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Agenda

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 - 1.1 Chair's welcome and opening remarks
 - 1.2 Appointment of rapporteurs
 - 1.3 Meeting procedures and time schedule
 - 1.4 Establishment of sub-committees and Working Groups
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 - 4.1.1 Scientific Council
 - 4.1.2 Agreement on Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas (ASCOBANS)
 - 4.1.3 Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS)
 - 4.2 International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
 - 4.3 Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)
 - 4.4 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
 - 4.5 Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
 - 4.6 Southern Ocean GLOBEC (SO-GLOBEC)
 - 4.7 North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO)
 - 4.8 International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - 4.9 Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) related meetings – Committee on Fisheries (COFI)
 - 4.10 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)
 - 4.11 North Pacific Marine Science Organisation (PICES)
 - 4.12 Eastern Caribbean Cetacean Commission (ECCO)
 - 4.13 Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) of the Cartagena Convention for the Wider Caribbean
 - 4.14 Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)
5. Revised Management Procedure (RMP) – general issues
 - 5.1 Review MSY rates, and if appropriate suggest changes to the plausible range
 - 5.1.1 Review the MSYR Workshop report
 - 5.1.2 Modelling MSY-related parameters under stochastic dynamics
 - 5.2 Finalise the process for reviewing proposals to amend the RMP
 - 5.3 Consideration of the Norwegian proposal to amend the RMP
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6. RMP – preparations for *Implementation*
 - 6.1 Western North Pacific Bryde's whales
 - 6.1.1 Finalise abundance estimates for western North Pacific Bryde's whales
 - 6.1.2 Review of proposed research plan
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 - 6.2 North Atlantic fin whales
 - 6.2.1 Continue the *Implementation* process for North Atlantic fin whales
 - 6.3 North Atlantic common minke whales
 - 6.3.1 Complete the *Implementation Review* for North Atlantic minke whales
 - 6.3.2 Recommendations
 - 6.4 North Pacific common minke whales
 - 6.5 Work plan
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 - 7.1.1 Bycatch in fishery operations
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 - 7.1.3 Estimation of cetacean mortality from ship strikes
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 - 7.1.5 Mortality from acoustic sources
 - 7.1.6 Other sources
 - 7.2 Data collection, collation and sharing
 - 7.2.1 Collaboration with FAO
 - 7.2.2 Collaboration with ACCOBAMS on ship strikes
 - 7.2.3 Progress on developing a global IWC database of ship strikes
 - 7.3 Other issues
 - 7.3.1 Bycatch in longline fisheries
 - 7.3.2 Progress towards a second workshop on estimating bycatch through genetic market sampling
 - 7.4 Work plan
8. Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Management Procedure (AWMP)
 - 8.1 General consideration of the provision of *ad hoc* advice
 - 8.2 Development of long-term management advice for the Greenland fisheries
 - 8.3 Issues arising out of the bowhead whale *Implementation Review*

9. Aboriginal subsistence whaling management advice
 - 9.1 Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas (B-C-B) stock of bowhead whales
 - 9.1.1 New scientific information
 - 9.1.2 Review of recent catch information
 - 9.1.3 Management advice
 - 9.2 Eastern North Pacific stock of gray whales
 - 9.2.1 New scientific information
 - 9.2.2 Preparation for *Implementation Review* in 2009
 - 9.2.3 Review of recent catch information
 - 9.2.4 Management advice
 - 9.3 Common minke whale stocks off Greenland (AWMP)
 - 9.3.1 New information
 - 9.3.2 Sex ratio based assessment of common minke whales off West Greenland
 - 9.3.3 Management advice
 - 9.4 Fin whales off West Greenland
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 - 9.4.2 Updated assessment
 - 9.4.3 Management advice
 - 9.5 Eastern Canada-West Greenland bowhead whales
 - 9.5.1 Review of stock structure and abundance of Eastern Canada and West Greenland bowhead whales
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 - 9.6 Humpback whales off West Greenland
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 - 9.6.2 Assessment methods
 - 9.6.3 Management advice
 - 9.7 Humpback whales off St. Vincent and The Grenadines
 - 9.7.1 Review of new information
 - 9.7.2 Management advice
 - 9.8 Work plan
10. Whale stocks
 - 10.1 Antarctic minke whales
 - 10.1.1 Abundance estimates of Antarctic minke whales using SOWER data
 - 10.1.2 Review reasons for (possibly area specific) differences between Antarctic minke whale abundance estimates from CPII and CPIII
 - 10.1.3 Other issues
 - 10.2 Southern Hemisphere humpback whales (SH)
 - 10.2.1 Assessment of breeding stocks B and C
 - 10.2.2 Other
 - 10.2.3 Work plan
 - 10.3 Assessment of Southern Hemisphere blue whales
 - 10.3.1 New information
 - 10.3.2 Assessment
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 - 10.3.4 Blue whale photo-identification catalogue
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 - 10.4.1 Australian and New Zealand area
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 - 10.4.3 South America area – east
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 - 10.5.1 General review of 2007/08 cruises
 - 10.5.2 Proposal for 2008/09 cruise and short-term objectives
 - 10.5.3 Future of SOWER programme
- 10.6 In-depth assessment of western North Pacific common minke whales with a focus on J-stock
 - 10.6.1 Stock structure
 - 10.6.2 Distribution and abundance
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- 10.7 Western North Pacific stock of gray whales
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 - 10.7.2 Conservation advice
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 - 11.1 Statistical and genetic issues related to stock definition
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 - 11.3 Work plan
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 - 12.1 Workshop on skin diseases in cetaceans in South America
 - 12.2 Planning for the 2nd Workshop on climate change
 - 12.3 Planning for POLLUTION 2000+ Phase II
 - 12.4 Cetacean Emerging and Resurging Disease (CERD) Report
 - 12.5 State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER)
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 - 13.1 Planning for the joint CCAMLR/IWC Workshop on modelling Antarctic krill predators
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 - 14.2.8 Abundance estimates for offshore European Atlantic waters
 - 14.2.9 Abundance of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS region
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 - 14.4 Consideration of revision of IWC cetacean list
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 - 14.4.2 Common English name of *Sotalia guianensis*
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- 15.1 Review of the report of the Workshop on strategic planning of large-scale whalewatching research
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 - 15.4 Review reports of intersessional Working Groups
 - 15.4.1 Preparation and conduct of a meta-analysis to assess the influence of cetacean biology and ecology on short-term impact effect size from whalewatching vessel traffic
 - 15.4.2 Identifying data sources from platforms of opportunity of potential value to the Scientific Committee
 - 15.4.3 Further development of a questionnaire to assess the extent and potential impact of swim-with-whale operations
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 - 15.5.1 Consider information from platforms of opportunity of potential value to the Scientific Committee
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 - 15.5.4 Other
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- 16.1 Review genetic methods for species, stock and individual identification
 - 16.2 Conduct the first round of sequence validation and continue discussion of plans for sequence validation
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 - 17.2 Planning for the JARPN review
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Relationship Between Commission and Scientific Committee Agendas

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