

Summary of the 2020 Financial Contributions Calculation¹

1. At each Biennial Meeting the Commission adopts a budget for the forthcoming two-year period. This budget contains a figure for the total annual income due from Contracting Governments. The adopted budget for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2020 is given in Note 1 below.
2. The contribution due from each Contracting Government is allocated in two stages. During the first stage an initial financial contribution is calculated by allocating shares to each Government for:
 - Membership
 - The number of delegates at the most recent Biennial Meeting
 - Whaling activities

Note 2 outlines the procedure for allocating these shares.

3. The total budgeted income from Contracting Governments is then divided by the total number of shares issued and a first stage financial contribution is calculated for each Contracting Government.
4. The second part of the calculation takes the first stage totals and modifies them by placing each country into one of 4 'Capacity to Pay' groupings (Tables 2 and 3). These groups are defined by thresholds for Gross National Income (GNI) and Gross National Income per Capita (GNI per capita) with the lowest capacity to pay countries being allocated to Group 1 and the highest to Group 4. An exception is made for very small countries (population below 100,000) which are placed in Group 2.
5. The thresholds for GNI and GNI per capita are adjusted each year to account for global inflation and the allocation of Contracting Governments to Capacity to Pay groups is also updated using the most recent data available from the World Bank for each country. Note 3 describes the annual revision to thresholds and updated allocations of Contracting Governments to each group.
6. Having been allocated to a Capacity to Pay Group, the intermediate contributions due from the lowest Capacity to Pay Group countries (Group 1) are reduced by 62.5% and the intermediate contributions from the next lowest Capacity to Pay countries (Group 2) are reduced by 32.5%. Note 4 describes these reductions.
7. This procedure results in a cash shortfall, which is redistributed as follows:
 - Whaling countries – 10%
 - Group 3 countries – 30%
 - Group 4 countries – 60%

This cash shortfall is added to the individual first stage totals already calculated for these groups. The reallocations are shown as part of Table 1.

8. This results in a final figure for the financial contribution due from each Contracting Government and an invoice is issued along with a statement of any outstanding payments from previous financial years.
9. Payment terms and procedures for dealing with arrears of contributions are defined in the Commission's Financial Regulations E (Contributions) and F (Arrears of Contributions).

¹ The procedure for calculating financial contributions was developed between IWC 54 in 2002 and IWC 62 in 2010, during which time it was referred to as an 'interim measure'. The interim measure was formally adopted by the Commission at IWC 64 in 2012.

Table 1: Financial Contributions Calculations for the financial year 1st January – 31st December 2020

		Membership Shares	Whaling Type	Whaling Share	Meeting attendance ¹		Total Shares	1st Stage Totals £	Capacity to Pay Group	Reduction Stage 1	Reduction Stage 2	Reduction £	Add-on Whaling	Add-on Group 3	Add-on Group 4	2020 £
					Delegates	Shares										
1	Antigua and Barbuda	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
2	Argentina	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
3	Australia	2	0	0	8	3	5	29,796	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	35,314
4	Austria	2	0	0	3	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
5	Belgium	2	0	0	3	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
6	Belize	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	1	(5,959)	(1,490)	(7,449)	-	-	-	4,469
7	Benin	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
8	Brazil	2	0	0	6	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
9	Bulgaria	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
10	Cambodia	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
11	Cameroon	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
12	Chile	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
13	China, P.R of	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	2	(2,980)	(894)	(3,873)	-	-	-	8,045
14	Colombia	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
15	Congo, Rep	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	1	(5,959)	(1,490)	(7,449)	-	-	-	4,469
16	Costa Rica	2	0	0	4	2	4	23,837	2	(5,959)	(1,788)	(7,747)	-	-	-	16,090
17	Cote d'Ivoire	2	0	0	3	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
18	Croatia	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
19	Cyprus	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
20	Czech Republic	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396

