

Appendix 7

OUTLINE AGENDA FOR THE REVIEW OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC WHALE SANCTUARY PROPOSAL

- (a) Review previous evaluations of the SAWS.
- (b) Review available information on status, trends and potential threats to whales in the SAWS.
- (c) Identification of and consideration of other measures to protect whales from human impacts within the Sanctuary area*.
- (d) Assess the effectiveness of the SAWS and the adjacent IWC Sanctuaries in terms of:
 - (i) protection of whales from human impacts in breeding, feeding and migratory areas
 - (ii) International agreements*.
- (e) Provide advice on whether the proposed boundaries of the sanctuary are ecologically appropriate.
- (f) Using examples (e.g. SORP), evaluate if the Sanctuary allows for and encourages conducting scientific research useful for:
 - (i) providing advice towards meeting IWC conservation and management objectives.
 - (ii) coordinated and integrated research and monitoring programmes across issues of global relevance (e.g. climate change, ship strikes, entanglement).
- (g) Assess whether the SAWS is consistent with the precautionary approach in accordance to Principle 15 of the 1992 Rio Declaration*.
- (h) Evaluate whether the SAWS establishes review criteria that reflects the goals and objectives of the Sanctuary.
- (i) Provide advice on whether the SAWS Management Plan:
 - (i) Outlines broad strategies and actions needed to achieve the Sanctuary's objectives.
 - (ii) Presents performance measures to measure progress toward achieving the Sanctuary objectives.
 - (iii) Evaluate whether performance measures of the SAWS links objectives with field monitoring programmes (e.g. estimation of abundance and trends).
 - (iv) Includes a provision for periodic review and refinement to account for ecological, oceanographic and possibly other changes in an adaptive fashion.

*Suggest that this is better addressed by the Joint SC/CC workshop.