

Annex R

E-mail Correspondence Groups and Terms of Reference

Group	Terms of Reference	Membership
(1) Catch data (Working Group)	Finalise catch series for Soviet Southern Hemisphere operations.	Allison (Convenor), Bannister, Best, Brownell, Clapham, Cooke, Donovan, Findlay, Reeves, Smith.
(2) Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Management Procedure (Steering Group)	Continue progress towards development of an AWMP.	Donovan (Convenor), Allison, Breiwick, Butterworth, Cooke, DeMaster, Dereksdóttir, George, Givens, Holloway, Pamplin, Punt, Schweder, Walløe, Witting, Zeh.
(3) Greenland abundance estimates from genetic data (Steering Group)	Review available genetic data for West Greenland common minke and fin whales. Suggest appropriate stock structure analyses and investigate use for obtaining abundance estimates.	Waples (Convenor), Andersen, Bérubé, Daniélsdóttir, Donovan, Palsbøll, Witting.
(4) Use of sex ratio data in assessments (Steering Group)	Fully investigate the sex ratio data for minke whales <i>inter alia</i> to determine whether it can be used to obtain at least a minimum estimate for the total stock, be incorporated into an assessment model (or models) and form the basis of the SLA	Witting (Convenor), Butterworth, Dereksdóttir, Donovan, Givens, Punt, Schweder.
(5) Western North Pacific Bryde's whale workshop (Steering Group)	Prepare for second intersessional Workshop to review the results of conditioning and finalise the <i>Implementation Simulation Trials</i> .	Kawahara (Convenor), Allison, Butterworth, Donovan, Hatanaka, Punt, Polacheck, Walløe.
(6) CLA trials (Working group)	Specify additional trials for testing amendments to the CLA	Allison (Convenor), Butterworth, Cooke, Donovan, Hammond, Kawahara, Punt, Walløe.
(7) North Atlantic fin whale (Working Group)	Interpretation of P -values when F_{st} is very small for North Atlantic fin whales.	Palsbøll (Convenor), Skaug, Kitakado, Butterworth, Daniélsdóttir, Pastene.
(8) MSY rates (Working group)	Plan the review of MSY rates.	Cooke (Convenor), Best, Butterworth, Gunnlaugsson, Hatanaka, Polacheck, Punt, Schweder, Tanaka, Wade.
(9) Validation of sequences in GenBank and other repositories (Working Group)	Continue with the development of plans for sequence validation.	Pastene (Convenor), Baker, Goto, LeDuc, Perrin, Rowles.
(10) Testing of Spatial Structure Models (Steering Group)	Oversee development of simulations and testing of methods for TOSSM.	Bravington, Donovan, Gaggiotti, Jackson, Kitakado, Martien, Punt, Taylor, Tiedemann, Waples.
(11) Bycatch (Working Group)	Continue work on simulations for testing market sampling and work towards holding the Phase II Workshop on the use of market sampling to estimate bycatch.	Berggren, Donovan, Hammond, Perrin, Zeh.
(12) Scientific Permits (Working Groups)	Improve the SP review process.	DeMaster (Convenor), Bass, Childerhouse, Bjørge, Palka, Brownell, Morishita, Gedamke.
(13) JARPA (Steering Group)	Finalise planning for the JARPA review meeting	Zeh (Convenor), Bannister, Brownell, Childerhouse, Donovan, Fujise, Gales, Hatanaka, Pastene, Schweder.
(14) SOWER planning (Steering Group)	Complete the planning of the 2006/07 SOWER cruise.	Kato (Convenor), Bannister, Best, Bravington, Brownell, Childerhouse, Clark, Donovan, Ensor, Hedley, Palka.
(15) Catch-at-age analyses (Working Group)	Continue the work on Antarctic minke whales.	Polacheck (Convenor), Butterworth, Cooke, Leaper, Mori, Punt.
(16) Analysis methods (Working Group)	(1) assist the analysis by developing what should be presented; (2) further develop factors to simulate.	Palka (Convenor), Branch, Bravington, Burt, Butterworth, Cooke, Okamura, Kitakado, Hedley, Peel.
(17) Abundance estimates and sea ice extent changes (Working Group)	(1) collaboration between the sea ice experts and abundance analysts to obtain abundance estimates by 10° longitudinal slices for the new abundance estimation methods (obtaining these estimates using the standard method may be extremely time consuming), (2) provide information about sea ice extent so it could be included as a covariate in abundance estimation, (3) examine hypotheses that could explain if, and how, a change in sea ice extent might be related to the abundance estimates.	Shimada (co-Convenor), Palka (co-Convenor), Branch, Bravington, Burt, Butterworth, Cooke, Hedley, Murase, Okamura, Thiele
(18) Climate change (Steering Group)	Further develop the agenda and investigate practical arrangements for an intersessional Workshop on climate change.	Rojas-Bracho (Convenor), Bass, DeMaster, Fossi, Leaper, Rebecca, Moore, S., Parsons, Reilly, Simmonds, Stachowitsch, Rowles.