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					Delegates	Shares										
21	Denmark	2	AS	2	5	2	6	35,755	3	-	-	-	8,829	5,518	-	50,102
22	Dominica	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	1	(5,959)	(1,490)	(7,449)	-	-	-	4,469
23	Dominican Republic	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
24	Ecuador	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
25	Eritrea	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	1	(5,959)	(1,490)	(7,449)	-	-	-	4,469
26	Estonia	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	17,436
27	Finland	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
28	France	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	4	-	-	-	-	-	44,143	62,021
29	Gabon	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
30	Gambia, The	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	1	(5,959)	(1,490)	(7,449)	-	-	-	4,469
31	Germany	2	0	0	4	2	4	23,837	4	-	-	-	-	-	44,143	67,980
32	Ghana	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
33	Grenada	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
34	Guinea	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
35	Guinea-Bissau	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	1	(5,959)	(1,490)	(7,449)	-	-	-	4,469
36	Hungary	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	2	(2,980)	(894)	(3,873)	-	-	-	8,045
37	Iceland	2	LS/ST	3	3	1	6	35,755	3	-	-	-	8,829	5,518	-	50,102
38	India	2	0	0	3	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
39	Ireland	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
40	Israel	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
41	Italy	2	0	0	4	2	4	23,837	4	-	-	-	-	-	44,143	67,980

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42	Kenya	2	0	0	3	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
43	Kiribati	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
44	Korea, Rep of	2	0	0	7	2	4	23,837	4	-	-	-	-	-	44,143	67,980
45	Lao PDR	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
46	Liberia	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
47	Lithuania	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
48	Luxembourg	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
49	Mali	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	2	(2,980)	(894)	(3,873)	-	-	-	8,045
50	Marshall Islands	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
51	Mauritania	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
52	Mexico	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
53	Monaco	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
54	Mongolia	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
55	Morocco	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
56	Nauru	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
57	Netherlands	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
58	New Zealand	2	0	0	4	2	4	23,837	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	29,355
59	Nicaragua	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
60	Norway	2	LS/ST	3	7	2	7	41,715	3	-	-	-	8,829	5,518	-	56,061
61	Oman	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
62	Palau	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067

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					Delegates	Shares										
63	Panama	2	0	0	3	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
64	Peru	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
65	Poland	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
66	Portugal	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
67	Romania	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	2	(2,980)	(894)	(3,873)	-	-	-	8,045
68	Russian Federation	2	AS	2	7	2	6	35,755	2	(8,939)	(2,682)	(11,620)	8,829	-	-	32,963
69	San Marino	2	0	0	0	0	2	11,918	2	(2,980)	(894)	(3,873)	-	-	-	8,045
70	Sao Tome & Principe	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
71	Senegal	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
72	Slovak Republic	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
73	Slovenia	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
74	Solomon Islands	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
75	South Africa	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
76	Spain	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
77	St Kitts and Nevis	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
78	St Vincent & The Grenadines	2	n/a	0	2	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
79	St. Lucia	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
80	Suriname	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
81	Sweden	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
82	Switzerland	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396

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					Delegates	Shares										
83	Tanzania	2	0	0	3	1	3	17,878	2	(4,469)	(1,341)	(5,810)	-	-	-	12,067
84	Togo	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
85	Tuvalu	2	0	0	1	1	3	17,878	1	(8,939)	(2,235)	(11,174)	-	-	-	6,704
86	United Kingdom	2	0	0	8	3	5	29,796	4	-	-	-	-	-	44,143	73,939
87	Uruguay	2	0	0	2	1	3	17,878	3	-	-	-	-	5,518	-	23,396
88	USA	2	AS	2	13	3	7	41,715	4	-	-	-	8,829	-	44,143	94,686
		176		12	182	90	278	1,656,663		(347,124)	(94,305)	(441,429)	44,143	132,429	264,857	1,656,663

Redistributed Amounts Reconciliation:

Amount for redistribution:	441,429
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				Number in group
Whaling redistribution total:	£	44,143	10%	5
Group 3 redistribution total:	£	132,429	30%	24
Group 4 redistribution total:	£	264,857	60%	6
Amount to reconcile:	£	441,429		

