

Annex B1

Scientific Committee Agenda Madeira, Portugal, 31st May – 12th June 2009

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS
 - 1.1 Chair's welcome and opening remarks
 - 1.2 Appointment of rapporteurs
 - 1.3 Meeting procedures and time schedule
 - 1.4 Establishment of sub-committees and working groups
 - 1.5 Computing arrangements
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
3. REVIEW OF AVAILABLE DATA, DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS
 - 3.1 Documents submitted
 - 3.2 National Progress Reports on research
 - 3.3 Data collection, storage and manipulation
 - 3.3.1 Catch data and other statistical material
 - 3.3.2 Progress of data coding projects
 - 3.3.3 Progress on program verification projects
 - 3.3.4 Archiving of simulated datasets to test abundance estimation methods
4. COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS
 - 4.1 Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)
 - 4.1.1 Scientific Council
 - 4.1.2 Conference of Parties
 - 4.1.3 Agreement on Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas (ASCOBANS)
 - 4.1.4 Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS)
 - 4.1.5 Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of the Manatees and Small Cetaceans of Western Africa and Macronesia
 - 4.2 International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
 - 4.3 Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)
 - 4.4 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
 - 4.5 Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
 - 4.6 Southern Ocean GLOBEC
 - 4.7 North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO)
 - 4.8 International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - 4.9 FAO – Committee on Fisheries (COFI)
 - 4.10 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)
 - 4.11 North Pacific Marine Science Organisation (PICES)
 - 4.12 Eastern Caribbean Cetacean Commission (ECCO)
 - 4.13 Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) of the Cartagena Convention for the Wider Caribbean
 - 4.14 Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)
 - 4.15 Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS)
 - 4.16 International Maritime Organization (IMO)
 - 4.17 Other
5. REVISED MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (RMP) – GENERAL ISSUES
 - 5.1 Review MSY rates
 - 5.2 Finalise the approach for evaluating proposed amendments to the CLA
 - 5.3 Work plan
6. RMP – PREPARATIONS FOR *IMPLEMENTATION*
 - 6.1 Western North Pacific Bryde's whales
 - 6.1.1 Complete *Implementation*
 - 6.1.2 Recommendations
 - 6.2 North Atlantic fin whales
 - 6.2.1 Complete *Implementation*
 - 6.2.2 Recommendations
 - 6.3 North Atlantic common minke whales
 - 6.3.1 Complete the *Implementation Review*
 - 6.3.2 Recommendations
 - 6.4 North Pacific common minke whales (RMP/NPM)
 - 6.4.1 Develop an inventory of the new data available and review progress
 - 6.4.2 Recommendations
 - 6.5 Work plan
7. ESTIMATION OF BYCATCH AND OTHER HUMAN-INDUCED MORTALITY (BC)
 - 7.1 Collaboration with FAO on collation of relevant fisheries data
 - 7.2 Progress on joining the Fisheries Resource Monitoring System (FIRMS)
 - 7.3 Estimation of bycatch mortality of large whales
 - 7.4 Estimation of risk and rates of entanglement
 - 7.5 Review progress on including information in National Progress Reports
 - 7.6 Review methods to estimate mortality from ship strikes
 - 7.7 Continue to develop global database of ship strike incidents
 - 7.8 Other issues
 - 7.8.1 Continue to consider methods for assessing mortality from acoustic sources
 - 7.8.2 Continue to consider methods for assessing mortality from marine debris
 - 7.9 Work plan
8. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (AWMP)
 - 8.1 Complete work on sex ratio methods for common minke whales off West Greenland
 - 8.2 Conduct *Implementation Review* for eastern North Pacific gray whales
 - 8.4 Continue work on developing SLAs for the Greenland fisheries

