

# **Report of the Scientific Committee**

Virtual Meetings, 27 April-14 May 2021

## **Annex O: List of Intersessional Email Groups**

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## Annex O

### Intersessional E-mail Groups

This list contains the intersessional groups identified at SC68C. It has been divided into the following group types:

- (1) **Steering Groups (SG):** these are groups that have been set up to ensure that particular meetings, workshops or identified pieces of work are completed by SC68D. They have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Committee within the context of their terms of reference (e.g. meeting budget spends, participants, agreements on parameters for analyses). Numbers are limited and members agreed at the meeting although the Convenor may request additional members or respond to late requests to be members. The expected outcomes will be either a workshop/meeting report or an analytical paper.
- (2) **Intersessional Correspondence Groups (ICG):** these are groups that have been set up to ensure progress on particular topics within the intersessional period. Membership is more flexible and open. It is expected that a written report on progress will be submitted to the Committee at SC68D.
- (3) **Advisory Groups (AG):** these are occasional groups established by the Committee to provide scientific and technical issues on specific issues if requested by a Contracting Government.

| SC Agenda Item/<br>Sub-Committee | Type | Group<br>short name)             | Terms of Reference  | Members   |
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| Item 8.1.1<br>IA                 | SG-x | North Pacific<br>humpback whales | Further the preparations for the North Pacific humpback whale Comprehensive Assessment, including organizing an intersessional meeting.               | Clapham (Convenor) and Cheeseman (co-Convenor) Baker, Calambokidis, Donovan, Herr, Katsumata, Kitakado, Ivashchenko, Matsuoka, Mizroch, Palka, Palacios, Privitera-Johnson, Punt, Steel, Zerbini, Urbán, Wade, Weinrich, Yoshida.<br><i>Email: nphumpack@groups.iwc.int</i> |
| Item 8.1.2<br>IA                 | SG-x | North Pacific sei<br>whales      | Finalise the North Pacific sei whale Comprehensive Assessment.  | Cooke (Convenor), Allison, Butterworth, Herr, Katara, Kitakado, Matsuoka, Mizroch, Palka, Punt, Walloe, Yoshida.<br><i>Email: npsei@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 8.1.3<br>IA                 | SG-x | WNP common<br>minke whales       | Further the preparations for the western North Pacific common minke whales In-depth Assessment, including organizing an intersessional meeting.       | Donovan (Convenor), Allison, Butterworth, de Moor, Hakamada, Herr, Hoelzel, HW Kim, Katara, Kishiro, Kitakado, Palka, Punt, Tiedemann, Walloe, Wilberg,<br><i>Email: wnpminke@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 8.2.7<br>NH                 | ICG- | NA humpback<br>whales            | Identify and evaluate data available for a potential future assessment of North Atlantic humpback whales.   | Robbins (Convenor), Allen, Cholewiak, Chosson, Clapham, Donovan, Jones, Lang, Mallette, Mattila, Øien, Palka, Palsboll, Punt, Rosenbaum, Tiedemann, Vély, Vikingsson, Weinrich, Witting, Wilberg.<br><i>Email: nahumpback@groups.iwc.int</i>                                |
| Item 8.2.4<br>NH                 | ICG- | NP blue whales                   | Locate and/or analyse data on abundance, catches and stock structure to prepare for a future assessment   | Branch (Convenor), Allison, Brownell, Clapham, Ivashchenko, Katara, Matsuoka, Mizroch, Monnahan, Olson, Palacios, Širović, Sremba.<br><i>Email: npbwa@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 8.2.5<br>NH                 | ICG- | NA sei whales                    | Continue to identify and evaluate data on distribution, abundance, stock structure and catches, with a particular focus on the western North Atlantic | Cholewiak (Convenor), Breiwick, Brownell, Mallette, Mizroch, Palka, Robbins, Vikingsson, Weinrich.<br><i>Email: nasei@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 8.2.7<br>NH                 | SG   | NA humpback<br>whales            | Plan for an in-person intersessional meeting in 2022 to advance the in-depth assessment of North Atlantic humpback whales                             | Robbins (Convenor), Donovan (Co-Convenor) and ICG-4 members<br><i>Email: nahumpback@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 15.1<br>E                   | SG-  | Pollution                        | Planning activities and work priorities for Pollution 2025 (SC 68C).  | Brownlow, Fernandez, Domit, Cholewiak, Vermeulen, Pierce, Staniland, Webster, Avila, Kershaw, Stockin, Walløe, Schwacke, Simmonds, Holm, Stimmelmayer, Plön, Bengtson Nash, Genov, Rowles, Gulland. <i>Email: pollution@groups.iwc.int</i>                                  |

