines the procedure for allocating these shares.

3. The total budgeted income from Contracting Governments is then divided by the total number of shares issued and a first stage financial contribution is calculated for each Contracting Government.
4. The second part of the calculation takes the first stage totals and modifies them by placing each country into one of 4 'Capacity to Pay' groupings (Tables 2 and 3). These groups are defined by thresholds for Gross National Income (GNI) and Gross National Income per Capita (GNI per capita) with the lowest capacity to pay countries being allocated to Group 1 and the highest to Group 4. An exception is made for very small countries (population below 100,000) which are placed in Group 2.
5. The thresholds for GNI and GNI per capita are adjusted each year to account for global inflation and the allocation of Contracting Governments to Capacity to Pay groups is also updated using the most recent data available from the World Bank for each country. Note 3 describes the annual revision to thresholds and updated allocations of Contracting Governments to each group.
6. Having been allocated to a Capacity to Pay Group, the intermediate contributions due from the lowest Capacity to Pay Group countries (Group 1) are reduced by 62.5% and the intermediate contributions from the next lowest Capacity to Pay countries (Group 2) are reduced by 32.5%. Note 4 describes these reductions.
7. This procedure results in a cash shortfall, which is redistributed as follows:
 - Whaling countries – 10%
 - Group 3 countries – 30%
 - Group 4 countries – 60%

This cash shortfall is added to the individual first stage totals already calculated for these groups. The reallocations are shown as part of Table 1.

8. This results in a final figure for the financial contribution due from each Contracting Government and an invoice is issued along with a statement of any outstanding payments from previous financial years.
9. Payment terms and procedures for dealing with arrears of contributions are defined in the Commission's Financial Regulations E (Contributions) and F (Arrears of Contributions).

¹ The procedure for calculating financial contributions was developed between IWC 54 in 2002 and IWC 62 in 2010, during which time it was referred to as an 'interim measure'. The interim measure was formally adopted by the Commission at IWC 64 in 2012.

Table 1: Financial Contributions Calculations for the financial year 1st January – 31st December 2021

		Membership Shares	Whaling Type	Whaling Share	Meeting attendance ¹		Total Shares	1st Stage Totals £	Capacity to Pay Group	Reduction Stage 1	Reduction Stage 2	Reduction £	Add-on Whaling	Add-on Group 3	Add-on Group 4	2021 £
					Delegates	Shares										
1	Antigua and Barbuda	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
2	Argentina	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
3	Australia	2	0	0	8	3	5	30,120	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	35,655
4	Austria	2	0	0	3	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
5	Belgium	2	0	0	3	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
6	Belize	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	1	(6,024)	(1,506)	(7,530)	-	-	-	4,518
7	Benin	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
8	Brazil*	2	0	0	6	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
9	Bulgaria	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
10	Cambodia	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
11	Cameroon	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
12	Chile	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
13	China, P.R of	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	2	(3,012)	(904)	(3,916)	-	-	-	8,132
14	Colombia	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
15	Congo, Rep	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	1	(6,024)	(1,506)	(7,530)	-	-	-	4,518
16	Costa Rica	2	0	0	4	2	4	24,096	2	(6,024)	(1,807)	(7,831)	-	-	-	16,265
17	Cote d'Ivoire	2	0	0	3	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
18	Croatia	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
19	Cyprus	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
20	Czech Republic	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
21	Denmark	2	AS	2	5	2	6	36,144	3	-	-	-	11,069	5,535	-	52,748
22	Dominica	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	1	(6,024)	(1,506)	(7,530)	-	-	-	4,518
23	Dominican Republic	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
24	Ecuador	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
25	Eritrea	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	1	(6,024)	(1,506)	(7,530)	-	-	-	4,518
26	Estonia	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	17,583
27	Finland	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
28	France	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	4	-	-	-	-	-	44,276	62,348

