

Draft Annotated Agenda

Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Committee Working Group

Tuesday 8 May 2018 09.30-12.00 am

Location: Hotel Golf, Bled, Slovenia

1. Welcome and aims of the meeting

- i. Appointment of Chairs [Lorenzo Rojas Bracho and Robert Suydam 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 4 June 2015, the Joint CC-SC WG adopted Terms of Reference. These are given in Annex 1.

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Emerging issues

This item will allow for discussion of any urgent issues from the SC that need to be brought to the attention of the Joint CC-SC WG. It will also allow an update regarding the discussions on the vaquita of the 2017 Joint CC-SC WG including discussions by the Bureau.

4. Report of the intersessional Group on the establishment of a database and in-depth review of draft database of recommendations

At IWC66 in October 2016 the Commission 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.

The May 2017 meeting of the Joint CC-SC WG agreed to hold a small in-person meeting to develop a detailed database structure, including fields and categorisation, and a process for populating the database. This meeting was held in Cambridge in September 2017.

Following a generous voluntary contribution from the UK, the database was developed, and initial population of the database was undertaken by the Secretariat. A copy of the draft database will be made available by email ahead of the Joint CC-SC WG for initial testing and will be available online here [\[ADD URL\]](#).

This agenda item will provide an opportunity for the intersessional working group to provide an update on progress made during the September meeting [Document [IWC/M18/CCSC/XX](#)] and for

the Working Group to review the draft database and make recommendations for improvement [Document IWC/M18/CCSC/XX].

- i. Database fields
- ii. Categories used for each field
- iii. Search functionality of database and data outputs

5. Data entry, review and use

The Joint CC-SC WG is tasked with facilitating the communication, implementation, and follow-up of conservation recommendations. This agenda item will allow for discussion of how conservation recommendations will be communicated appropriately and how their implementation can be assessed [Document IWC/M18/CCSC/XX].

- i. Process and timelines for initial data entry and validation
- ii. Process for communication of recommendations to relevant audiences
- iii. Process and timelines for review of implementation of recommendations, and associated database updates

6. Language used in recommendations

At IWC66 the Commission endorsed a recommendation from the Conservation Committee that the Joint SC-CC WG work with the existing Scientific Committee process (being undertaken by the SC Chair, Vice-Chair, Head of Science and convenors) to develop guidelines for both reports on the drafting of clear and focussed stand-alone recommendations that highlight rationale/context, objectives and actors. It agreed that the guidelines should also address consistency in language. This agenda item will discuss a progress report from the Chair of the Scientific Committee and an update from the latest Conservation Committee Planning Group meeting, to be held on the previous day [Document IWC/M18/CCSC/XX].

7. Future work plan and report to Commission of the Joint Conservation Committee and Scientific Working Group

This agenda item will allow for discussion on the future work plan and Terms of Reference of the Joint CC-SC WG, any resources needed, and how the Working Group recommendations will be presented to the Commission and its committees.

8. Any other business

Southern Ocean Sanctuary Management Plan - this agenda item will include a brief update from Australia on the SOS management plan.

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.