Table 2: Data for GNI and GNI per Capita for all Contracting Governments

Contracting Government	2018 GNI, Atlas Method (USD\$ Billions)	2018 GNI per Capita, Atlas Method (USD\$)	Capacity to Pay Group	Contracting Government	2018 GNI, Atlas Method (USD\$ Billions)	2018 GNI per Capita, Atlas Method (USD\$)	Capacity to Pay Group
Antigua and Barbuda	1.52	15,810	2	Lao PDR	17.40	2,460	2
Argentina	550.33	12,370	2	Liberia	2.91	600	1
Australia	1,329.35	53,190	3	Lithuania	48.44	17,360	3
Austria	435.69	49,250	3	Luxembourg	47.29	77,820	3
Belgium	518.96	45,430	3	Mali	15.89	830	2
Belize	1.81	4,720	1	Marshall Islands	0.28	4,740	1
Benin	10.02	870	1	Mauritania	5.22	1,190	1
Brazil	1,915.28	9,140	2	Mexico	1,157.97	9,180	2
Bulgaria	62.26	8,860	2	Monaco*	-	-	2
Cambodia	22.48	1,380	2	Mongolia	11.36	3,580	1
Cameroon	36.37	1,440	2	Morocco	113.12	3,090	2
Chile	274.75	14,670	2	Nauru	0.14	11,240	1
China, P.R of	13,184.12	9,470	2	Netherlands	883.58	51,280	3
Colombia	307.42	6,190	2	New Zealand	199.42	40,820	3
Congo, Rep	8.61	1,640	1	Nicaragua	13.12	2,030	1
Costa Rica	57.57	11,510	2	Norway	429.35	80,790	3
Cote d'Ivoire	40.42	1,610	2	Oman	73.00	15,110	3
Croatia	56.57	13,830	2	Palau	0.30	16,910	2
Cyprus	22.85	26,300	3	Panama	60.02	14,370	2
Czech Republic	215.20	20,250	3	Peru	208.92	6,530	2
Denmark	348.66	60,140	3	Poland	537.57	14,150	2
Dominica	0.52	7,210	1	Portugal	222.95	21,680	3
Dominican Republic	78.28	7,370	2	Romania	219.92	11,290	2
Ecuador	104.51	6,120	2	Russian Federation	1,501.66	10,230	2
Eritrea	6.70	720	1	San Marino	1.57	51,810	2
Estonia	27.72	20,990	3	Sao Tome and Principe	0.40	1,890	1
Finland	263.87	47,820	3	Senegal	22.39	1,410	2
France	2,751.42	41,070	4	Slovak Republic	99.82	18,330	3
Gabon	14.41	6,800	1	Slovenia	51.00	24,670	3
Gambia, The	1.60	700	1	Solomon Islands	1.31	2,000	1
Germany	3,934.67	47,450	4	South Africa	330.75	5,720	2
Ghana	63.36	2,130	2	Spain	1,376.13	29,450	3
Grenada	1.09	9,780	1	St Kitts and Nevis	0.98	18,640	2
Guinea	10.31	830	1	St Vincent & The Grenadines	0.88	7,940	1
Guinea-Bissau	1.40	750	1	St. Lucia	1.72	9,460	1
Hungary	142.53	14,590	2	Suriname	2.88	4,990	1
Iceland	24.03	67,950	3	Sweden	560.77	55,070	3
India	2,733.52	2,020	2	Switzerland	711.81	83,580	3
Ireland	288.12	59,360	3	Tanzania	55.98	1,020	2
Israel	362.90	40,850	3	Togo	5.10	650	1
Italy	2,028.07	33,560	4	Tuvalu	0.06	5,430	1
Kenya	83.06	1,620	2	United Kingdom	2,747.84	41,330	4
Kiribati	0.36	3,140	1	Uruguay	53.97	15,650	3
Korea, Rep of	1,580.11	30,600	4	USA	20,562.62	62,850	4

