
Preface

In 2012, the International Whaling Commission agreed to move to biennial meetings. Given this, the previous series *Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission* (ISSN: 1561-0721) has been discontinued and replaced by this new electronic, online free access biennial series *Reports of the Meetings of the International Whaling Commission* which can be found at <https://archive.iwc.int/?c=24440>. Each volume of the series contains the Chair's report of the biennial meeting, including the reports of most of its associated Committees, sub-committees and working groups. It will also contain the reports of technical workshops and other intersessional meetings that are held in the two-year period prior to the biennial meeting concerned. As in the previous Annual Report series, this series will also contain the text of the Convention and its Protocol, and the latest versions of the Schedule to the Convention and the Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations. Reports of meetings of the IWC Bureau will be placed upon the IWC website <http://www.iwc.int>.

The Reports of the Scientific Committee, which continues to meet annually, remain published as a supplement to the *Journal of Cetacean Research and Management* (<https://archive.iwc.int/?c=29>).

This, the Report of the 66th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission, relates to the biennial meeting held in Portorož, Slovenia in October 2016. It also contains the reports of the following workshops:

- (1) the Report of the Third Workshop on Large Whale Entanglement Issues held in April 2015 in Provincetown, MA, USA;
- (2) the Report of the IWC Expert Workshop on Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling (ASW) held in September 2015 in Maniitsoq, Greenland;
- (3) the Report of the Workshop to Support the IWC's Consideration of Non-Hunting Related Aspects of Cetacean Welfare held in May 2016 in Kruger National Park, South Africa; and
- (4) the Report of the IWC Workshop Developing Practical Guidance for the Handling of Cetacean Stranding Events held in May 2016 in Kruger National Park, South Africa.

The next meeting of the Commission will take place in September 2018. Information can be found on our website at <http://www.iwc.int>.

The cover photograph shows an unusual view of the Town Hall, Piran, Slovenia.

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