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| Item 15.4<br>E                   | ICG- | Noise  | Advance underwater noise topics of interest, including collaboration with the Conservation Committee and consideration of IMO MEPC outcomes on noise.   | Sirovic, Cholewiak, Lundquist, Sutaria, Burkhardt, Ritter, Rosenbaum, Webster, Torres, Simmonds, Cosentino, Iñiguez, Williams, Leaper, Cerchio, Genov, Reyes, Vrooman. <i>Email: noiseicg@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| E                                |      | Diseases of concern  | Continue work   | Fernandez, Sacristan, Cholewiak, Sierra, Gulland, Hernandez, Michael, Kershaw Colegrove, Groch, Mazzariol, Davison, Holm, Stimmelmayer, Rowles, Tajima <i>Email: diseasesofconcern@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| E                                |      | Climate change   | Continue work   | Johnson, Palka, Parsons, Trujillo, Frisch-Nwakanma, Staniland, Webster, Nunny, Langerock, Rojas-Bracho, Simmonds, Holm, Williams, Suydam, Leaper, Frey, Rowles, Kitakado, Tulloch, Zerbini. <i>Email: climatechange@groups.iwc.int</i>               |
| E                                |      | Marine debris  | Continue work   | Perry, Mattila, Sutaria, Long, Nunny, Fossi, Simmonds, Marcondes, Pierantonio, Panti, Holm, Williams, Baulch, Eisfeld-Pierantonio, Svoboda, Rowles, Genov <i>Email: marinedebris@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 15.5.1<br>E                 | ICG- | One Health   | TBD   | Galletti, Alaniz, Fonseca, Plon, Cabrera, Jimenez, Stimmelmayer, Domit, Avila, Staniland, Plon, Fonseca, Domit, Jimenez, Holm, Cholewiak, Uhart, Fernandez, Gulland. <i>Email: onehealth@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| SM                               | ICG  | Straits of Gibraltar, Killer whale                                 | The ICG will grow its membership and, compile information on the novel behaviour of the Strait of Gibraltar killer whale subpopulation, seek input from other marine mammal behaviour experts and suggest appropriate management actions  | Estaban (Convenor), Garcia-Bellido, Rose, Simmonds, Sequerira, Porter, Staniland, Towers, Guinet, Tixier, Samarra, Jourdain, Cosentino, Pitman, Bolanos, Genov, Jimenez, Carvalho, Barrett-Lennard, Nunny, Smith. <i>Email: sogkw@groups.iwc.int</i> |
| SM                               |      | Beaked whales  | To review the opportunities for the Scientific Committee to progress work on the conservation of beaked whale species, including taking into account its previous contributions, and by working with others who are also interested in these taxa, such as ASCOBANS   | Simmonds (Convenor), Cholewiak, Stimmelmayer, Plön, Vrooman, Fonseca, Raphaela, Zerbini. <i>Email: beakedwhales@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| SM                               |      | ICPC/SM Communication Platform                                     | Discuss mechanisms to enhance communication among the different parties involved in conservation planning and actions for small cetaceans   | Porter (Convenor), Trujillo (co-Convenor)  |
| Item 15.3<br>EM                  | ICG- | Best practices for multi-species distribution modelling (MSDM)     | (1) to finalise the guidelines for single species distribution models (SDMs); (2) to conduct a literature review of multi-species distribution models (MSDMs); and (3) to develop possible simulation platforms to evaluate these models.   | Ferguson (Convenor), Kitakado (co-Convenor), Palacios (co-Convenor), Biuw, Burkhardt, Friedlaender, Genov, Herr, McKinlay, Miller, Kelly, New, Palka and Solvang <i>Email: msdm@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 15.4-15.5<br>EM             | ICG- | Development of individual-based energetics models (IBEMs)          | (1) to further develop individual-based energetics models (IBEMs), inter alia for progressing the emulator model to use in RMP trial specifications; (2) to discuss new strategies for model development that utilize new data; and (3) to infer functional responses using an IBEM for rorqual foraging dives. | Friedlaender (Convenor), Allison, Biuw, Cooke, de la Mare, Donovan, Katara, Kitakado, Palacios and Palka. <i>Email: ibems@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 15.7.1<br>EM                | ICG- | Effect of long-term environmental variability on whale populations | Compile a literature review on the subject of how environmental variability may affect whale populations.   | Cooke (Convenor), Butterworth, de la Mare, Friedlaender, Kitakado, Palacios and Tulloch. <i>Email: eltevwpp@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 15.2.1<br>E                 | SG-  | Cetacean and ecosystem functioning: a gap analysis workshop        | Prepare the 2nd Workshop under a Steering Group   | Kitakado (Convenor), Biuw, Butterworth, Cavanagh, Donovan, Frisch-Nwakanma, Galletti, Haug, McKinley, Punt, Ritter, Roman, Staniland, Suydam, Vikingsson, Virtue and Zerbini <i>Email: cefgapanawksp@groups.iwc.int</i>                              |

