

Annex W

Intersessional E-mail Groups

This list contains the intersessional groups identified at SC/67a. It has been divided into the following group types.

- (1) **Steering Groups (SG):** these are groups that have been set up to ensure that particular meetings, workshops or identified pieces of work are completed by SC/67b. They have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Committee within the context of their terms of reference (e.g. meeting budget spends, participants, agreements on parameters for analyses). Numbers are limited and members agreed at the meeting although the Convenor may request additional members or respond to late requests to be members. The expected outcomes will be either a workshop/meeting report or an analytical paper.
- (2) **Intersessional Correspondence Groups (ICG):** these are groups that have been set up to ensure progress on particular topics within the intersessional period. Membership is more flexible and open. It is expected that a written report on progress will be submitted to the Committee at SC/67b.
- (3) **Advisory Groups:** these are occasional groups established by the Committee to provide scientific and technical issues on specific issues if requested by a Contracting Government.

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Item 3 and Item 22 SC	ICG-1	Progress Reports, IWC databases and National Progress Reports	(1) Review the information collected by IWC databases and National Progress Reports and make recommendations to the Scientific Committee to amend structure, content and workflows. (2) Work with the Secretariat to assist in development and testing of databases and encourage member nations to submit information through Progress Reports and other data flows.	Double (Convenor), Allison, Bjørge, Brownell, de Almeida, De la Mare, Diallo, Donovan, Ferriss, Fonseca, Gallego, Haug, Helms, Hielscher, Hrabovsky, Iñiguez, Jaramillo-Legorreta, Kitakado, Lauriano, Lundquist, Palka, Paniego, S. Reeves, Ridoux, Ritter, Santos, Sohn, S. Smith, Stachowitsch, Ulloa, Vikingsson, Witting, Zharikov. <i>progrep@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 6.2 RMP	SG-1	WNP common minke whales	Hold preparatory meeting for WNP common minke whales.	Donovan (Convenor), Allison, Butterworth, de Moor, Kitakado, Pastene, Punt, Tiedemann. <i>wnpminke@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 6.3 RMP	SG-2	WNP Bryde's whale <i>Implementation Review</i>	Guide the <i>Implementation Review</i> and plan for an intersessional Workshop in 2018.	Donovan (Convenor), Allison, Butterworth, de Moor, Kitakado, Pastene, Punt, Tiedemann. <i>wnpbrydes@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 7.1.3 AWMP	SG-3	BCB	Prepare for 2018 <i>Implementation Review</i> of the <i>Bowhead SLA</i> .	Suydam (Convenor), Donovan, George. <i>bcb@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 7.2 AWMP	ICG-2	AWS	Develop an updated draft AWS for consideration at SC/67b.	Givens (Convenor), Allison, Donovan, George, Scordino, Suydam. <i>aws@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 7.1.2 AWMP	ICG-3	WGM	Finalise technical specifications to incorporate approaches to allow movement rates between regions to depend on relative local depletion levels for common minke whales off Greenland.	Allison, Brandão (co-Convenors), Butterworth, Donovan, Givens, Punt, Witting, de Moor <i>wgm@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.2.6	SG-4	Right whale workshop	Prepare for right whale Workshop.	Brownell (Convenor), Corkeron, Donovan, Kraus, Suydam. <i>rightwhalewks@iwc.int</i>
Item 12.1 ASI	ICG-4	Abundance process	(1) Develop a process to facilitate the review of abundance estimates in a timely fashion prior or during the annual meetings; (2) identify minimum requirements for presentation and review of abundance estimates for inclusion in the IWC consolidated table; (3) develop process to validate non-standard software, non-standard methods and how to consider estimates computed from population models; (4) consider how to evaluate abundance estimates already included in the IWC consolidated table, but not yet reviewed by the SC; (5) amend the RMP Guidelines, particularly in regard to methods so far not included in the guidelines (e.g. spatial modelling and mark-recapture); and (6) develop a process to review national cruise reports with IWC oversight.	Zerbini (Convenor), Allison, Butterworth, Cañadas, Cooke, Donovan, Freitas, Gunnlaugsson, Herr, Kitakado, Matsuoka, McKinlay, Palka, Punt. <i>abunpro@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 12 ASI (recommendations relevant to NH and SM)	ICG-5	Abundance reviews	Review estimates of abundance for North Atlantic humpback whales from Icelandic surveys and Asian coastal and river dolphins.	Palka (Convenor), Cañadas, Donovan, Freitas, Gunnlaugsson, Herr, D. Miller, Pike, Vikingsson, Wade, Weinrich, Zerbini. <i>abunrev@dist.iwc.int</i>

