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Annex B

Agenda

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 - 3.3.1 Catch data and other statistical material
 - 3.3.2 Progress of data coding projects
 - 3.3.3 Progress on program verification projects
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 - 4.2 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)
 - 4.3 Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)
 - 4.3.1 Scientific Council
 - 4.3.2 Conference of Parties (COP)
 - 4.3.3 Agreement on Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas (ASCOBANS)
 - 4.3.4 Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS)
 - 4.3.5 Other
 - 4.4 Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
 - 4.5 Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)
 - 4.6 Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP)
 - 4.7 International Committee on Marine Protected Areas (ICMMPA)
 - 4.8 International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
 - 4.9 International Maritime Organization (IMO)
 - 4.10 International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
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 - 4.12 North Pacific Marine Science Organisation (PICES)
 - 4.13 Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife of the Cartagena Convention for the Wider Caribbean (SPAW)
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 - 4.16 CBD Northwest Indian Ocean Region Ecologically of Biologically Significant Areas (EBSA)
 - 4.17 Permanent Commission of the South Pacific (CPPS)
5. General assessment issues with a focus on those related to the Revised Management Procedure (RMP)
 - 5.1 Relationship between $MSYR_{mat}$ and $MSYR_{1+}$
 - 5.2 Finalise the approach for evaluating proposed amendments to the *CLA*
 - 5.3 Complete evaluation of the Norwegian proposal for amending the *CLA*
 - 5.4 Other computing matters related to the *CLA*
 - 5.5 Requirements and Guidelines for conducting surveys and *Implementations*
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6. RMP – *Implementation*-related matters
 - 6.1 North Atlantic fin whales (*Implementation Review*)
 - 6.1.1 Report of intersessional Workshop
 - 6.1.2 *Implementation Review*
 - 6.1.3 Recommendations
 - 6.2 North Atlantic common minke whales (*Implementation Review*)
 - 6.2.1 Report of intersessional Workshop
 - 6.2.2 *Implementation Review*
 - 6.2.3 Recommendations
 - 6.3 North Atlantic sei whales
 - 6.3.1 Review intersessional work and new information
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 - 6.3.3 Recommendations
 - 6.4 North Pacific common minke whales
 - 6.4.1 Review intersessional work
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 - 6.4.3 Recommendations
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 - 6.5.1 Review new information
 - 6.5.2 Prepare for 2017 *Implementation Review*
 - 6.5.3 Recommendations
 - 6.6 Work plan
7. Non-deliberate human-induced mortality of large whales
 - 7.1 Entanglement of large whales
 - 7.1.1 Report from the Provincetown Workshop
 - 7.1.2 New information on rates, risks and mortality
 - 7.1.3 Progress on scientific aspects of mitigation measures
 - 7.2 Ship strikes
 - 7.2.1 Progress on the global database
 - 7.2.2 New information on rates, risks and mortality
 - 7.2.3 Collaboration with the Commission's Ship Strikes Working Group including consideration of scientific aspects of mitigation measures and future work
 - 7.3 Marine debris
 - 7.3.1 Report of 2nd Workshop on assessing the impacts of marine debris
 - 7.3.2 New information on marine debris impact on cetaceans
 - 7.4 Other issues including mortality from acoustic sources
 - 7.5 Work plan

8. Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Management Procedure (AWMP)
 - 8.1 Progress on *SLA* development for the Greenlandic hunts including consideration of Resolution 2014-1
 - 8.2 Implications of gray whale rangewide Workshop for the AWMP
 - 8.3 Aboriginal whaling management scheme
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 9. Aboriginal subsistence whaling management advice
