

Annex B1

Agenda

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 and computing tasks
4. Cooperation with other organisations
 - 4.1 Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)
 - 4.1.1 Scientific Council
 - 4.1.2 Agreement on Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas (ASCOBANS)
 - 4.1.3 Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS)
 - 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 (SO-GLOBEC)
 - 4.7 North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO)
 - 4.8 International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - 4.9 Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) related meetings – 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)
5. Revised Management Procedure (RMP) – general issues
 - 5.1 Review MSY rates, and if appropriate suggest changes to the plausible range
 - 5.1.1 Review the MSYR Workshop report
 - 5.1.2 Modelling MSY-related parameters under stochastic dynamics
 - 5.2 Finalise the process for reviewing proposals to amend the RMP
 - 5.3 Consideration of the Norwegian proposal to amend the RMP
 - 5.4 Work plan
6. RMP – preparations for *Implementation*
 - 6.1 Western North Pacific Bryde's whales
 - 6.1.1 Finalise abundance estimates for western North Pacific Bryde's whales
 - 6.1.2 Review of proposed research plan
 - 6.1.3 Recommendations
 - 6.1.4 Work plan
 - 6.2 North Atlantic fin whales
 - 6.2.1 Continue the *Implementation Process* for North Atlantic fin whales
 - 6.3 North Atlantic common minke whales
 - 6.3.1 Complete the *Implementation Review* for North Atlantic minke whales
 - 6.3.2 Recommendations
 - 6.4 North Pacific common minke whales
 - 6.5 Work plan
7. Estimation of bycatch and other human-induced mortality
 - 7.1 Estimate anthropogenic mortality from:
 - 7.1.1 Bycatch in fishery operations
 - 7.1.2 Entanglements
 - 7.1.3 Estimation of cetacean mortality from ship strikes
 - 7.1.4 Marine debris
 - 7.1.5 Mortality from acoustic

- sources
 - 7.1.6 Other sources
 - 7.2 Data collection, collation and sharing
 - 7.2.1 Collaboration with FAO
 - 7.2.2 Collaboration with ACCOBAMS on ship strikes
 - 7.2.3 Progress on developing a global IWC database of ship strikes
 - 7.3 Other issues
 - 7.3.1 Bycatch in longline fisheries
 - 7.3.2 Progress towards a second workshop on estimating bycatch through genetic market sampling
 - 7.4 Work plan
- 8. Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Management Procedure (AWMP)
 - 8.1 General consideration of the provision of *ad hoc* advice
 - 8.2 Development of long-term management advice for the Greenland fisheries
 - 8.3 Issues arising out of the bowhead whale *Implementation Review*
- 9. Aboriginal subsistence whaling management advice
 - 9.1 Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas (BCB) stock of bowhead whales
 - 9.1.1 New scientific information
 - 9.1.2 Review of recent catch information
 - 9.1.3 Management advice
 - 9.2 Eastern North Pacific stock of gray whales
 - 9.2.1 New scientific information
 - 9.2.2 Preparation for *Implementation Review* in 2009
 - 9.2.3 Review of recent catch information
 - 9.2.4 Management advice
 - 9.3 Common minke whale stocks off Greenland (AWMP)
 - 9.3.1 New information
 - 9.3.2 Sex ratio based assessment of common minke whales off West Greenland
 - 9.3.3 Management advice
 - 9.4 Fin whales off West Greenland
 - 9.4.1 New information
 - 9.4.2 Updated assessment
 - 9.4.3 Management advice
 - 9.5 Eastern Canada-West Greenland bowhead whales
 - 9.5.1 Review of stock structure and abundance of Eastern Canadian and West Greenland bowhead whales
- 9.5.2 Management advice
- 9.6 Humpback whales off West Greenland
 - 9.6.1 New information
 - 9.6.2 Assessment methods
 - 9.6.3 Management advice
- 9.7 Humpback whales off St. Vincent and The Grenadines
 - 9.7.1 Review of new information
 - 9.7.2 Management advice
- 9.8 Work plan
- 10. Whale stocks
 - 10.1 Antarctic minke whales (see Annex G)
 - 10.1.1 Abundance estimates of Antarctic minke whales using SOWER data
 - 10.1.2 Review reasons for (possibly area specific) differences between Antarctic minke whale abundance estimates from CPII and CPIII
 - 10.1.3 Other issues
 - 10.2 Southern Hemisphere humpback whales (SH)
 - 10.2.1 Assessment of Breeding Stocks B and C
 - 10.2.2 Other
 - 10.2.3 Work plan
 - 10.3 Assessment of Southern Hemisphere blue whales
 - 10.3.1 New information
 - 10.3.2 Assessment
 - 10.3.3 Work plan
 - 10.3.4 Blue whale photo-identification catalogue
 - 10.4 Southern Hemisphere right whales
 - 10.4.1 Australian and New Zealand Area
 - 10.4.2 South Africa Area
 - 10.4.3 South America area – east
 - 10.4.4 South America area – west
 - 10.5 SOWER cruises
 - 10.5.1 General review of 2007/08 cruises
 - 10.5.2 Proposal for 2008/09 cruise and short-term objectives
 - 10.5.3 Future of SOWER programme
 - 10.6 In-depth assessment of Western North Pacific common minke whales with a focus on J-stock (and see Annex G1)
 - 10.6.1 Stock structure
 - 10.6.2 Distribution and abundance
 - 10.6.3 Other
 - 10.6.4 Work plan
 - 10.7 Western North Pacific stock of gray whales
 - 10.7.1 New scientific information
 - 10.7.2 Conservation advice
 - 10.8 Other

