

68th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

09.00-16.00 Hrs Saturday 15 October at the Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož, Slovenia

DRAFT AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS
 - 1.1 Appointment of Chair
 - 1.2 Appointment of Rapporteurs
 - 1.3 Review of Documents
 - 1.4 Observer Participation
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
3. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN AND WORKPLAN
 - 3.1 Updates to the Strategic Plan
 - 3.2 Workplan for the 2022-2024 Biennium and beyond
4. STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
 - 4.1 Working Methods of the Conservation Committee
 - 4.2 Voluntary Conservation Reports
 - 4.2.1 Contracting member reports
 - 4.2.2 Review of the prototype Conservation Database
 - 4.3 IWC Governance Review
 - 4.3.1 Introduction to the WGOE process and recommendations relevant to the CC
 - 4.3.2 Discussion of findings and recommendations
5. JOINT WORKING GROUP OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
 - 5.1 Database of recommendations
 - 5.2 Review of implementation of recommendations
6. WHALE SANCTUARIES
7. BYCATCH
 - 7.1 Report from the Bycatch Standing Working Group
 - 7.1.1 Progress of the Bycatch Mitigation Initiative workplan
 - 7.1.2 Conservation Committee role in workplan activities
 - 7.2 Report from the Scientific Committee
 - 7.3 Engagement with RFMOs
 - 7.3.1 GEF/FAO Common Oceans project update
8. WHALE WATCHING
 - 8.1 Report from the Conservation Committee's Standing Working Group on Whale Watching
 - 8.1.1 Update on the Whale Watching Handbook
 - 8.1.2 Workplan
 - 8.2 Report from the Scientific Committee

8.3 IWC Principles for Whale Watching

9. CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLANS

9.1 Progress Report by the SWG-CMP

9.1.1 CMP Work Plan 2022-2026

9.1.2 Thematic Strategic Plan and Handbook for CMPs

9.2 Progress on current CMPs

9.2.1 Western Pacific Gray Whale CMP

9.2.1.2 Update from range States

9.2.1.3 Scientific Committee update

9.2.2 Southwest Atlantic Southern Right Whale CMP

9.2.2.2 Update from range States

9.2.2.3 Scientific Committee update

9.2.3 South-east Pacific Southern Right Whale CMP

9.2.2.1 Update from range States

9.2.2.2 Scientific Committee update

9.2.4 Franciscana CMP

9.2.4.2 Update from range States

9.2.4.3 Scientific Committee update

9.2.5 South American River Dolphins CMP

9.2.5.2 Update from range states

9.2.5.3 Scientific Committee update

9.3 Priority species for future CMPS

9.3.1 Arabian Sea Humpback whales

9.3.2 Mediterranean Fin whales

9.3.3 Mediterranean Sperm whales

9.3.4 Asian River dolphins

9.3.5 Central American Humpback whales

9.3.6 Populations requiring further research

9.4 CMP financial update

10. SHIP STRIKES

10.1 Report from the Scientific Committee

10.2 Report from the Ship Strikes Working Group

10.2.1 Ship strikes strategic plan and workplan

10.2.2 Engagement with IMO

10.3 Committee discussions and recommendations

11. MARINE DEBRIS

11.1 Report from the Scientific Committee

11.2 Future work by the Conservation Committee

12. NEW WORK PROGRAMMES FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

12.1 Anthropogenic underwater noise

12.1.1 Report from the Scientific Committee

12.1.2 Update from the ICG

12.1.3 Discussion of future work

- 12.2 Climate Change
 - 12.2.1 Report from the Scientific Committee
 - 12.2.2 Report of the joint CC/SC workshop on Climate Change
 - 12.2.3 Discussion of future work

- 12.3 Chemical pollution
 - 12.3.1 Report from the Scientific Committee
 - 12.3.2 Report from the Pollution 2025 workshop
 - 12.3.3 Discussion of future work

- 13. CETACEANS AND ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONING
 - 13.1 Report from the Scientific Committee
 - 13.2 Report of Workshop on Socio-economic value of cetaceans to ecosystem functioning
 - 13.3 Discussion of future work

- 14. SMALL CETACEANS
 - 14.1 Progress under the voluntary fund for small cetacean conservation research
 - 14.2 Small Cetaceans Task Teams

- 15. SPECIES OR POPULATIONS OF URGENT OR EMERGING CONCERN
 - 15.1 Report from the Scientific Committee
 - 15.2 Report from the Intersessional Working Group
 - 15.3 Discussion of future work

- 16. ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

- 17. FUNDING
 - 17.1 Funding opportunities
 - 17.1.2 Report on IWC fundraising

 - 17.2 Progress under the Voluntary Conservation Fund
 - 17.2.1 Update on contributions and funding
 - 17.2.2 Process for funding allocation

- 18. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OFFICERS

- 19. ADOPTION OF REPORT