		Membership Shares	Whaling Type	Whaling Share	Meeting attendance ¹	Total Shares	1st Stage Totals £	Capacity to Pay Group	Reduction Stage 1	Reduction Stage 2	Reduction £	Add-on Whaling	Add-on Group 3	Add-on Group 4	2021 £	
					Delegates											Shares
29	Gabon	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
30	Gambia, The	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	1	(6,024)	(1,506)	(7,530)	-	-	-	4,518
31	Germany	2	0	0	4	2	4	24,096	4	-	-	-	-	-	44,276	68,372
32	Ghana	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
33	Grenada	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
34	Guinea	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
35	Guinea-Bissau	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	1	(6,024)	(1,506)	(7,530)	-	-	-	4,518
36	Hungary	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	17,583
37	Iceland	2	LS/ST	0	3	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
38	India	2	0	0	3	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
39	Ireland	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
40	Israel	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
41	Italy	2	0	0	4	2	4	24,096	4	-	-	-	-	-	44,276	68,372
42	Kenya	2	0	0	3	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
43	Kiribati	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
44	Korea, Rep of	2	0	0	7	2	4	24,096	4	-	-	-	-	-	44,276	68,372
45	Lao PDR	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
46	Liberia	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
47	Lithuania	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
48	Luxembourg	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
49	Mali	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	2	(3,012)	(904)	(3,916)	-	-	-	8,132
50	Marshall Islands	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
51	Mauritania	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
52	Mexico	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
53	Monaco	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
54	Mongolia	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
55	Morocco	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
56	Nauru	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
57	Netherlands	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
58	New Zealand	2	0	0	4	2	4	24,096	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	29,631
59	Nicaragua	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777

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					Delegates											Shares
60	Norway	2	LS/ST	3	7	2	7	42,168	3	-	-	-	11,069	5,535	-	58,772
61	Oman	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
62	Palau	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
63	Panama	2	0	0	3	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
64	Peru	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
65	Poland	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
66	Portugal	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
67	Romania	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	2	(3,012)	(904)	(3,916)	-	-	-	8,132
68	Russian Federation	2	AS	2	7	2	6	36,144	2	(9,036)	(2,711)	(11,747)	11,069	-	-	35,466
69	San Marino	2	0	0	0	0	2	12,048	2	(3,012)	(904)	(3,916)	-	-	-	8,132
70	Sao Tome & Principe	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
71	Senegal	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
72	Slovak Republic	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
73	Slovenia*	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
74	Solomon Islands	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
75	South Africa	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
76	Spain	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
77	St Kitts and Nevis	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
78	St Vincent & The Grenadines	2	n/a	0	2	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
79	St. Lucia	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
80	Suriname	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
81	Sweden	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
82	Switzerland	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
83	Tanzania	2	0	0	3	1	3	18,072	2	(4,518)	(1,355)	(5,873)	-	-	-	12,199
84	Togo	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
85	Tuvalu	2	0	0	1	1	3	18,072	1	(9,036)	(2,259)	(11,295)	-	-	-	6,777
86	United Kingdom	2	0	0	8	3	5	30,120	4	-	-	-	-	-	44,276	74,396
87	Uruguay	2	0	0	2	1	3	18,072	3	-	-	-	-	5,535	-	23,607
88	USA	2	AS	2	13	3	7	42,168	4	-	-	-	11,069	-	44,276	97,514

		Membership	Whaling	Whaling	Meeting attendance ¹		Total Shares	1st Stage Totals £	Capacity to Pay Group	Reduction Stage 1	Reduction Stage 2	Reduction £	Add-on Whaling	Add-on Group 3	Add-on Group 4	2021 £
		Shares	Type	Share	Delegates	Shares										
		176		9	182	90	275	1,656,600		(347,886)	(94,878)	(442,764)	44,276	132,829	265,658	1,656,600

*The Governments of Brazil and Slovenia are allocated fewer meeting shares as the current and future hosts of the Commission meeting in line with this methodology.

