

Guidance for Using the IWC Database of Recommendations

If you have any questions whilst using the database please email projectdevelopment@iwc.int

BACKGROUND

The database is intended to support the Commission, its Committees/Sub-Committees in:

- Collating and tracking progress towards the implementation of their recommendations over time.
- Assessing the effectiveness of their recommendations through periodic reviews.
- Identifying and overcoming barriers that prevent the effective implementation of recommendations.
- Improving the transparency of IWC advice by giving recommendations more prominence and external accessibility

The database contains recommendations and workplan actions from the various IWC Committees/Sub-committees, Resolutions and schedule amendments from Commission meetings and also recommendations made during workshops which have been endorsed by SC, CC and/or Commission.

There is a fifth option of 'Draw attention' which is for *General* statements of key concern, identifying issues of importance and are not linked to any action.

Recommendations follow a numbering system to easily identify which committee produced the recommendation.

Numbering follows the format *Committee abbreviation: year: number* (no spaces)

SC – Scientific Committee

CC – Conservation Committee

FA – Finance and administration committee

IN – Infractions Sub-committee

AS – Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee

WK- Working Group no Whale killing methods and Welfare Issues

For example CC1801 = Conservation Committee, 2018, 01 as this is the first recommendation to be enter for this committee during 2018

For SC17105 = Scientific Committee in 2017 and the 105th entry.

GETTING STARTED

The IWC database of recommendations can be found at <https://recommendations.iwc.int/>

1. The Simple search option

The Search option is at the very top of the page (red box)

recommendations.iwc.int/view

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

Simple Search

Database of recommendations
Recommendation Search

1441 Results Found
Advanced Search →

Number	Text	Type	Year	Commission Body	Endorsed at Commission	Decision Process	Theme	Species	To be Actioned by	Also Relevant to	Status	Progress	Last Reviewed	Outcome	FurtherActi
SC2079	The Committee reiterates (IWC, 2019b, p.27) the value of and its strong support for the South African longterm right whale monitoring programme to understand right whale population trends and dynamics and recommends that this monitoring continue...	Recommendation	2020	Scientific Committee, Sub-committee on other southern hemisphere whale stocks	Pending		Population assessment	Southern Right Whale	Sub-committee on other southern hemisphere whale stocks, South Africa	Research Community	Open		09/02/2021		
SC2083	There is an ongoing	Workplan action	2020	Scientific	Pending		Whale		Scientific	Conservation	Open	Complete	03/02/2021		

Enter a word or phrase and the search will return all entries which contain that word in the text of the recommendation.

e.g. 'underwater noise'

This gives 23 results listed down the page. Each contains details of the Committee that made the recommendation, the year, type of recommendation, or in the case of a Commission Resolution, the year of adoption.

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INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

underwater noise

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Recommendation Search

23 Results Found
Advanced Search →

Number	Text	Type	Year	Commission Body	Endorsed at Commission	Decision Process	Theme	Species	To be Actioned by	Also Relevant to	Status	Progress	Last Reviewed	Outcome	FurtherAction
CC2020	The Conservation Committee endorsed the interim work plan and supported the proposal to change the name of the theme 'Anthropogenic sound' on the GO Strategic Plan to 'Anthropogenic underwater noise'...	Recommendation	2020	Conservation Committee	Pending		Noise		Conservation Committee		Open	Ongoing	15/11/2020		
SC20182	The Committee reiterates the threats posed to cetaceans by underwater noise (SC/19/26) and that this can also have adverse effects on other trophic levels including fish and invertebrates...	Draw attention	2020	Scientific Committee, Sub-committee on Environmental Concerns	Pending		Noise		Conservation Committee, Scientific Committee		Open	N/A	08/02/2021		
SC20133	Recalling Resolution	Workplan action	2020	Scientific	Pending		Noise		Scientific	Conservation	Open	Ongoing	05/02/2021		

If you click on either the recommendation number (e.g. SC2079) or the expand button (red square) next to the recommendation number, the full details of that recommendation will appear. This includes who is supposed to action the recommendation, any updates on progress and the URL for the document containing the recommendation.

Number ↑	Text ↑	Type ↑
SC2079 	The Committee reiterates (IWC, 2019b, p.27) the value of and its strong support for the South African longterm right whale monitoring programme to understand right whale population trends and dynamics and recommends that this monitoring continue ...	Recommendation

(split over 2 pages)

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IWC's recommendation Data CC2029

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Year:	2020
Text:	The Conservation Committee endorsed the interim work plan and supported the proposal to change the name of the theme 'Anthropogenic sound' on the CC Strategic Plan to 'Anthropogenic underwater noise'.
Type of Recommendation:	Recommendation
Decision Process:	
Commission Body:	Conservation Committee
Endorsed by Commission?:	Pending
Commission Endorsed At:	IWC68
Context:	Conservation Committee Meeting, September 28 to October 2, 2020 (virtual meeting via Zoom and email).
Document Reference:	IWC/68/REP/CC/01
Document URL:	https://archive.iwc.int/?r=18698

Implementation Data

Theme:	Noise
Species:	
To be Actioned by:	Conservation Committee
Also Relevant to:	
Target Completion Date:	n/a

Review Data

Review Meeting:	IWC68
Last Reviewed:	15/11/2020
Status:	Open
Progress:	Ongoing
Outcome:	
Further Action:	

Actions to be Taken

No Actions

The back arrow on the top left (circled) will take you back to the results page for you to continue scrolling.

2. Advanced Search

If you have a more specific idea of what keywords you want to use for your search, you can do an Advanced Search.

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Database of recommendations

Recommendation Search

Search: Enter search terms

Enter any part of the recommendation's text to search for it. Press Enter to search or click on Search button

Type of Recommendation: Please choose

Search for Resolutions, recommendations, other internal recommendations relating to Committee work plans (Workplan actions), and general observations which draw attention to issues

Workshop Recommendation: No

Search for all current recommendations or all those that are coming from workshop or not

Theme:

Search for one or more topics such as Bycatch or Ship Strikes

Species:

Search for one or more species that were subject to recommendations

Status: Open or Closed

Search for all current recommendations or all those that are open or closed

Commission Endorsed At: Please choose

Search for recommendations that were endorsed at a particular Commission meeting

Year:

Search for the Year the Recommendation was endorsed by the Commission

To Be Actioned By: Search for recommendations to be implemented by individual Commission bodies, the Secretariat or IWC Contracting Governments. Searches for individual countries will provide results for recommendations specifically aimed at that country and those aimed at all countries.

- Commission
- Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee
- Budgetary Sub-committee
- Conservation Committee
- Finance and Administration Committee
- Infractions Sub-committee
- Scientific Committee

Commission Body: Search for relevant organisations or countries which may not be directly actioning the recommendation but are nonetheless relevant to it.

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Clear Search →

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Theme, Species and Year are particularly useful keywords and offer a drop-down list of options to narrow the search results.

e.g. a. 'underwater noise' and *Theme* as Noise will give 22 results

b. Using the Search 'underwater noise' and *Type of Recommendation* as 'Resolution' returns 11 results made at Commission.

c. 'underwater noise' with the *Commission Body* as Scientific Committee to search for only those that were made by any part of the Scientific Committee returns 8 results.

Results are listed in the same way as the *simple search* and can be opened the same way.

The additional option for the results of an Advanced search is to download a copy of the results as a CSV file (bottom right red square).

This will download all results in a CSV spreadsheet format for you to examine.

To start a new search, select *Clear* (yellow square) and enter new details.