Table 3: Allocation to Capacity to Pay Groups

Group 1 GNI less than USD \$15.101bn and GNI per capita less than USD \$15,101	Group 2 GNI greater than USD \$15.101bn and GNI per capita less than USD \$15,101 or 'Very Small Country'* and GNI less than USD \$7.55bn and GNI per capita greater than USD \$ 15,101)	Group 3 GNI less than USD \$15.101bn and GNI per capita greater than USD \$15,101	Group 4 GNI greater than USD \$15.101bn and GNI per capita greater than USD \$15,101
Belize Benin Congo, Rep Dominica Eritrea Gabon Gambia, The Grenada Guinea Guinea-Bissau Kiribati Liberia Marshall Islands Mauritania Mongolia Nauru Nicaragua Sao Tome & Principe Solomon Islands St Vincent & The Grenadines St. Lucia Suriname Togo Tuvalu	Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Brazil Bulgaria Cambodia Cameroon Chile China, P.R of Colombia Costa Rica Cote d'Ivoire Croatia Dominican Republic Ecuador Ghana Hungary India Kenya Lao PDR Mali Mexico Monaco Morocco Palau Panama Peru Poland Romania Russian Federation San Marino Senegal South Africa St Kitts and Nevis Tanzania	Australia Austria Belgium Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland Iceland Ireland Israel Lithuania Luxembourg Netherlands New Zealand Norway Oman Portugal Slovak Republic Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland Uruguay	France Germany Italy Korea, Rep of United Kingdom USA
24	34	24	6

*'Very Small Countries' are defined as those with a population of fewer than 100,000.

Note 1 – Budget for the Financial Year 2020

At the 2018 IWC 67 meeting in Florianopolis, Brazil, the Commission confirmed that Contracting Government financial contributions would be frozen in 2019 and 2020. A deficit budget was set for 2020 as shown in the table below.

The budget indicates that total contributions due from Contracting Governments during the 2020 financial year are to be set at **£1,656,663**.

	2020 Budget	Line Reference
INCOME		
Financial Contributions	(1,656,663)	1
Observer Registration Fees	(42,100)	2
Interest on Financial Contributions	(4,900)	3
Interest Receivable on Cash Balances	(5,400)	4
TOTAL INCOME	(1,709,063)	5
EXPENDITURE		
Staffing Costs Subtotal	933,571	6
Staff Benefits Subtotal	45,100	7
Travel Subtotal	22,640	8
Professional/Consultancy Fees Subtotal	15,600	9
Secretariat Running Costs Subtotal	56,073	10
Information Technology Subtotal	71,837	11
Meetings Subtotal	321,300	12
Bank Charges, Depreciation & Provisions Subtotal	84,900	13
Scientific Committee - Research Budget	225,418	14
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,776,439	15
TOTAL DEFICIT	67,376	16

Note 2: Allocation of shares for membership, attendance at the biennial meeting and whaling activities.

Shares are allocated as follows:

Membership		2 Shares
Whaling	Land Station/Small Type	3 Shares (LS/ST)
	Aboriginal Subsistence	2 Shares (AS)
	Factory Ship	2 Shares (FS)
Meeting Attendance	1-3 Delegates	1 Share
	4-7 Delegates	2 Shares
	8-13 Delegates	3 Shares
	14-22 Delegates	4 Shares
	23 + Delegates	5 Shares

Whaling Shares

Whaling shares are allocated on the basis of the catch in the season immediately preceding the financial year for which the contributions are to be calculated.

Whaling shares for land station/small type whaling and for aboriginal whaling are allocated for any number of those operations conducted by a Contracting Government except that shares for aboriginal subsistence whaling shall not be allocated in cases where catches in any five-year period do not exceed 20 animals.² For factory ship operations, the shares are allocated per vessel.³

Meeting Attendance

Meeting attendances is based on the number of delegates attending the Biennial Meeting immediately preceding the financial year for which contributions are to be calculated. Interpreters and support staff are not included in delegations for the purposes of calculating contributions.⁴