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| Item 15.2.1                      | ICG  | Preparation of estimates of pre-exploitation and current abundance of large whale populations | Provide plausible sets of pre-exploitation and current abundance of populations of relevant large whale species in the Southern Ocean and the North Atlantic from literature, as well as to conduct additional analyses if needed.  | Kitakado (Convenor), Givens (co-Convenor), Allison, Biuw, Butterworth, Donovan, Haug, Jackson, Katara, Sow, Palka, Punt, Robbins, Solvang, Tulloch, Vikingsson, Zerbini + CCAMLR and NAMMCO scientists<br><i>Email: pepecalpw@groups.iwc.int</i>    |
| Item 17.1.2<br>WW                | SG-  | Modelling and Assessment of Whale Watching Impacts (MAWI) Steering Group                      | Planning for the questionnaire and potential workshop.  | New (Convenor), Baldwin, Cooke, Cosentino, Currie, Forestell, Frey, Jiménez-Assmus, Leaper, Minton, Noren, Parsons, Reyes, Robbins, Rose, C. Smith, Suydam, Vermeulen, Weinrich, Urban-Ramirez, Webster.<br><i>Email: modassmawi@groups.iwc.int</i> |
| Item 17.1<br>WW                  | ICG- | Human-induced behavioural changes of concern  | Continue to monitor the relevant literature; seek to produce a new review of information for the Committee across the whole range of interactions; review the appropriate terminology; and continue to consider the relevance of this topic to the work of the sub-committee, including how this topic might best be studied in future.   | Simmonds (Convenor), Cosentino, Currie, Fonseca, Forestell, Minton, Parsons, Suydam, Vail, Wells, Urban.<br><i>Email: hibcc@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 17.1<br>WW                  | AG-  | Communication with the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Advisory Group                     | Help provide advice to IORA when appropriate; facilitate communication between IORA and the sub-committee; and consider ways to promote appropriate training workshops.   | Robinson, (Convenor), Baldwin, Iñiguez, New, Parsons, Seakamela, Simmonds, C. Smith, Suydam, Weinrich, Urban.<br><i>Email: commiora@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 17.3<br>WW                  | ICG- | Timor-Leste whale watching  | address the outcomes of the scheduled meeting in 2021 between the Government of Timor-Leste and Committee members and to draft comments on the Timor-Leste draft guidelines for whale watching.   | New (Convenor) and Porter (Co-Convenor), Noren, Parsons, Rose, Ritter, Suydam, Urban.<br><i>Email: timorlesteww@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 17.3.2<br>WW                | ICG- | River dolphin interactions  | Monitor, assess and report on commercial interactions, including watching, provisioning and swimming, with river dolphins, in the Amazon and elsewhere.   | Trujillo (Convenor), Luna, Marmontel, Parsons, Porter, Rojas-Bracho, Suydam, Urban, Webster.<br><i>Email: riverdolphnint@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 11<br>ASI                   | SG - | Abundance Steering Group  | (1) Coordinate the intersessional review of abundance estimates by the ASI SWG.<br>(2) Appoint expert small group to conduct review of abundance estimates required for next year's meeting.  | Givens (Convenor), Allison, Donovan, Jackson, Katara, Kitakado, Palka, Porter, Robbins, Staniland, Walløe, New and Zerbini.<br><i>Email: reviewofae@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| ASI                              | ICG  | Abundance Review Process  | (1) Discuss and refine definitions of categories 2 and 3 to classify estimates of abundance.<br>(2) Develop supplementary wording that explains how estimates in categories 1A, 1B, 2 and 3 might be used, and examples of the reasoning for choosing one category over another.<br><br>Review estimates previously added to the table to re-categorise them as necessary to adhere to the new category definitions agreed by the SC at this meeting. | Givens (Convenor), Allison, Butterworth, Donovan, Katara, New, Jackson and Zerbini.<br><i>Email: arp@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 11.1.4<br>ASI               | SG-  | Franciscana abundance review group  | (1) Coordinate the intersessional review of franciscana abundance estimates.<br>(2) Produce a report of the review for presentation next year.  | Zerbini (Convenor), Andriolo, Cañadas, Cremer, Crespo, Danilewicz, Domit, Doniol-Valcroze, Donovan, Ferguson, Fortuna, Givens, Herr, Miller, Sucunza, New and Palka.<br><i>Email: franciscanaarg@groups.iwc.int</i>                                 |
| Item 11.3<br>ASI                 | SG-  | Amendment of RMP Guidelines   | (1) Develop a set of specific instructions for the amendment of the RMP guidelines to consider model-based abundance estimates.   | Staniland (Convenor), Butterworth, Cooke, Donovan, Herr, Kelly, Kitakado, Miller, New, Palka, Punt and Zerbini.<br><i>Email: rmpguidelines@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 11.4<br>ASI                 | SG-  | Advice on Status of Stocks  | (1) Use the existing guidelines for the provision of advice to the Commission on status of stocks to develop a draft report for review by the Committee at SC68C for the species/regions identified.  | Givens (Convenor), Allison, Branch, Brownell, Butterworth, Cooke, Donovan, Jackson, Katara, New, Palka, Porter, Punt, Staniland, Trujillo, Vikingsson, Walløe, Wilson, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: status@groups.iwc.int</i>                              |
| 11.4<br>ASI                      | ICG  | Develop Status of Stocks examples   | (1) Develop several example stock status reports including both cases with sophisticated modelling of good data, and cases with minimal modelling and limited data.<br><br>Begin development of website to convey status information.   | Givens (Convenor), Allison, Butterworth, Donovan, Katara, New and Punt, Porter, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: dsse@groups.iwc.int</i>   |