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Item 23.1 ASI	SG-5	IWC-POWER/ SOWER	To provide advice on forthcoming IWC-POWER cruises (including holding the Planning Meetings), on data analyses, storage and on requests for data/sample use of IWC-POWER/SOWER cruises.	Matsuoka (Convenor), An, Bannister, Bravington, Brownell, Clapham, Donovan, Ensor, Kato, Kelly, Kitakado, Miyashita, Murase, Pastene, Wade, Zerbini. <i>powsow@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 23.1 IA	SG-6	IDCR/SOWER volume	Complete the IWC Special Issue on the IDCR/SOWER volume.	Bannister (Convenor), Brownell, Donovan, Ensor, Kato, Palka. <i>idcrsower@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 22 SC	ICG-6	IMMA historical data	Work with IUCN MMPA TF intersessionally in order to provide advice on the most appropriate use of the IWC's (and other) historical datasets in the IMMA consideration process.	Mattila (Convenor), Allison, Barr, Donovan, Leaper, Notarbartolo di Sciarra, Panigada, R. Reeves, Tetley. <i>imma@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 14 HIM	SG-7	Ship strikes data review group	To continue to assist the ship strike co-ordinators in reviewing cases submitted to the IWC global database and to provide advice on how to reduce the backlog of cases.	Leaper (Convenor), Brownell, Cañadas, Donovan, Double, Ferguson, Fernandez, Herr, Holm, Mattila, Panigada, Ritter, Rowles, Weinrich. <i>ssredata@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 13.4 HIM	ICG-7	Bycatch Expert Group	(1) Review the methodology (i.e. modelling the drift of carcasses) and bycatch estimates in Peltier <i>et al.</i> (2016) and compare with any comparable results in the area using observer methodology; (2) review any new data provided by the authors of Peltier <i>et al.</i> (2016) that are intended for consideration by the Committee in 2018; (3) review whether modelling drift of bycaught carcasses can help identify the fisheries involved; (4) in the light of (3), make recommendations for the design of new or existing observer programmes; and (5) provide advice to the Committee on general issues (e.g. beyond the specific case of Bay of Biscay) that need to be considered whenever estimates based on strandings are being evaluated.	Currey (Convenor), Bjørge, Cooke, Donovan, Herr, Fortuna, Lauriano, Leaper, Long, Northridge, S. Reeves, Slooten. <i>bycatch@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 14.2 HIM	SG-8	Ships Routing Group	(1) Consider how best to respond to requests for advice on routing measures; (2) consider how to collate information regarding cetaceans in the Western Arctic and Bering Strait migratory routes; and (3) provide input into the IMMA process related to shipping.	Leaper (Convenor), Bjørge, Donovan, Ferriss, Fortuna, George, Hubbell, Mattila, Rojas-Bracho, Panigada, Thomas. <i>shiproute@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 10.1.3 CMP	SG-9	Rangewide gray whale assessment	Continue to guide the rangewide assessment including organising the intersessional Workshop.	Donovan and Punt (co-Convenors), Bickham, Butterworth, Laake, Lang, J. Moore, R. Reeves, Scordino, Wade, Weller. <i>rangegrayass@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.4 SH	SG-10	Standardisation of DNA profiles	Standardisation of DNA profiles between regions, in order to facilitate comparisons and consider sample depletion.	Torres-Florez (Convenor), Baker, Double, Jackson, Lang, M. Leslie, Rosenbaum, Steel. <i>standna@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.4 SH	ICG-8	Evaluate DuFresne <i>et al.</i> (2014) sighting surveys	Use DuFresne <i>et al.</i> (2014) sighting surveys to determine best approach for future survey of HW1 BSD.	Weinrich (Convenor), Double, Bannister, Butterworth, Kelly. <i>dufresne@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.2.3 SH/PH	SG-12	SH blue whale catalogue work	Continued work on photo-identification catalogue to progress towards population assessment. Particularly assess temporal and spatial progress on catalogue and preparation of Australian catalogue for quality coding.	