- 8.5 Consider lessons learned from the bowhead whale *Implementation Review*
- 8.6 Work plan
- 9. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING MANAGEMENT ADVICE
 - 9.1 Eastern Canada and West Greenland bowhead whales (BRG)
 - 9.1.1 Assess stock structure and abundance of Eastern Canada and West Greenland bowhead whales
 - 9.1.2 Review recent catch information
 - 9.1.3 Management advice
 - 9.2 Eastern North Pacific gray whales (BRG)
 - 9.2.1 Provide information to the SWG on AWMP for *Implementation Review*
 - 9.2.2 Review of recent catch information
 - 9.2.3 Management advice
 - 9.3 Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas Bowhead whale (BRG)
 - 9.3.1 Review catch information and new scientific information
 - 9.3.2 Management advice
 - 9.4 Common minke whale stocks off Greenland (AWMP)
 - 9.4.1 New information
 - 9.4.2 Sex-ratio based assessment of common minke whales
 - 9.4.3 Management advice
 - 9.5 Fin whales off West Greenland (AWMP)
 - 9.5.1 New information
 - 9.5.2 Management advice
 - 9.6 Humpback whales off West Greenland (AWMP)
 - 9.6.1 New information and assessment
 - 9.6.2 Management advice
 - 9.7 Humpback whales off St. Vincent and The Grenadines (AWMP)
 - 9.7.1 New information
 - 9.7.2 Management advice
 - 9.8 Work plan
- 10. WHALE STOCKS
 - 10.1 Antarctic minke whales (IA)
 - 10.1.1 Produce agreed abundance estimates of Antarctic minke whales using IDCR/SOWER data
 - 10.1.2 Conduct an analysis of ageing errors that could be used in catch-at-age analyses
 - 10.1.3 Continue development of the catch-at-age models
 - 10.1.4 Continue to examine the difference between abundance estimates from CPII and CPIII
 - 10.1.5 Work plan
 - 10.2 Western North Pacific common minke whales (NPM) [N]
 - 10.2.1 Conclude discussion on stock structure in the Sea of Japan
 - 10.2.2 Consider new information on J-stock animals along the Pacific coast of Japan
 - 10.2.3 Integrate information from abundance estimates with the assumption of $g(0)=1$ in surveyed areas
 - 10.2.4 Work plan
 - 10.3 Southern Hemisphere humpback whales (SH)
 - 10.3.1 Breeding stocks B and C
 - 10.3.2 Other
 - 10.3.3 Work plan
 - 10.4 Continue assessment of Southern Hemisphere blue whales (SH)
 - 10.4.1 New information
 - 10.4.2 Work plan
 - 10.5 Western North Pacific gray whales (BRG)
 - 10.5.1 Review any new information
 - 10.5.2 Work plan
 - 10.6 Southern Hemisphere right whales (BRG)
 - 10.6.1 Review any new information
 - 10.6.2 Work plan
 - 10.7 Other stocks of right whales and small stock of bowhead whales (BRG)
 - 10.7.1 Review any new information
 - 10.7.2 Work plan
 - 10.8 SOWER cruises (IA)
 - 10.8.1 General review of 2008/09 cruise
 - 10.8.2 Recommendations for 2009/10 cruise and short-term objectives
 - 10.8.3 Future of the SOWER programme
 - 10.9 Other
 - 10.9.1 Initiate planning of in-depth assessment of sei whales (IA)
- 11. STOCK DEFINITION (SD)
 - 11.1 Statistical and genetic issues related to stock definition
 - 11.2 Progress on the TOSSM project
 - 11.3 Criteria for unit-to-serve
 - 11.4 Work plan
- 12. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS (E)
 - 12.1 Review report from the Second Climate Change workshop
 - 12.2 Review progress in planning for the POLLUTION 2000+ Phase II
 - 12.3 Receive the State of the Cetacean Environment Report, SOCER
 - 12.4 Review report from CERD working group
 - 12.5 Other habitat related issues
 - 12.5.1 Review any new information on anthropogenic noise and cetaceans
 - 12.5.2 Review available new information on marine renewable energy and cetaceans
 - 12.6 Work plan
- 13. ECOSYSTEM MODELLING (EM)
 - 13.1 Review report from the Joint CCAMLR/IWC Workshop on modelling Antarctic krill predators
 - 13.2 Review models from JARPN II
 - 13.3 Work plan
- 14. SMALL CETACEANS (SM)
 - 14.1 Review taxonomy, population structure and status of common dolphins
 - 14.2 Review progress on previous recommendations
 - 14.3 Review takes of small cetaceans
 - 14.4 Work plan
- 15. WHALEWATCHING (WW)
 - 15.1 Discuss the proposal for a large-scale whalewatching experiment (LaWE)

- 15.2 Review whalewatching in Portugal (including Azores and Madeira), Canary Islands and Strait of Gibraltar
- 15.3 Assess the impact of whalewatching on cetaceans
- 15.4 Review reports of intersessional working groups
- 15.5 Other issues
 - 15.5.1 Consider information from platforms of opportunity of potential value to the Scientific Committee
 - 15.5.2 Review of whalewatching guidelines and regulations
 - 15.5.3 Review risks to cetaceans from collisions with whalewatching vessels
- 15.6 Work plan
- 16. DNA TESTING (DNA)
 - 16.1 Review genetic methods for species, stock and individual identification
 - 16.2 Review sequence validation and continue discussion of plans for sequence validation
 - 16.3 Collection and archiving of tissue samples from catches and bycatches
 - 16.4 Reference databases and standards for diagnostic DNA registries
 - 16.5 Work plan
- 17. SCIENTIFIC PERMITS (SP)
 - 17.1 Review of results from existing permits
 - 17.1.1 Review report from specialist workshop to evaluate results from JARPN II
 - 17.1.2 JARPA II
 - 17.1.3 Planning for a final review of results from Iceland – North Atlantic common minke whales
 - 17.2 Review of new or continuing proposals
 - 17.2.1 JARPA II
 - 17.2.2 JARPN II
 - 17.3 Evaluate the performance of the agreed procedure for reviewing scientific permit proposals
 - 17.4 Work plan
- 18. WHALE SANCTUARIES (S)
- 19. SOUTHERN OCEAN RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP
- 20. ACTIONS ARISING FROM INTERSESSIONAL REQUESTS FROM THE COMMISSION
- 21. RESEARCH AND WORKSHOP PROPOSALS AND RESULTS
 - 21.1 Review results from previously funded research proposals
 - 21.2 Review proposals for 2009/10
- 22. COMMITTEE PRIORITIES AND INITIAL AGENDA FOR THE 2010 MEETING
- 23. DATA PROCESSING AND COMPUTING NEEDS FOR 2009/10
- 24. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2009/10
- 25. WORKING METHODS OF THE COMMITTEE
- 26. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- 27. PUBLICATIONS
- 28. OTHER BUSINESS
- 29. ADOPTION OF REPORT