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| Item 11.6<br>ASI        | ICG - | NP minke<br>abundance                      | (1) Review the applicability of the accepted g(0) estimate to other cruises.<br>(2) Try to develop robust estimates for use in the in-depth assessments and/or to provide management advice and/or to provide broader estimates for the public.   | Kitakado (Convenor), Allison, Butterworth, Donovan, Hakamada, Katara, Kelly, Matsuoka, Miyashita, New, Palka and Punt.<br><i>Email: npminkeabun@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 9.1<br>SM/CMP      | ICG-  | Franciscana CMP                            | Co-ordinate outcomes of CMP projects across sub-committees.   | Porter (Convenor), Trujillo (co-Convenor) Brito-Junior, Oliviera Santos, Cremer, Crespo, Cunha, Di Tullio, Domit, Iniguez, Macondes, Ott, Pasadore, Secchi, Siciliano, Torres-Florez, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: franciscana@groups.iwc.int</i>         |
| Item 16<br>SM           | ICG-  | Poorly documented takes of small cetaceans | Continue development of framework for SM work on Aquatic Wildmeat   | Porter (Convenor), Ingram, Hodgins, Avila, Cosentino.<br><i>Email: pdtsc@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 16<br>SM           | AG-   | Small Cetacean Task Team                   | Provide ongoing advice and support to established Task Teams and consider any new proposals.  | Simmonds (Convenor), Donovan, Genov, Parsons, Porter, Reeves, Rojas-Bracho, Staniland, Tarzia, Thomas, Trujillo.<br><i>Email: smallcetaceantaskteam@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 16<br>SM           | ICG-  | <i>Sotalia guianensis</i>                  | Continue to compile relevant information on <i>Sotalia guianensis</i> to provide an <b>action plan</b> and recommendations to the Scientific Committee  | Domit (Convenor), Caballero, Porter, Tarzia, Torres-Florez, Trujillo, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: sotaliaworkshop@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| SM                      |       | Sub-committee coordination                 | Work with SC sub-committee Convenors to develop a strategy to better integrate the SM workplan across the SC as appropriate   | Porter (Convenor), Holmes.   |
| SM                      |       | Finless porpoise                           | Solicit membership for an ICG and compile existing work, with a view to initiating an assessment of both Indo-Pacific and narrow-ridged finless porpoise as an SM priority topic (2022-2026).   | Porter (Convenor), Brannan.  |
| Item 16<br>SM/CMP       | ICG-  | South American River Dolphins              | Examine the scientific aspects of the proposed CMP for South American river dolphins.   | Brownell (Convenor), Trujillo, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: sarivdol@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 16<br>SM           | ICG-  | SM Review of Recommendations               | Make progress on a review framework and propose a mechanism to establish regional and species assessment teams.   | Trujillo (Convenor), Porter, Jimenez, Couto di Tullio, Simmonds, Webster, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: smrevrec@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 16<br>SM           | ICG-  | Lahille's Dolphin Task Team                | Develop research priorities for the next 5 years and identify funding opportunities.  | Vermeulen (Convenor), Fruet (co-Convenor), Berninson, Von Fersen, Laporta, Daura-Jorge, Coscarella, Smith, C. Iñiguez, Trujillo, Porter, Tarzia.<br><i>Email: lahilles@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| SM                      |       | Direct takes                               | Make progress on the analyses of the direct take data of small cetaceans compiled by the SC since 1977.   | Porter (Convenor), Allison, Katara.  |
| SM                      |       | Tursiops taxonomy                          | Develop Tursiops taxonomy database and monitor new publications related to this issue.  | Cipriano (Convenor), Natoli, Rosel, Porter.<br><i>Email: turtax@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 2.1.2<br>SD&DNA/SM | ICG-  | Franciscana population structure           | Summarize the data available from other (i.e., non-genetic) lines of evidence that could be used to infer population structure; evaluate the level of support for each of the proposed subdivisions based on this combined data and provide advice on future work (additional analyses, sample collection efforts) to address remaining questions | Lang (Convenor) and Ott (co-Convenor), Andriolo, Archer, Buss, Cipriano, Cunha, Farro, Gariboldi, Hoelzel, Mendez, Pampoulie, Oliveira, Passadore, Secchi, Tiedemann, Torres-Florez, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: franciscanapopstruct@groups.iwc.int</i> |
| Item 3.1<br>SD&DNA      | ICG-  | DNA quality                                | Review recent revisions in sections of the DNA quality guidelines that pertain to data produced using NGS approaches.   | Tiedemann (Convenor), Archer, Baird, Baker, Bickham, Carroll, DeWoody, Hoelzel, Goto, Jackson, Lang, Palsbøll, Pampoulie, Solvang, Taguchi, Torres Florez, Waples.<br><i>Email: dnaquality@groups.iwc.int</i>                                      |
| Item 4<br>SD&DNA        | ICG-  | Sample depletion                           | Discuss and provide recommendation on genomic approaches to maximise the utility of tissue samples, particularly those in danger of depletion.  | Lang (Convenor), Archer, Baker, Bickham, Buss, Carroll, Hoelzel, Goto, Jackson, Morin, Palsbøll, Robertson, Sremba, Taguchi, Tiedemann, Torres Florez.<br><i>Email: sampledepletion@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 2.3<br>SD&DNA      | ICG-  | Gray whale population structure            | To clarify the terminology used to describe the gray whale stock structure hypotheses; and to re-evaluate the plausibility of the hypotheses, including consideration of adding new variants if needed, to inform the Range-wide Review of the Status and Population Structure of gray whales   | Lang (Convenor), Bickham, Bruniche-Olsen, Donovan, Hoelzel, Goto, Nakamura, Pampoulie, Punt, Scordino, Tiedemann, Weller.<br><i>Email: graypopstruct@groups.iwc.int</i>  |