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(19) Arctic issues (Working Group)	Progress report on sea ice analysis. Planning and coordination of IWC participation in IPY and in 2 nd ICARPII.	Moore (Convenor), Belikov, Belkovich, Bogoslovskaya, Born, Brownell, DeMaster, Donovan, Friday, Krahn, Lyrholm, Melnikov, O'Hara, Pamplin, Perry, Rojas-Bracho, Rowles, Simmonds, Suydam, Urban, Vikingsson.
(20) State of Cetacean Environment Report (Working Group)	Collate information for development of the SOCER report.	Rose/Stachowitsch (Convenors), Borsani, Clark, E., Clark, C., DeMaster, Findlay, Fortuna, Fossi, Gill, Gordon, Krahn, Lauriano, Moore, Parsons, Perry, Reijnders, Rowles, Simmonds, Slooten, Thiele.
(21) POLLUTION 2000+ (Steering Group)	Plan intersessional Workshop for phase II of POLLUTION 2000+.	Reijnders (Convenor), Aguilar, Bjørge, Donovan, Hall, O'Hara, Rowles, Siebert, Wells.
(22) Southern Ocean Collaboration (Steering Group)	Planning and coordination of IWC participation with CCAMLR, SO-GLOBEC and ICCED.	Thiele (Convenor), Brownell, Borchers, Childerhouse, Donovan, Ensor, Fortuna, Friday, Hedley, Kock, Leaper, Moore, Murase, Palka, Reilly, Rogan, Shimada, van Waerebeek.
(23) Workshop on krill predators (Steering Group)	Make preparations for a joint CAMLR/IWC Workshop on krill predators.	DeMaster (Convenor) Bjørge, Butterworth, Hedley, Kock, Rebecca Leaper, Mori, Murase, Polacheck.
(24) Southern Hemisphere blue whales (Working Group)	(1) Summarise current knowledge by population or management area; (2) identify any major gaps in knowledge; (3) establish priorities for research to fill these gaps.	Bannister (Convenor), Best, Branch, Brownell, Butterworth, Carlson, Clapham, Donovan, Ensor, Findlay, Galletti, Gill, Huckle-Gaete, Kato, Matsuoka, Moore, Nishiwaki, Olson, Rosenbaum, Zerbini.
(25) Platforms of Opportunity (POP) of potential value to the SC (Working Group)	Identify data sources from Platforms of Opportunity (POP) of potential value to the Scientific Committee.	Robbins (Convenor), Bejder, Bolanos, Carlson, Fortuna, Gallego, Galletti, Gamboa, Iñiguez, Mattila, Palazzo, Parsons, Ritter, Simmonds, M., Urban, Weinrich, Williams, R.
(26) Whalewatching data collection (Working Group)	Improvement of data collection from whalewatching operations.	Simmonds, M. (Convenor), Bejder, Carlson, Lusseau, Parsons, Robbins, Williams, R.
(27) Swim-with-whale (SWW) operations (Working Group)	Further develop a questionnaire and improved methodologies to assess the extent and potential impact of SWW operations.	Rose (Convenor), Parsons, Simmonds, M., Weinrich.
(28) Planning whalewatching research	Strategic planning of large-scale whalewatching research.	Lusseau (Convenor), Bejder, Carlson, Fortuna, Parsons, Robbins, Williams, R.
(29) Diseases symposium (Steering Group)	Develop agenda, identify papers and participants for the diseases symposium.	Rowles (Chair), Gallego, Mazzariol, Moore, O'Hara, Parsons, Podesta, Reijnders, Rojas-Bracho, Rosa, Rosenbaum, Simmonds, Stachowitsch, Van Waerebeek.
(30) Vessel strike data standardisation (Working Group)	Develop a process by which [vessel strike] data provided from a range of sources could be stored in a database in a standardised way that clearly identified the level of uncertainty in the data.	Van Waerebeek (Convenor), Brownell, Funahashi, Gallego, Iñiguez, Lauriano, Leaper, Mattila, Panigada, Podesta, Ritter, Rowles, de Stephanis, Weinrich.
(31) North Pacific sei whale assessment (Working Group)	To prepare recommendations for the conduct of an in-depth assessment of North Pacific sei whales and identify relevant papers, data sources, required extractions or analyses and experts required.	Cook (Convenor), Butterworth, Baker, Kato, Pastene, Walløe, Brownell.
(32) Emergency response Task force	(1) standardise protocols to facilitate investigation of events that may potentially result from anthropogenic effects; (2) get experts and advice to locations where carcasses need to be swiftly investigated; (3) obtain advance notice of potentially relevant acoustic events.	Fernandez (Convenor), Brownell, Jepson, Moore, M., Podesta, Rogan, Rojas-Bracho, Rose, Rowles, van Waerebeek, Wang.