Redistributed Amounts Reconciliation:

				Number in group
Whaling redistribution total:	£	44,276	10%	4
Group 3 redistribution total:	£	132,829	30%	24
Group 4 redistribution total:	£	265,658	60%	6
Amount to reconcile:	£	442,764		

Table 2: Data for GNI and GNI per Capita for all Contracting Governments

Contracting Government	2019 GNI, Atlas Method (USD\$ Billions)	2019 GNI per Capita, Atlas Method (USD\$)	Capacity to Pay Group	Contracting Government	2019 GNI, Atlas Method (USD\$ Billions)	2019 GNI per Capita, Atlas Method (USD\$)	Capacity to Pay Group
Antigua and Barbuda	1.63	16,660	2	Liberia	2.72	580	1
Argentina	432.30	11,200	2	Lithuania	52.52	18,990	3
Australia	1,346.63	54,910	3	Luxembourg	45.47	73,910	3
Austria	445.91	51,300	3	Mali	17.06	880	2
Belgium	531.41	47,350	3	Marshall Islands	0.28	4,860	1
Belize	1.71	4,450	1	Mauritania	7.50	1,660	1
Benin	14.25	1,250	1	Mexico	1,221.11	9,430	2
Brazil	1,790.97	9,130	2	Monaco	-	-	2
Bulgaria	66.05	9,410	2	Mongolia	12.29	3,780	1
Cambodia	24.75	1,480	2	Morocco	116.44	3,190	2
Cameroon	38.00	1,500	2	Nauru	0.17	14,230	1
Chile	270.97	15,010	2	Netherlands	912.20	53,200	3
China, P.R of	14,308.06	10,410	2	New Zealand	201.06	42,670	3
Colombia	313.49	6,510	2	Nicaragua	12.20	1,910	1
Congo, Rep	9.64	1,750	1	Norway	420.12	82,500	3
Costa Rica	58.19	11,700	2	Oman	75.75	15,330	2
Cote d'Ivoire	56.98	2,290	2	Palau	0.30	17,280	2
Croatia	59.49	14,910	2	Panama	62.40	14,950	2
Cyprus	23.72	27,710	3	Peru	216.27	6,740	2
Czech Republic	235.41	22,000	3	Poland	566.09	15,200	2
Denmark	357.27	63,240	3	Portugal	232.00	23,080	3
Dominica	0.59	8,090	1	Romania	246.66	12,630	2
Dominican Republic	84.78	8,090	2	Russian Federation	1,646.52	11,260	2
Ecuador	104.33	6,080	2	San Marino	-	-	2
Eritrea	-	-	1	Sao Tome and Principe	0.42	1,960	1
Estonia	30.74	23,220	3	Senegal	22.96	1,450	2
Finland	268.15	49,580	3	Slovak Republic	103.88	19,320	3
France	2,768.04	42,400	4	Slovenia	52.97	25,750	3
Gabon	15.51	7,210	2	Solomon Islands	1.36	2,050	1
Gambia, The	1.73	740	1	South Africa	341.52	6,040	2
Germany	3,957.76	48,520	4	Spain	1,396.93	30,390	3
Ghana	65.53	2,220	2	St Kitts and Nevis	0.99	19,030	2
Grenada	1.11	9,980	1	St Vincent & The Grenadines	0.82	7,460	1
Guinea	12.82	950	1	St. Lucia	2.00	11,020	1
Guinea-Bissau	1.44	820	1	Suriname	3.56	5,540	1
Hungary	155.15	16,140	3	Sweden	544.94	55,840	3
Iceland	24.63	72,850	3	Switzerland	716.96	85,500	3
India	2,843.90	2,130	2	Tanzania	61.58	1,080	2
Ireland	299.75	62,210	3	Togo	5.48	690	1
Israel	394.60	43,290	3	Tuvalu	0.07	5,620	1
Italy	2,018.38	34,460	4	United Kingdom	2,788.38	42,370	4
Kenya	93.58	1,750	2	Uruguay	52.72	16,230	3
Kiribati	0.38	3,350	1	USA	21,625.00	65,760	4
Korea, Rep of	1,657.55	33,720	4				
Lao PDR	17.75	2,570	2				