 - 9.1 Eastern Canada and West Greenland bowhead whales
 - 9.1.1 Stock structure and abundance
 - 9.1.2 Review recent catch information
 - 9.1.3 Management advice
 - 9.2 Eastern North Pacific gray whales
 - 9.2.1 New information including report of the rangewide Workshop
 - 9.2.2 Review of recent catch information
 - 9.2.3 Management advice
 - 9.3 Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas bowhead whale
 - 9.3.1 New information
 - 9.3.2 Management advice
 - 9.4 Common minke whale stocks off East Greenland
 - 9.4.1 New information
 - 9.4.2 Management advice
 - 9.5 Common minke whale stocks off West Greenland
 - 9.5.1 New information
 - 9.5.2 Management advice
 - 9.6 Fin whales off West Greenland
 - 9.6.1 New information
 - 9.6.2 Management advice
 - 9.7 Humpback whales off West Greenland
 - 9.7.1 New information
 - 9.7.2 Management advice
 - 9.8 Humpback whales off St Vincent and The Grenadines
 - 9.8.1 New information
 - 9.8.2 Management advice
 - 9.9 Work plan
 10. Whale stocks
 - 10.1 Antarctic minke whales
 - 10.1.1 Consideration of factors that may drive Antarctic minke whale distribution and abundance
 - 10.1.2 Continue in-depth assessment focusing on Indo-Pacific region
 - 10.1.3 Work plan
 - 10.2 Southern Hemisphere humpback whales
 - 10.2.1 Review new information
 - 10.2.2 Review intersessional work
 - 10.2.3 Synthesis of the Comprehensive Assessment of Southern Hemisphere humpback whales
 - 10.2.4 Antarctic Humpback Whale Catalogue
 - 10.2.5 Future work
 - 10.2.6 Work plan
 - 10.3 Southern Hemisphere blue whales
 - 10.3.1 Review new information
 - 10.3.2 Work plan
 - 10.4 Eastern North Pacific blue whales
 - 10.4.1 Stock structure
 - 10.4.2 Distribution and abundance
 - 10.4.3 Historical catches
 - 10.4.4 Life history parameters
 - 10.4.5 Assessment
 - 10.4.6 Conclusions and work plan
 - 10.5 Distribution of baleen and toothed whales in the Antarctic relative to spatial and environmental covariates
 - 10.6 North Pacific sei whale
 - 10.6.1 Abundance and distribution
 - 10.6.2 Catch history
 - 10.6.3 Stock structure
 - 10.6.4 Stock assessment model formulation
 - 10.6.5 Work plan
 - 10.6 North Pacific gray whales
 - 10.7.1 Review report of intersessional Workshop
 - 10.7.2 Review new information
 - 10.7.3 Conservation advice
 - 10.7.4 Work plan
 - 10.7 Southern Hemisphere right whales
 - 10.8.1 Review new information
 - 10.8.2 Work plan
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 - 10.10 North Pacific right whales
 - 10.11 North Atlantic bowhead whales
 - 10.11.1 Review new information
 - 10.12 Arabian Sea humpback whales
 - 10.12.1 Review new information
 - 10.12.2 Progress toward the development of a Conservation Management Plan and other conservation initiatives
 - 10.12.3 Work plan
 - 10.13 Sperm whales
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 - 10.13.2 North Pacific sperm whales catch history
 - 10.13.3 Work plan
 - 10.14 Omura's whales
 - 10.15 Southern Hemisphere fin whales
 - 10.16 IWC photo-identification catalogue guidelines
 - 10.17 IWC cruise programmes
 - 10.17.1 IWC-POWER cruises in the North Pacific
 - 10.17.2 Other IWC cruise related matters
 - 10.18 Review of cruise information and plans
 - 10.18.1 The Antarctic
 - 10.18.2 North Pacific
 - 10.18.3 North Atlantic cruises
 - 10.19 Other
 - 10.19.1 North Pacific humpback whale assessment
11. Stock definition
 - 11.1 Guidelines for genetic studies and DNA data quality
 - 11.2 Statistical and genetic issues related to stock structure matters faced by the Committee
 - 11.3 Terminology appropriate to stock definition and unit-to-serve
 - 11.4 Testing of spatial stock structure models
 - 11.5 Work plan
12. Environmental concerns
 - 12.1 State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER)
 - 12.2 Pollution (including POLLUTION 2020)
 - 12.3 Cetacean Emerging and Resurging Diseases (CERD) and mortality events

- 12.4 Effects of anthropogenic sound on cetaceans and approaches to mitigate these effects
- 12.5 Effects of climate change on cetaceans
- 12.6 Arctic issues