Olson and Jackson (co-Convenors), Double, Galletti, Salgado Kent, Torres Florez. <i>shbluecat@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.4.2 SH	ICG-9	Humpback mixed stock analyses	Continuation of previous group. Review mixed stock analysis approach, including: (1) sample sizes collected from breeding grounds and their influence on mixing; (2) population substructure in Oceania and the impact of combining versus using individual stocks on catch allocation; (3) some possible stratifications of the 'pure' breeding stock samples to test alternate composition of 'pure' stocks (particularly with respect to East Australia); and (4) developments of the likelihood model to account for unsampled haplotypes.	Jackson (Convenor), Baker, Butterworth, Donovan, Double, Kitakado, Pastene, Ross-Gillespie, Tiedemann, Waples, Weinrich. <i>humpstana@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.2.2 SH	ICG-10	Chilean blue whale abundance	Apply habitat models developed for California Current and Eastern Tropical Pacific to construct habitat use analyses for Chilean blue whales and validate with sightings data.	Redfern (Convenor), Brownell, Galletti, Hucke-Gaete, Jackson, Palacios, Torres Florez, Zerbini. <i>cbwa@dist.iwc.int</i>

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Item 9.2 SH	ICG-11	Fin whale review of metadata	Review, collate and summarise available fin whale sightings, catch, acoustic, tracking and abundance information across Southern Hemisphere.	Herr (Convenor), Archer, E. Bell, Burkhardt, Butterworth, Dalla Rosa, Double, Elwen, Findlay, Friedlaender, Hevia, Iñíguez, Jackson, Kelly, Lauriano, Matsuoka, B. Miller, Mizroch, Olson, Panigada, Reyes Reyes, Rodriguez-Fonseca, Rosenbaum, Samaran, Sepulveda, Širović, Torres Florez, Weinrich, Williams, Zerbini. <i>finrevmet@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.4.3 SH	ICG-12	Review available catch data	Review newly available pre-modern catch data pertaining to southern right whales.	Jackson (Convenor), Aguilar, Double, Findlay, R. Reeves, Smith, Vermeulen, Zerbini. <i>revcatchdata@dist.iwc.int</i>
Items 9.2.3, 9.2.4 SH, WW (recommendations relevant to ASI)	ICG-13	Abundance of Antarctic blue and fin whales	Inspect post-CPIII sightings data collected for Antarctic blue whales and fin whales, and Antarctic blue whale photo-IDs, with a view to providing updated abundance/trend estimates.	Kelly (Convenor), Butterworth, Branch, Donovan, Fortuna, Olson, Zerbini. <i>abunbluefin@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.2.3 SH	ICG-14	Blue whale baleen plates	Match up Antarctic blue whale baleen plates at the Smithsonian Institution with the original catch data in Japan.	Brownell and Kato (co-Convenors), Kishiro, Ososky, Potter, Suydam. <i>bwbalpla@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.2.2 SH	ICG-15	Blue whale population structure using acoustics	Reconcile different vocalisations for pygmy blue whales in order to develop a set of calls for comparative purposes and constructing hypotheses of population structure.	Širović (Convenor), Branch, Brownell, Buchan, Cerchio, Findlay, Lang, B. Miller, Olson, Rogers, Samaran, Suydam. <i>bluepop@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.2.4 SH	ICG-16	Examination of fin whale stock structure	Examine fin whale stock structure in the Antarctic Peninsula region using relevant available data.	Jackson (Convenor), E. Bell, Butterworth, Donovan, Findlay, Herr, Lang, Olson, Reyes Reyes, Rogers, Samaran, Širović, Tiedemann, Torres-Florez, Zerbini. <i>exfinst@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 22 PH	ICG-17	Data assessment for SHWBC Chile and Australia regions	Fill data gaps in Chile and Australia regional holdings of the SHWBC and assess data readiness for use in abundance estimates.	Olson and Jackson (co-Convenors), E. Bell, Double, Galletti, Torres-Florez, Salgado Kent. <i>shbwc@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 22 PH	SG-13	Appendices for photo-ID guidelines	Begin compilation of technical appendices for photo-ID guidelines.	