Table 3: Allocation to Capacity to Pay Groups

Group 1 GNI less than USD \$15.450bn and GNI per capita less than USD \$15,450	Group 2 GNI greater than USD \$15.450bn and GNI per capita less than USD \$15,450 or 'Very Small Country'* and GNI less than USD \$8.0bn and GNI per capita greater than USD \$15,450)	Group 3 GNI less than USD \$15.450bn and GNI per capita greater than USD \$15,450	Group 4 GNI greater than USD \$15.450bn and GNI per capita greater than USD \$15,450
Belize Benin Congo, Rep Dominica Eritrea Gambia Grenada Guinea Guinea-Bissau Kiribati Liberia Marshall Islands Mauritania Mongolia Nauru Nicaragua Sao Tome and Principe Solomon Islands St Vincent & The Grenadines St. Lucia Suriname Togo Tuvalu	Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Brazil Bulgaria Cambodia Cameroon Chile China, P.R of Colombia Costa Rica Cote d'Ivoire Croatia Dominican Republic Ecuador Gabon Ghana India Kenya Lao PDR Mali Mexico Monaco Morocco Oman Palau Panama Peru Poland Romania Russian Federation San Marino Senegal South Africa St Kitts and Nevis Tanzania	Australia Austria Belgium Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland Hungary Iceland Ireland Israel Lithuania Luxembourg Netherlands New Zealand Norway Portugal Slovak Republic Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland Uruguay	France Germany Italy Korea, Rep of United Kingdom USA
23	35	24	6

Note 1 – Budget for the Financial Year 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 2020 Commission meeting was postponed. Therefore the Commission set an interim budget for 2021 via postal vote.

The budget indicates that total contributions due from Contracting Governments during the 2021 financial year are to be set at **£1,656,600**. This represents an overall freeze in contribution rates.

<i>Line Reference</i>		2021 Bridge Budget
	INCOME	
	All Income	
1	Financial Contributions	(1,656,600)
2	Interest on Financial Contributions	(4,900)
3	Interest Receivable on Cash Balances	(3,000)
	TOTAL INCOME	(1,664,500)
	EXPENDITURE	
4	Staffing Costs	961,700
5	Staff Benefits	51,800
6	Travel	41,500
7	Professional/Consultancy	16,800
8	Secretariat Running Costs	61,800
9	Information Technology	73,300
10	Meetings	129,200
11	Bank Charges, Depreciation & Provisions	95,700
12	Scientific Committee - Research Budget	226,400
13	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,658,200
14	TOTAL (SURPLUS) / DEFICIT	(6,300)

Note 2: Allocation of shares for membership, attendance at the biennial meeting and whaling activities.

Shares are allocated as follows:

Membership		2 Shares
Whaling	Land Station/Small Type	3 Shares (LS/ST)
	Aboriginal Subsistence	2 Shares (AS)
	Factory Ship	2 Shares (FS)
Meeting Attendance	1-3 Delegates	1 Share
	4-7 Delegates	2 Shares
	8-13 Delegates	3 Shares
	14-22 Delegates	4 Shares
	23 + Delegates	5 Shares

Whaling Shares

Whaling shares are allocated on the basis of the catch in the season immediately preceding the financial year for which the contributions are to be calculated.

Whaling shares for land station/small type whaling and for aboriginal whaling are allocated for any number of those operations conducted by a Contracting Government except that shares for aboriginal subsistence whaling shall not be allocated in cases where catches in any five-year period do not exceed 20 animals.² For factory ship operations, the shares are allocated per vessel.³

Meeting Attendance

Meeting attendances is based on the number of delegates attending the Biennial Meeting immediately preceding the financial year for which contributions are to be calculated. Interpreters and support staff are not included in delegations for the purposes of calculating contributions.⁴

A host government is allowed to have a number of additional delegates per share as outlined in the table below at a) the meeting before the one it hosts and b) at the meeting that it hosts. This applies to all host governments, regardless of their capacity to pay group. The number of shares for a host government is as follows:⁵

