

## **Draft agenda for the Conservation Committee planning meeting**

**Date: Monday, 20 June 2016 at 10.00 am**

**Location: Golf Hotel, Bled, Slovenia**

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**Purpose of the meeting:** To provide an update on progress since IWC65, identify priorities and major deliverables in the lead up to IWC66, and discuss a work-plan and reporting framework for the Conservation Committee

**1. Welcome**

**2. Election of Chair**

*Jamie Rendell (UK), Vice-Chair of the Conservation Committee will be proposed.*

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

**4. Terms of Reference**

*This item will provide an opportunity to discuss its Terms of Reference. Draft ToR will be circulated ahead of the meeting.*

**5. Progress update from the Conservation Committee and its intersessional Working Groups**

*This item provides an opportunity for the Chair of the Conservation Committee and the Chairs of its standing working groups to provide a progress update.*

a. Conservation Committee (Jamie Rendell)

*This item will include a brief update on the development of a strategic plan and work plan for the Conservation Committee. To be discussed in more detail under item 4.*

b. Ship Strikes Working Group (Doug DeMaster)

*This item will include an update on the development of a Ship Strikes Strategic Plan and other intersessional activities, including engagement with the International Maritime Organization.*

c. Standing Working Group on Whalewatching (Ryan Wulff)

*This item will include an update on activities undertaken to implement the Strategic Plan for Whalewatching including the development of the Whalewatching Handbook and the outcomes of the workshop 'Building sustainable whale watching tourism in the Indian Ocean region'.*

d. Standing Working Group on Conservation Management Plans (Deb Callister)

*This item will include an update on intersessional activity since IWC65 and proposed future priorities.*

- e. Correspondence group on options for reducing bycatch (Mark Simmonds)  
*This item will include discussion on options for addressing cetacean bycatch taking into account intersessional and scientific committee discussions. It will also include discussion on how the issue of bycatch can be dealt with by the Commission and its subgroups.*
- f. Working Group on the implementation and follow-up of conservation recommendations (Jamie Rendell)  
*This item will include discussion on work undertaken for the Joint Scientific Committee/Conservation Committee Working Group, which will be held in the afternoon of 20 June.*
- g. Conservation Committee input to review of the South Atlantic Sanctuary Proposal and the second decadal review of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary (to be confirmed)  
*This item will provide an update on progress with sanctuary reviews and discuss Conservation Committee input to the process.*

**6. Strategic plan and workplan for the Conservation Committee** (Jamie Rendell)

*This item provides an opportunity to discuss Conservation Committee planning including the development of a Conservation Committee Strategic Plan and workplan, and the development of strategic plans by its Working Groups.*

**7. Relationship between Conservation Committee and other Committees**

- a. Scientific Committee (Lorenzo Rojas-Bracho)  
*This item will include an update on Scientific Committee discussions on conservation recommendations and communication with the Conservation Committee.*
- b. Intersessional Working Group on Welfare (Jamie Rendell)  
*This item will include an update on intersessional activity including the workshop to support the consideration of non-hunting threats to cetacean welfare; the workshop to develop practical guidance for the handling of cetacean stranding events; and the workshop on Entanglement Prevention.*
- c. Intersessional Correspondence Group on Strengthening Finance/Voluntary Conservation Fund (Secretariat)  
*This item will include an update on progress implementing the recommendations of the ICGSF.*

**8. Relationship with other inter-governmental organisations**

*This item provides an opportunity to discuss engagement with other inter-governmental organisations, noting that this is also an agenda item for the Joint Scientific Committee/Conservation Committee meeting.*

**9. Any other business**