

DRAFT Annotated Agenda

Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group

Monday 22 May, 2017, 15.00-17.00 pm

Location: Libertas, Golf Hotel, Bled, Slovenia

1. Welcome and aims of the meeting

- i. Appointment of Chairs [Lorenzo Rojas Bracho and Caterina Fortuna are proposed]
- ii. Appointment of Rapporteur [The Secretariat will offer to act as rapporteur]
- iii. Review of Terms of Reference and aims of the meeting
- iv. Review of documents available to the meeting

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 4th June 2015, the Working Group adopted Terms of Reference. These are in Annex 1.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Update on progress to identify IWC Scientific Committee conservation recommendations and identification of a process to facilitate follow-up

At its meeting in 2016 the Working Group considered (i) a compilation of conservation recommendations of the Scientific Committee and (ii) an analysis, presented by the UK, providing an initial consideration of ways to identify, communicate and follow up the Scientific Committee's conservation related recommendations of relevance to the Conservation Committee. The Working Group agreed that a revised working document would be submitted to the Conservation Committee at IWC66. This agenda item will discuss a report on progress to date and on discussions at IWC66.

4. Report of the intersessional Group on the establishment of a database

At IWC 66 in October 2016 the Commission commended the work of the joint CC-SC Working Group and approved a recommendation from the Conservation Committee to establish an intersessional Working Group to develop a draft structure and process for populating a web-accessible database of recommendations (and outcomes), not necessarily limited to conservation recommendations or recommendations of the Scientific Committee. This item will discuss an update on the progress made by the intersessional Working Group and establish next steps.

- i. Database structure
- ii. Process to populate database
- iii. Monitoring progress with recommendations
- iv. Funding

5. Other actions arising from IWC66

- i. Guidance on language used when drafting recommendations
- ii. Recommendations on Conservation Committee agenda

6. Matters arising from SC67A

This agenda item will provide the opportunity for any key issues arising from the Scientific Committee meeting to be discussed.

7. Future work plan and meetings of the Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Working Group

- i. Report from the Scientific Committee on the work of the SC/CC *ad hoc* working group
- ii. Future work plan and meetings

8. Any other business

Annex 1 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.