Olson (Convenor), Allen, Bell, E. Collins, Donovan, Double, Findlay, Galletti, Garrigue, Jackson, Kaufman, Mallette, Matsuoka, Minton, Stevick, Torres-Florez, Weinrich, Zerbini. <i>photoidguide@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.2.1 NH (recommendations relevant to IA)	ICG-18	North Pacific blue whale assessment	Review available data needed for an assessment of North Pacific blue whales.	Branch (Convenor), Brownell, Donovan, Ivashchenko, Kato, Lang, Matsuoka, Rosenbaum, Širović, Suydam. <i>npbwass@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.3.9 and Item 11.9.3.8 NH (recommendations relevant to IA)	ICG-19	Sperm whale assessment	Consider possible ways to provide 'broad brush' information on abundance and status of sperm whales with a possible focus on NP. Information includes: (1) population structure; (2) available abundance estimates from smaller areas; (3) revised catch histories for pelagic and land station operations; (4) potential datasets to improve understanding; and (5) identifying simple assessment approaches.	Brownell (Convenor), Baker, Bannister, Butterworth, Clapham, Cooke, Ivashchenko, Kato, Matsuoka, Mesnick, Miyashita, R. Reeves, Suydam. <i>spass@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.1.3 IA	ICG-20	Antarctic minke whale assessment	Finalise a document synthesising the results of the in-depth assessment of Indo-Pacific Antarctic minke whale.	Murase (Convenor), Donovan, Kato, Kitakado, Matsuoka, Palka, Pastene, Punt, Suydam. <i>antminkeass@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.1.2 IA	SG-14	NP sei whale assessment	Continue progress on developing the in-depth assessment including: (1) finalise and review the data inputs for the assessment (intersessional steering group); (2) conduct initial runs of the assessment using the assumptions proposed by the sub-committee (Punt); (3) review result of initial runs and specify alternative assumptions if required (intersessional steering group); and (4) report to next year's meeting on the final model inputs and the results.	Cooke (Convenor), Allison, Hakamada, Kitakado, Matsuoka, Mizroch, Palka, Punt, Yoshida. <i>npseiass@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 9.1.1 IA	SG-15	NP humpback assessment	Further the preparation for the North Pacific humpback whale comprehensive assessment by: (1) consolidate and prioritise the stock structure hypotheses developed at the first Workshop from a modelling perspective and develop appropriate draft presence/absence and mixing matrices for consideration at the next Workshop; (2) facilitate the additional work on abundance estimates; and (3) finalise plans for the second Workshop in 2018.	Clapham (convenor) Baker, Calambokidis, Donovan, Kato, Kitakado, Ivashchenko, Matsuoka, Punt, Zerbini, Urban and Yoshida <i>npha@dist.iwc.int</i>

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Item 11.2.1 SDDNA	ICG-21	DNA guidelines	Review and update sections of the data quality guidelines that cover data, including SNPs, produced using next generation sequencing approaches.	Tiedemann (Convenor), Baird, Baker, Bickham, DeWoody, Goto, Hoelzel, Jackson, Lang, M. Leslie, Natoli, Palsbøll, Pampoulie, Rosel, Skaug, Taguchi, Waples. <i>dnaguide@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 11.3.4 SDDNA	ICG-22	Simulation tools	(1) Review available software packages for conducting genetic and/or genomic simulations; and (2) evaluate the utility of these packages to address issues of interest to the SDDNA Working Group.	Lang (Convenor), Bickham, DeWoody, Hoelzel, Kitakado, Tiedemann. <i>simtoo@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 15.1 E	ICG-23	Pollution 2020	To progress the IWC's Pollution 2020 programme, oil spills, and mercury synthesis project.	Hall (Convenor), Donovan, Ferriss, Greig, Herr, Holm, Jepson, Rowles, Ryeng, Schwacke, Simmonds, S. Smith, Stimmelmayer, Ylitalo. <i>pollution2020@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 15.6 E	ICG-24	Cetacean Diseases of Concern (CDoC)	Finalise the IWC CDoC website redesign and content, determine best approach to maintain information in website and the consultation/discussion forum, work with Strandings Initiative.	Stimmelmayer and Simeone (co-Convenors), Ferriss, Gulland, Hall, K. Lee, Mattila, Rosa, Rowles, Ryeng, Smith, S., Suydam, Ylitalo. <i>code@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 15.7 E	SG-16	Strandings	Work with Secretariat and Chair of the SC to continue development and implementation of the International Strandings Initiative.	