Conservation Committee: Strategic Plan 2016-2026

HOW WE WORK Wider Commission **International Whaling Commission** Conservation Committee Structure Vice-Chair: UK Committee Standing Working Group on Ship Strikes Working Group Standing Working Group on Standing Working Group on Bycatch Chair: Belgium; Vice-Chair: Norway Conservation Management Plans Chair: USA Whale Watching Oversees the strategic development and Develops detailed proposals for Chair: USA Chair: Australia delivery of the IWC Bycatch Mitigation mitigation of ship strike Provides advice on the impacts of Provides advice on the nomination, Initiative and provides relevant advice to events and coordinates work development and implementation whale watching on cetacean the Commission and its subgroups between Contracting Governments conservation of Conservation Management Plans

Partnerships across the Commission

Other Commission bodies: the Committee collaborates with the Secretariat, Bureau and other committees to ensure cetacean conservation remains a critical focus of the Commission. This includes

relevant standing, intersessional and ad-hoc groups

Partnerships external to the Commission

The Committee collborates with other international organisations, multilateral environmental agreements, the private sector and non-governmental organisations on cetacean conservation

Scientific Committee: the Committee collaborates with the Scientific Committee and its sub-committees to implement conservation decisions and understand and address a range of threats to cetaceans and their habitats. This includes the formation of intersessional and ad-hoc joint working groups

Commission resourcing

Voluntary Conservation Fund: aims to leverage donations from Contracting Governments, international organisations and other appropriate donors to support the Commission's conservation priorities

Small Cetacean Conservation Fund:
aims to enhance international cooperation
to conserve and rebuild depleted
populations of small cetaceans

Conservation Management Plans Fund:
provides support for collaborative efforts
of Contracting Governments to nominate,
develop, or implement Conservation
Management Plans

'Other Work' Fund: supports
conservation and research efforts across
the Commission. Under this fund,
resourcing has historically been available
for conservation efforts that may not fall
under other funds, for example through
the Whale Entanglement Response
Training Programme

External resourcing

Other funding mechanisms: the Committee works to leverage additional funding for cetacean conservation in liaison with the Finance and Administration Committee and relevant sub-committees



Healthy, well managed, and recovered cetacean populations worldwide

Robust conservation advice

Deliver effective and relevant conservation advice to the Commission and the international community that contributes to global efforts for cetacean conservation

Best practice threat management

Identify and promote best practice and collaborative management to address priority global threats facing cetaceans

Conservation agenda collaboration

Coordinate and deliver the conservation agenda across the Commission and in partnership with relevant organisations

Securing finance

Establish and leverage financing mechanisms to resource global cetacean conservation efforts

Priority actions

Sustainable management of whale and dolphin watching

Conservation management planning

Whale sanctuaries and protected areas

Effective financing

Effective data collection and reporting

Marine debris

Bycatch

Anthropogenic sound

Priority threats*

Chemical pollution

Climate change

Near term

Priority actions to mitigate threats are identified, agreed and regularly reviewed by the Committee in liaison with subcommittees

Committee reporting demonstrates progress against Scientific Committee and Commission recommendations, and priority actions and threats

Conservation
Management
Plans are
implemented and
monitored, with
an ongoing
process to
develop new
plans

Conservation and management advice contributes to priority actions and threats, including for reviews of whale sanctuaries and protected areas

A strategy is being implemented to attract additional voluntary contributions for whale conservation

Ship

strikes

The Ship Strike database is resourced and maintained The Committee collaborates with range states, the Scientific Committee and regional and international bodies to address priority threats

The
Committee's
communication
products are
used by a wide
range of
stakeholders

Decline of the most atrisk cetacean populations has been halted

Long term

The Committee has increased buy-in from the Commission and is better resourced to achieve its objectives

The Commitee's advice supports the Commission's decision-making and leads to wider uptake and global reach of conservation efforts

The most at-risk cetacean populations are recovering