A host government is allowed to have a number of additional delegates per share as outlined in the table below at a) the meeting before the one it hosts and b) at the meeting that it hosts. This applies to all host governments, regardless of their capacity to pay group. The number of shares for a host government is as follows:⁵

1-6 Delegates	1 Share
7-10 Delegates	2 Shares
11-16 Delegates	3 Shares
17-25 Delegates	4 Shares
25 + Delegates	5 Shares

The Chair of the IWC is not counted in his/her delegation for the purposes of allocating meeting shares.⁶

Note 3. Procedure for the annual revision of capacity to pay thresholds and the allocation of Contracting Governments to each group

Contracting Governments are allocated into capacity to pay groups dependent upon Gross National Income (GNI) and Gross National Income per capita (GNIPc). The thresholds for the capacity to pay groups are adjusted each year to take account of global inflation. Table 4 indicates the thresholds used for the 2020 classification and the two previous financial years for comparison.

² See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2010 page 36.

³ See Reports of the International Whaling Commission 32 page 37, 41 page 43 and 42 page 42.

⁴ See Report of the International Whaling Commission 42 page 50.

⁵ See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2007 page 61.

⁶ See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2002 page 48.

Table 4: Revision of thresholds for the capacity to pay groups

Economic Data and Capacity to Pay Groups 2020 (USD)						
Group 1	GNI	< 15.101 billion	And	GNIpc	< 15,101	24
Group 2	GNI	> 15.101 billion	And	GNIpc	< 15,101	34
Group 3	GNI	< 1,510.1 billion	And	GNIpc	> 15,101	24
Group 4	GNI	> 1,510.1 billion	And	GNIpc	> 15,101	6
					Total	88

Economic Data and Capacity to Pay Groups 2019 (USD)						
Group 1	GNI	< 14.730 billion	And	GNIpc	< 14,730	26
Group 2	GNI	> 14.730 billion	And	GNIpc	< 14,730	33
Group 3	GNI	< 1,473.0 billion	And	GNIpc	> 14,730	23
Group 4	GNI	> 1,473.0 billion	And	GNIpc	> 14,730	7
					Total	89

Economic Data and Capacity to Pay Groups 2018 (USD)						
Group 1	GNI	< 14.489 billion	And	GNIpc	< 14,489	25
Group 2	GNI	> 14.489 billion	And	GNIpc	< 14,489	31
Group 3	GNI	< 1,448.9 billion	And	GNIpc	> 14,489	25
Group 4	GNI	> 1,448.9 billion	And	GNIpc	> 14,489	6
					Total	87

Allocation of Contracting Governments to capacity to pay groups

The data for GNI and GNIpc is obtained from the World Bank and allocation to capacity to pay group for each contracting Government are given in Tables 2 and 3. The data for GNI and GNI per capita is from the World Bank as at 9 September 2019.

Contracting Governments meeting the definition of a 'Very Small Country' will be placed into capacity to pay Group 2. These countries are defined in terms of their population size in addition to their GNI/GNIpc.⁷ The thresholds for defining very small countries are updated annually⁸ and these updates are given in Table 5.

Table 5: Annual Update of Defining Characteristics of a Very Small Country

	2020	2019	2018
Population size of	100,000	100,000	100,000
AND GNI USD Billion	< 7.550	< 7.370	< 7.250
AND GNIpc USD	> 15,101	> 14,730	> 14,489

Note 4: Calculation of the Reduction for Contracting Governments in Capacity to Pay Groups 1 and 2.

The first stage of contributions identified in Table 1 are reduced for Contracting Governments in capacity to pay groups 1 and 2 by 62.5% and 32.5% respectively. These amounts were agreed at IWC 54 during discussion on document IWC/54/59, which stated that the reductions should take place as a two-stage process.

During the first stage of the process, Group 1 country payments are reduced by 50%, and during the second stage, a further 25%, resulting in a total reduction of 62.5% overall.

Group 2 country payments are reduced by 25% in the initial stage, and then by a further 10%, resulting in a total reduction of 32.5% overall.

⁷ See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2005 page 56.

⁸ See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2008 page 44.