

Draft Annotated Agenda
Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group
Monday 20 June, 2016, 2.30 pm

1. Welcome and aims of the meeting

- a. Appointment of Chairs [*Jorge Maksabedian de la Roquette (Mexico), Chair of the Conservation Committee and Dr Caterina Fortuna (Italy), Chair of the Scientific Committee are proposed.*]
- b. Appointment of Rapporteur [*The Secretariat will offer to act as rapporteur.*]
- c. Review of terms of reference for the group and aims of the meeting.
- d. Review of documents available to the meeting.

Annotation: IWC Resolution 2014-4 agreed to establish a working group between the Conservation Committee and the Scientific Committee in order to propose a procedure to facilitate the implementation and follow-up of conservation recommendations. At its first meeting, on 4 June 2015, the Working Group adopted Terms of Reference. These are attached in Annex A.

2. Identifying the IWC Scientific Committee conservation recommendations

- a. Review of Scientific Committee conservation recommendations (2014-2015) and their implementation, and lessons learned.
- b. Identification of actions arising from the review.

Annotation: The drafting group established at the June 2015 Joint CC-SC Working Group will present its work to compile and analyse conservation recommendations. A paper summarising progress will be available to participants at least one week before the meeting.

The Working Group is invited to make observations relevant to the review of Scientific Committee conservation recommendations, including on status of implementation and lessons learned and to identify any actions arising.

3. Identification of a process to facilitate follow-up by the Scientific Committee and the Conservation Committee on SC recommendations with conservation action implications (including all communication-related issues)

Annotation: At the June 2015 meeting, the Working Group agreed that it should develop clear procedures/strategies for effectively transmitting and facilitating the implementation of conservation recommendations to and from the SC/CC Working Group to the appropriate Committees and sub-committees/working groups including for further technical work.

Based on discussions under Agenda item 2, the Working Group may wish to discuss and agree a future process for identification, communication, follow-up and monitoring of conservation recommendations on an ongoing basis.

4. Report of the Scientific Committee Working Group on the Relationship between the SC and CC

Annotation: The Scientific Committee Chair has established an ad hoc working group to examine the actual and potential relationships between the Scientific Committee and Conservation Committee agendas. This item will allow the ad-hoc group to report its progress.

5. Report on the Conservation Committee’s strategic planning process

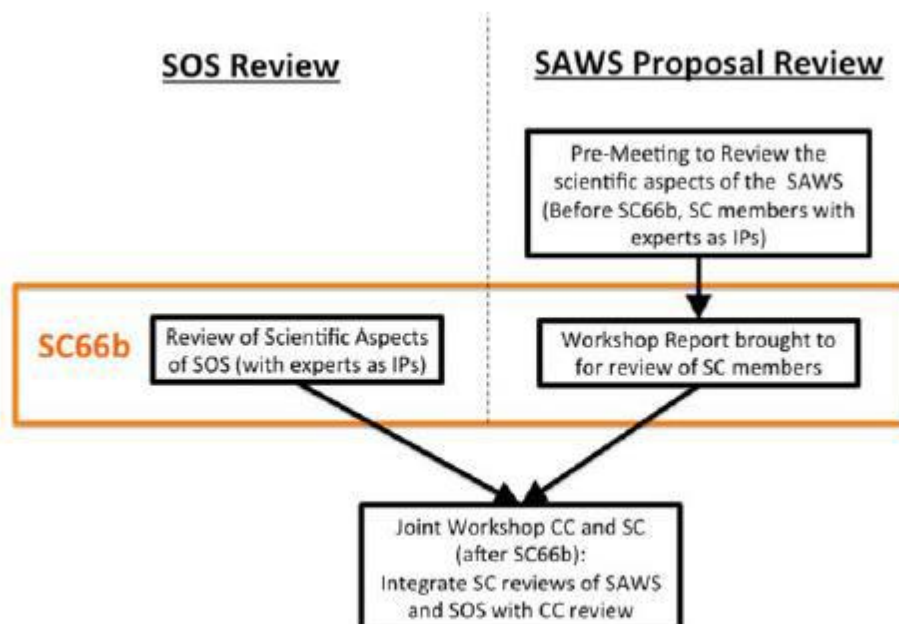
Annotation: The Conservation Committee has agreed to develop an outward facing strategic plan for its work that will outline (1) its structure, its broad role, goals/objectives and priorities; (2) how the Committee is adding value to the work already undertaken by the Scientific Committee; (3) its achievements to date; and (4) how the Committee will engage with its range of stakeholders including other intergovernmental organisations. Several of the Working Groups under the Conservation Committee are also considering development of their own topic specific strategic plans.

This agenda item will provide an opportunity to update the Joint CC SC Working Group on progress and to seek input from the Scientific Committee.

6. Sanctuary reviews

Annotation: At the June 2015 meeting of the Joint CC-SC WG, the Scientific Committee’s agreed process for completing (a) the second decadal review of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary (SOS) and (b) the review of the proposed South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary (SAWS) at the 2016 meeting was presented (Fig 1.)

Figure 1. Process for completing the review of the Southern Ocean and South Atlantic Sanctuaries (redrawn from Annex O of the 2015 Report of the Scientific Committee).



This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Scientific Committee and the Conservation Committee to present their progress with sanctuary reviews and to invite comments from the members of the Working Group.

7. Relationships with other organisations

- a. Report on progress in engagement with other IGOs
- b. Future opportunities
- c. Reporting to the Commission

Annotation: At the June 2015 meeting, the Joint CC-SC WG noted and discussed the range of recommendations and opportunities for the IWC to engage with other intergovernmental organisations. Following these discussions, the meeting agreed that the Secretariat would establish contact with the Arctic Council, the IMO, the CMS and other organisations as required in order to progress recommendations arising through the Scientific Committee, Conservation Committee and associated IWC workshops.

The Secretariat will report on progress with the above actions and identify future opportunities for engagement with other IGOs. In addition, the Secretariat will outline how progress in this area might be reported to the Commission. A document will be available to support discussions.

The Joint CC-SC WG is invited to comment on progress to date and to identify any further actions.

8. Any other business

**Annex A. Terms of Reference for the Joint Conservation Committee and
Scientific Committee Working Group**

The Joint CC/SC working group (CC/SC WG) is tasked with facilitating the communication, implementation, and follow-up of conservation recommendations.

The CC/SC WG shall:

- review, collate and prioritise conservation recommendations made by the Scientific and Conservation Committees where further efforts/actions are needed, in the first instance focussing on those from 2010 onwards;
- report, as appropriate, to the Commission on progress in delivering conservation recommendations;
- develop clear procedures/strategies for effectively transmitting and facilitating the implementation of conservation recommendations to and from the SC/CC WG to the appropriate Committees and sub-committees/working groups, including for further technical work;
- provide advice to the Conservation Committee on those priority conservation recommendations it could assist in implementing;
- provide feedback to the Scientific Committee on further advice and/or actions to assist in the implementation of conservation recommendations;
- respond to specific requests for support in facilitating the implementation of conservation recommendations from the Scientific and/or Conservation Committees.

The CC/SC WG will be comprised of nominees from the Scientific Committee, Conservation Committee and Contracting Governments. Additional expertise may be included as appropriate at the discretion of the Scientific Committee and Conservation Committee Chairs.