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| Item 2.1.1<br>SD&DNA/SM | ICG- | <i>Sotalia guianensis</i> population structure  | Review genetic and other evidence relating to population structure in <i>Sotalia guianensis</i> ; provide advice on the proposed management unit delineations  | Lang (Convenor) and Caballero (co-convenors), Archer, Baker, Briceño, Buss, Cipriano, Cunha, Domit, Fruet, Natoli, Tiedemann, Torres-Florez, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: sotaliapopstruct@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 5<br>SD&DNA        | ICG- | Terminology                                     | Revisit the definitions that were previously put forward for stock-related terms at IWC 2014, particularly those related to large whale assessments, and revise them where necessary.  | Tiedemann (Convenor), Baird, Bickham, Carroll, Cipriano, Hoelzel, Lang, Scordino.<br><i>Email: terminology@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 3.2<br>SD&DNA      |      | Genetic data analysis                           | Generate a checklist of key aspects of the genetic data analysis guidelines and identify aspects of the guidelines that may need updating, particularly in the context of genomic methodologies and analysis                                   | Tiedemann (Convenor), Bickham, DeWoody, Hoelzel, Lang, Torres Florez, Waples.<br><i>Email: gendata@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 8.2.1.6<br>SH      | ICG- | SH mark recapture                               | Advise on construction and analysis of southeast Pacific, southeast Indian Ocean and southwest Pacific mark recapture datasets, including timespan, regions to include, and modelling framework.   | Jackson (Convenor), Galletti, Findlay, Torres Florez, Olson, Weinrich, Cooke, Zerbini, Salgado-Kent, Barlow, Butterworth, Double, Jenner, Gill, Möller, Matsuoka, Torres, Fewster.<br><i>Email: shmarkre@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 8.2.2.1<br>SH      | ICG- | Antarctic blue whale song                       | Low- and mid-latitude analysis of Antarctic blue whale song to establish any differences between wintering grounds   | Buchan (Convenor), Cerchio, Samaran, Shabangu, Torres, Miller, Širović, Branch, Findlay, McCauley, Barlow, Stafford.<br><i>Email: antbluesong@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 8.2.3.4<br>SH      | ICG- | Southern right whale calls                      | Assess what southern right whale call data exists offshore and at high latitudes (including both IMOS and SOHN data), and consider an appropriate analysis framework for using these data to assess southern right whale offshore distribution | Širović (Convenor), Burkhardt, Calderan, Carroll, Charlton, Findlay, Friedlaender, Leaper, McCauley, Miller, Reyes, Vermeulen, Ward, Webster.<br><i>Email: srightcalls@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 8.2.3.5<br>SH      | ICG- | Southern right whale modelling                  | Progress towards development of a common population modelling framework for Southern right whale calving grounds, to assess common: (1) population dynamics patterns; and (2) environmental drivers.   | Charlton (Convenor), Agrelo, Brandão, Butterworth, Carroll, Cooke, Double, Groch, Leaper, Rayment, Ross-Gillespie, Rowntree, Seyboth, Sironi, van den Berg, Vermeulen, Watson.<br><i>Email: sright@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| Item 8.2.3.5<br>SH      | ICG- | Southern right whale condition                  | Develop a global, standardized southern right whale body condition and visual health assessment protocol for IWC endorsement   | Christiansen (Convenor), Vermeulen (co-convenor), Findlay, Leslie, Charlton, Minton, Moore.<br><i>Email: srightcond@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| SH                      |      | Whale body condition assessment meeting         |  | Charlton (Convenor), Christiansen, Bell, Dawson, Groch, Hamilton, Jackson, Rowntree, Salgado-Kent, Sironi, Staniland, Juan Pablo Torres-Flores, Uhart, Vermeulen, Weir, Weinrich.<br><i>Email: wbcam@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| SH                      |      | Southern right whale stock structure hypotheses |  | Jackson (Convenor), Agrelo, Azizeh, Baker, Carroll, Charlton, Warwick-Evans, Findlay, Galletti-Vernazzani, Groch, Matsuoka, Richards, Rosenbaum, Sironi, Tiedemann, Torres Florez, Valenzuela, Vermeulen, Weinrich, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: srightssh@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 8.2.3.5<br>SH      | ICG- | Southern right whale catch data                 | Assess if there is any unpublished regional catch data for southern right whales held in Best, Bannister and Dawbin archives in South Africa and Australia respectively. Compile new SRW catch series and update regional catch estimates      | Jackson (Convenor), Allison, Carroll, Katara, Charlton, Double, Findlay, Kemper, Paton, Vermeulen, Andrews-Goff, Azizeh, Bell, Chatwin, Reeves, Richards, Smith, Staniland, Tryniw, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: srightdata@groups.iwc.int</i>   |
| SH                      |      |   | Southern Hemisphere fin whales   | Herr (Convenor), Bell, Burkhardt, Butterworth, Donovan, Double, Findlay, Friedlaender, Hevia, Iñiguez, Jackson, Kelly, Miller, Olson, Panigada, Perez-Alvarez, Reyes, Fonseca, Samaran Maritza Sepulveda, Seyboth, Širović, Dalla Rosa, Wedekin, Weinrich, Williams, Zerbini.<br><i>Email: shfin@groups.iwc.int</i> |