Simeone and Mazzariol (co-Convenors), Brownell, Deaville, Donovan, Gulland, Ferriss, Frey, Herr, Jepson, K. Lee, Marcondes, Oosthuizen, Rojas-Bracho, Rosa, Rowles, Seakamela, Simmonds, S. Smith, Stimmelmayer, Wimmer. <i>strandings@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 15.8 E	ICG-25	Noise	Update on national and international noise strategies; Identify synergies between international noise strategies and develop priorities for future actions; Contribute to acoustic component of cumulative impacts workshop, as needed.	Cholewiak (Convenor), Buchan, Burkhardt, Cosentino, Donovan, Ferriss, Frey, Leaper, Moore, New, Parsons, R. Reeves, Reyes, Reyes, Rowles, Simmonds, Smith, S., Suydam. <i>noise@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 15.3	SG-17	Cumulative impacts	Planning and preparation for a cumulative impacts Workshop or focus sessions at SC/67b.	Hall (Convenor), Cholewiak, Cooke, Donovan, Gulland, Kitakado, Rowles, S. Smith, Ylitalo, Schwacke, L. Thomas. <i>cumulativeimpacts@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 15.9 E	ICG-26	Climate change	Discussions of future work including refining planning for a Workshop.	Simmonds (Convenor), Bjørge, Donovan, Ferriss, Fortuna, Frey, Hall, Kitakado, Leaper, Parsons, Suydam, Williams, Smith, S. <i>climatechange@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 15.5 E	ICG-27	Marine litter	Pre-planning for proposal for marine debris Workshop on marine litter and plastics to be presented at SC/67b and to be held at SC/68a.	Simmonds (Convenor), Baulch, Donovan, Ferriss, Fossi, Hall, Holm, Leaper, Long, Marcondes, Mattila, Rowles, S. Smith, Ylitalo. <i>marinedebris@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 15.8 E, HIM	SG-18	Shipping Noise and IMO	Provide the Secretariat with a summary of the relevant material and discussions within the Committee on shipping noise (particularly from IWC, 2017) in the form of a paper that might be presented to MEPC 72 if requested.	Leaper (Convenor), Cholewiak, Donovan, Ferriss, Frey, Hubbell, B. Miller, Moore, Reyes, Rosenbaum, S. Smith. <i>noiseimo@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 16.1 EM	SG-19	IWC-CCAMLR Workshop	Commence planning of a joint Workshop between IWC-SC and SC-CAMLR WG-EMM.	Kitakado (Convenor), Butterworth, De la Mare, Double, Donovan, Friedlaender, Palka, Watters. <i>iwccamlr@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 16.2 EM	SG-20	Species distribution models	Develop guidelines and recommendations for best practice in species distribution modelling.	Murase (Convenor), Friedlaender, Kelly, Kitakado, McKinlay, Palacios, Palka. <i>asmodels@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 16.6.3 EM	ICG-28	Work focused on biological hypotheses relevant to IWC Resolution 2016-3	Develop proposals for a way forward in SC/67b, and how to best integrate this stream of work into the Scientific Committee.	Ritter (Convenor), Bjørge, Butterworth, Fortuna, Galletti, Iniguez, Kitakado, New, Palka, Reyes, Simmonds, Suydam. <i>propsc@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 17.1 SM	ICG-29	<i>Tursiops</i> taxonomy	Provide an overview of evaluation of <i>Tursiops</i> conducted in SC/66a, SC/66b and other relevant new information.	Natoli (Convenor), Archer, Brownell, Cipriano, Hoelzel, Krutzen, Lang, Perrin, Rosel. <i>tursiopstax@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 17.3 SM	SG-30	Amazon dolphin/piracatinga Workshop/wildmeat Workshop	Develop a draft 'toolbox' of investigative techniques to assist in documenting more clearly takes of small cetaceans; and organise a workshop comprising a multi-disciplinary group of biologists, social scientists, managers and NGOs with a global scope. Increase formal liaison with other MEA. Develop TOR, identify participants, organise and conduct a workshop focusing on the <i>Intia</i> /piracatinga fishery issue in South America.	Porter and Friet (co-Convenors), Almeida, Baker, Brownell, Collins, Cosentino, Coutinho, Donovan, Ferriss, Fortuna, Frey, Jimenez, LeGracie, A. Leslie, Luna, Parsons, S. Reeves, Scheidat, Simmonds, S. Smith, Thomas, Trujillo, Zerbini. <i>pirandwildmeat@dist.iwc.int</i>