- 12.7 Other habitat related issues
- 12.8 Consideration of environmental concerns in light of Resolution 2014-4
- 12.9 Work plan
- 13. Ecosystem modelling
 - 13.1 Review ecosystem modelling efforts undertaken outside the IWC
 - 13.2 Review results of IWC funded project to use tagging data to incorporate into models
 - 13.3 Application of species distribution models including results of the joint NMFS-IWC Workshop
 - 13.4 Explore role of ecosystem models in developing scenarios for simulation testing of the RMP
 - 13.5 Review other issues relevant to ecosystem modelling within the Committee
 - 13.5.1 Case studies of the effects of long-term environmental variability on whale populations
 - 13.5.2 Other, if new information is available
 - 13.6 Work plan
- 14. Small cetaceans
 - 14.1 Taxonomic status of *Tursiops* spp. throughout their range in Indian and Pacific Oceans
 - 14.2 Status of projects funded by the Voluntary Fund for Small Cetacean Conservation Research
 - 14.3 Review progress on previous recommendations
 - 14.4 Review takes of small cetaceans
 - 14.4.1 New information on takes
 - 14.4.2 Follow up on workshops on 'poorly documented hunts of small cetaceans for food, bait or cash'
 - 14.5 Work plan, working methods and status of the Voluntary Fund
 - 14.5.1 Discussion on Resolution 2014-4 (aspects relevant to SM)
 - 14.5.2 Status of the Voluntary Fund
 - 14.5.3 2015 work plan (and following biennium)
- 15. Whalewatching
 - 15.1 Assess the impact of whalewatching on cetaceans
 - 15.2 Review whalewatching on the western coast of USA and Hawaii
 - 15.3 Progress on Commission's five-year strategic plan including guidelines and regulations
 - 15.4 Other issues
 - 15.4.1 Review reports from intersessional working groups
 - 15.4.2 Consider information from platforms of opportunity of potential value to the Scientific Committee
 - 15.4.3 Consider emerging whalewatching industries of concern
 - 15.4.4 Progress on previous recommendations
 - 15.5 Work plan
- 16. DNA testing
 - 16.1 Review genetic methods for species, stock and individual identification
 - 16.2 Review results of the 'amendments' of sequences deposited in *GenBank*
- 16.3 Collection and archiving of tissue samples from catches and bycatches
- 16.4 Reference databases and standards for diagnostic DNA registries
- 16.5 Work plan
- 17. Scientific permits
 - 17.1 Review report of the NEWREP-A expert review Workshop
 - 17.1.1 Chair's summary
 - 17.1.2 Committee conclusions on the report of the Panel
 - 17.1.3 Response of proponents to NEWREP-A
 - 17.1.4 Evaluation of intersessional work by the proponents
 - 17.1.5 Discussion of NEWREP-A in relation to Resolution 2014-5
 - 17.2 Preparation of JARPN II review Workshop
 - 17.3 Review results from ongoing permits
 - 17.4 Review of continuing proposals
 - 17.4.1 Presentation by proponents
 - 17.4.2 Discussion
 - 17.5 Work plan
- 18. Whale sanctuaries
 - 18.1 Preparation for the decadal review of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary
 - 18.2 South Atlantic Sanctuary proposal
- 19. Southern Ocean Research Partnership
- 20. IWC list of recognised species
- 21. Conservation Management Plans
 - 21.1 Progress with scientific aspects of existing CMPs
 - 21.2 Progress with assisting development of new CMPs
- 22. Compilation of agreed abundance estimates
- 23. Research and Workshop proposals and results
 - 23.1 Review results from previously funded research proposals
 - 23.2 Review proposals for 2015/16
- 24. Committee priorities and initial Agenda for the 2016 meeting
- 25. Data processing and computing needs for 2015/16
- 26. Funding requirements for 2015/16
- 27. Working methods of the Committee including consideration of Resolution 2014-4
 - 27.1 Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee
 - 27.2 Biennial reporting and related matters
 - 27.3 Revisions to 'Annex P' in light of Commission Resolution 2014-5
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 - 27.5 Other matters
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- 28. Publications
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