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| Item 13<br>HIM | ICG- | Ship Strikes Data Review Group       | To continue to assist the Ship Strike Co-ordinators in reviewing cases submitted to the IWC global database and to provide advice on how to reduce the backlog of cases.   | Leaper (Convenor), Brownell, Cañadas, Donovan, Double, Herr, Holm, Livermore, Mattila, Panigada, Ritter, Rowles, Weinrich.<br><i>Email: ssdatareview@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| Item 13<br>HIM | ICG- | Ships Routeing Group                 | Consider how best to respond to requests for advice on routeing measures.  | Leaper (Convenor), Bjørge, Donovan, George, Mattila, Panigada, Rojas-Bracho, Webster.<br><i>Email: shipsrouteing@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| 21.3           | SG   | IWC-COMHAFAT collaboration           | (1) Identify workshop topics;<br>(2) Schedule the workshops into modules (annual or biennial);<br>(3) Identify potential SC scientists to invite to design and lead these workshops;<br>Prepare a proposal to this regard for presentation at SC68D.   | Staniland (Convenor), Cerchio, Collins, Diallo, Freitas, Laamrich, Minton, Miyashita, Panigada, Pastene, Plön, Ridoux, Tiedemann, Yoshida, Walloe and Zerbini.<br><i>Email: comhafatisg@groups.iwc.int</i>             |
| 21.3           | SG   | Indian Ocean pan-regional initiative | (1) Compile additional sources of information (surveys, data sets etc) to that presented in ASI 16, and further assess existing data for applicability to abundance estimation and ecological research<br>(2) Explore the design and development of the initiative, including the scale and scope, partnerships, roles and governance structure and collaborations, and funding;<br>(3) Convene virtual workshops or meetings with relevant experts, organisations and stakeholders across the region to create a network of interested collaborators and collect feedback on the proposed concept.<br>(4) Identify potential external funding sources and develop proposals where appropriate.<br>(5) Explore opportunities to engage with existing platforms of opportunity<br>(6) Prepare a detailed proposal on the pan-regional initiative for presentation at SC68D. | Tarzia (Convenor), Braulik, Cerchio, Collins, Dulau, Kelly, Kitakado, Palka, Seakamela, Willson and Zerbini.<br><i>Email: iopriccs@groups.iwc.int</i>  |
| 21.1           | SG   | IWC-POWER/SOWER                      | To provide advice on the 2021/2022 IWC-POWER cruises (including holding the Planning Meetings), on data analyses, storage and on requests for data/sample use of IWC-POWER/SOWER cruises.  | Matsuoka (Convenor), An, Brownell, Clapham, Crance, Donovan, Ensor, Gushcherov, Kato, Kelly, Kim, Kitakado, Staniland, Miyashita, Murase, Pastene, Wade, Zharikov, and Zerbini.<br><i>iwcpowersower@groups.iwc.int</i> |