- 10.8.1 North Atlantic right whales
- 10.8.2 North Pacific right whales
- 10.8.3 Small stocks of bowhead whales
- 10.8.4 Work plan
- 10.9 Progress towards a proposal for an in-depth assessment on North Pacific sei whales
- 10.10 Work plan and budget request
- 11. Stock definition
 - 11.1 Statistical and genetic issues related to stock definition
 - 11.2 Review of progress on the Testing of Spatial Structure Models (TOSSM) project
 - 11.3 Workplan
- 12. Environmental concerns
 - 12.1 Workshop on skin diseases in cetaceans in South America
 - 12.2 Planning for the 2nd Workshop on Climate Change
 - 12.3 Planning for POLLUTION+ Phase II
 - 12.4 Cetacean Emerging and Resurging Disease (CERD) Report
 - 12.5 State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER)
 - 12.6 Other habitat related issues
 - 12.6.1 New information on anthropogenic noise
 - 12.6.2 New information on marine renewable energy
 - 12.7 Work plan
- 13. Ecosystem modelling
 - 13.1 Planning for the Joint CCAMLR/IWC Workshop on modelling Antarctic krill predators
 - 13.2 Other issues
 - 13.2.1 Review and update relevant models
 - 13.3 Work plan
- 14. Small cetaceans
 - 14.1 Review of conservation issues regarding small cetaceans in the southeast Pacific
 - 14.1.1 Abundance and distribution
 - 14.1.2 Population structure
 - 14.1.3 Life history and ecology
 - 14.1.4 Habitat
 - 14.1.5 Directed takes
 - 14.1.6 Incidental takes
 - 14.1.7 Other
 - 14.1.8 Consideration of status and general recommendations
 - 14.2 Progress on previous recommendations
 - 14.2.1 Vaquita
 - 14.2.2 Harbour porpoise
 - 14.2.3 Franciscana
 - 14.2.4 Boto
 - 14.2.5 Dall's porpoise
 - 14.2.6 Hector's dolphins
 - 14.2.7 Killer whales
 - 14.2.8 Abundance estimates for offshore European Atlantic waters
 - 14.2.9 Abundance of cetaceans in the ACCOBAMS region
 - 14.2.10 Bycatch information
 - 14.2.11 Other information presented
- 14.3 Review of takes of small cetaceans
- 14.4 Consideration of revision of IWC cetacean list
 - 14.4.1 Replacement of name from *Mesoplodon pacificus* (Longman's beaked whale) to *Indopacetus pacificus*
 - 14.4.2 Common English name of *Sotalia guianensis*
- 14.5 Work plan
- 15. Whalewatching
 - 15.1 Review of the report of the workshop on strategic planning of large-scale whalewatching research
 - 15.2 Review of whalewatching in South America
 - 15.3 Developing methodology and assessing the biological impacts of whalewatching on cetaceans
 - 15.3.1 Short-term methods and results
 - 15.3.2 Long-term methods and results
 - 15.4 Review reports of intersessional Working Groups
 - 15.4.1 Preparation and conduct of a meta-analysis to assess the influence of cetacean biology and ecology on short-term impact effect size from whalewatching vessel traffic
 - 15.4.2 Identifying data sources from platforms of opportunity of potential value to the Scientific Committee
 - 15.4.3 Further development of a questionnaire to assess the extent and potential impact of swim-with-whale operations
 - 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 of risk to cetaceans from collisions with whalewatching vessels
 - 15.5.4 Other
 - 15.6 Work plan
- 16. DNA testing
 - 16.1 Review genetic methods for species, stock and individual identification
 - 16.2 Conduct the first round of 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 registries
 - 16.5 Work plan
- 17. Scientific permits
 - 17.1 Review of results from existing permits
 - 17.1.1 Japan – Antarctic minke whales, fin whales – progress report, authors’ summary
 - 17.1.2 Japan – North Pacific common minke, Bryde’s, sei and sperm whales – progress report, authors’ summaries
 - 17.1.3 Iceland – North Atlantic common minke whales – progress report, authors’ summary
 - 17.1.4 Scientific Committee discussion of results from existing permits
 - 17.2 Planning for the JARPN review
 - 17.3 Improving the Committee’s procedure for reviewing scientific permit proposals
- 18. Whale sanctuaries
- 19. Research and Workshop proposals and results
 - 19.1 Review results from previously funded research proposals
 - 19.2 Review proposals for 2008/09
- 20. Committee priorities and initial Agenda for the 2009 meeting
 - 20.1 Committee priorities for 2009
- 21. Data processing and computing needs for 2008/09
- 22. Funding requirements for 2008/09
- 23. Working methods of the Committee
- 24. Election of Officers
- 25. Publications
- 26. Other business
- 27. Adoption of Report