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Item 17.4 SM	SG-22	Small Cetacean Task Team	Assist the Scientific Committee in providing timely and effective advice on situations where a population of cetaceans is or suspected to be in danger of a significant decline that may eventually lead to its extinction; the ultimate aim being to ensure that extinction does not occur.	Simmonds (Convenor), Bjørge, Donovan, Ferriss, Fortuna, Genov, Parsons, Porter, R. Reeves, Scheidat, S. Smith. <i>taskteamSG@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 18.1.1 WW	SG-23	MAWI	Define specific research questions and hypotheses that will benefit understanding of the impact of whalewatching, identify those whalewatching locations that would be most suitable and amenable for targeted studies addressing these questions, and summarise the current modelling tools available to analyse the data that will be collected.	New (Convenor), Baldwin, Cook, Cosentino, Donovan, Ferriss, Fortuna, Frey, Jimenez-Assmus, Kaufman, Leaper, Minton, Parsons, Robbins, Rose, C. Smith, S. Smith, Suydam, Weinrich. <i>mawi@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 18.4.1 WW	ICG-31	Swim-with-whale operations	Assess the extent and potential impact of swim-with-whale operations.	Rose (Convenor), Ferriss, Frey, Gero, Jimenez-Assmus, Kaufman, Minton, Parsons, Ritter, Rodriguez-Fonseca, Simmonds, Sironi, C. Smith, S. Smith, Urban, Weinrich. <i>swimwhale@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 18.2 WW	SG-24	Draft Whalewatching Handbook	Provide advice when solicited by the contractor as she sources content for the online Whalewatching Handbook, and provide feedback on drafts as they become available.	Minton (Convenor), Ferriss, Kaufman, Parsons, Rendell, Rose, S. Smith, Suydam. <i>wwhandbook@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 18.2 WW	SG-25	Review of Strategic Plan on Whalewatching	Review the Strategic Plan and provide advice to the Conservation Committee's SWG on Whalewatching.	Suydam and Rojas-Bracho (co-Convenors), Ferriss, Fortuna, Kaufman, Minton, Parsons, Rendell, Simmonds, S. Smith. <i>revplanww@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 18.4.1 WW	ICG-32	IORA	Help provide advice to IORA when appropriate and facilitate communication between IORA and the sub-committee.	Ferriss (Convenor), Baldwin, Iñiguez, Kaufman, New, Parsons, Simmonds, C. Smith, S. Smith, Urban, Weinrich. <i>iora@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 18.1.3 WW	ICG-33	'Habituation' of cetaceans to whalewatching activities	Assess significance of cetacean 'habituation' and 'sensitisation' to the presence of whalewatching activities. Consider the definitions and initiate review of the topics 'habituation' and 'sensitisation'.	Simmonds (Convenor), Cosentino, Kaufman, Minton, Parsons. <i>habww@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 18.2 WW	SG-26	Communication with the Conservation Committee	Discuss development of better methods for disseminating recommendations and advice on whalewatching to the Conservation Committee (joint with Conservation Committee).	Parsons and Rendell (co-Convenors), Ferriss, Cosentino, Minton, Ritter, Rojas-Bracho, Rose, Simmonds, S. Smith, Suydam, Weinrich. <i>comcc@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 20 SC	SG-27	IWC-SORP	Provide advice on scientific and logistical matters related to the IWC-SORP (Southern Ocean Research Partnership) programme.	Double and Herr (co-Convenors), E. Bell, Burkhardt, Bjørge, Brownell, Charrassin, Donovan, Elwen, Fortuna, Fruct, Gallego, Galletti, Iñiguez, Lundquist, Lauriano, Luna, Olson, Oosthuizen, Reyes Reyes, Ridoux, Samaran, Suydam, Vermeulen, Zerbini. <i>iwcsorp@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 26.3 SC	ICG-34	Annex P	To consider the need or otherwise to additionally modify Annex P in the light of the recommendations and suggestions made by previous Expert Panels and the discussions reflected in the Committee's considerations at SC/66b.	Fortuna (Convenor), De la Mare, Donovan, Double, Lundquist, Morishita, H. Morita, Y. Morita, Moronuki, Palka, Rendell, Suydam. <i>annexp@dist.iwc.int</i>
Item 26.5.1 SC	ICG-35	Succession plan for SC expertise	To identify a way or ways to address the issue of succession of key members of the Committee, particularly related to the <i>Implementation Review</i> and assessment processes (including modelling expertise). Should there be financial or HR implications, the Secretariat (Penfold) will be included in the group.	Fortuna (Convenor), Allison, Butterworth, De la Mare, de Moor, Donovan, Givens, Kitakado, Punt, Suydam, Walløe. <i>succession@dist.iwc.int</i>

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