1-6 Delegates	1 Share
7-10 Delegates	2 Shares
11-16 Delegates	3 Shares
17-25 Delegates	4 Shares
25 + Delegates	5 Shares

The Chair of the IWC is not counted in his/her delegation for the purposes of allocating meeting shares.⁶

Note 3. Procedure for the annual revision of capacity to pay thresholds and the allocation of Contracting Governments to each group

Contracting Governments are allocated into capacity to pay groups dependent upon Gross National Income (GNI) and Gross National Income per capita (GNIpc). The thresholds for the capacity to pay groups are adjusted each year to take account of global inflation. Table 4 indicates the thresholds used for the 2021 classification and the two previous financial years for comparison.

² See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2010 page 36.

³ See Reports of the International Whaling Commission 32 page 37, 41 page 43 and 42 page 42.

⁴ See Report of the International Whaling Commission 42 page 50.

⁵ See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2007 page 61.

⁶ See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2002 page 48.

Table 4: Revision of thresholds for the capacity to pay groups

Economic Data and Capacity to Pay Groups 2021 (USD)						
Group 1	GNI	< 15.450 billion	And	GNIpc	< 15,450	23
Group 2	GNI	> 15.450 billion	And	GNIpc	< 15,450	35
Group 3	GNI	< 1,545.0 billion	And	GNIpc	> 15,450	24
Group 4	GNI	> 1,545.0 billion	And	GNIpc	> 15,450	6
					Total	88

Economic Data and Capacity to Pay Groups 2020 (USD)						
Group 1	GNI	< 15.101 billion	And	GNIpc	< 15,101	24
Group 2	GNI	> 15.101 billion	And	GNIpc	< 15,101	34
Group 3	GNI	< 1,510.1 billion	And	GNIpc	> 15,101	24
Group 4	GNI	> 1,510.1 billion	And	GNIpc	> 15,101	6
					Total	88

Economic Data and Capacity to Pay Groups 2019 (USD)						
Group 1	GNI	< 14.730 billion	And	GNIpc	< 14,730	26
Group 2	GNI	> 14.730 billion	And	GNIpc	< 14,730	33
Group 3	GNI	< 1,473.0 billion	And	GNIpc	> 14,730	23
Group 4	GNI	> 1,473.0 billion	And	GNIpc	> 14,730	7
					Total	89

Allocation of Contracting Governments to capacity to pay groups

The data for GNI and GNIpc is obtained from the World Bank and allocation to capacity to pay group for each contracting Government are given in Tables 2 and 3. The data for GNI and GNI per capita is from the World Bank as at 10 October 2020.

Contracting Governments meeting the definition of a 'Very Small Country' will be placed into capacity to pay Group 2. These countries are defined in terms of their population size in addition to their GNI/GNIpc.⁷ The thresholds for defining very small countries are updated annually⁸ and these updates are given in Table 5.

Table 5: Annual Update of Defining Characteristics of a Very Small Country

	2021	2020	2019
Population size of	100,000	100,000	100,000
AND GNI USD Billion	< 8.000	< 7.550	< 7.370
AND GNIpc USD	> 15,450	> 15,101	>14,730

Note 4: Calculation of the Reduction for Contracting Governments in Capacity to Pay Groups 1 and 2.

The first stage of contributions identified in Table 1 are reduced for Contracting Governments in capacity to pay groups 1 and 2 by 62.5% and 32.5% respectively. These amounts were agreed at IWC 54 during discussion on document IWC/54/59, which stated that the reductions should take place as a two-stage process.

During the first stage of the process, Group 1 country payments are reduced by 50%, and during the second stage, a further 25%, resulting in a total reduction of 62.5% overall.

Group 2 country payments are reduced by 25% in the initial stage, and then by a further 10%, resulting in a total reduction of 32.5% overall.

⁷ See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2005 page 56.

⁸ See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2008 page 44.