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DOCUMENT 10	REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION (CIO)
Submitted by	CIO/Secretariat
Action requested	To take note of the reports and consider the forwarded recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revised budget for the observation season 2023 • The proposed Work plan
Background/content	This document consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summaries the work of the CIO March 2021 – September 2022 • Appendix 1: A revised budget for the observation activities in 2023

1. MEETINGS AND MEMBERS MARCH 2021 – SEPTEMBER 2022

CIO meetings and reports:

- [16 September 2021](#)
- [10 February 2022](#)
- [19 May 2022](#)

Committee members:

- FO: Ulla Svarrer Wang
- GL: Masaana Dorph, Amalie Jessen, Niels Lyberth
- IS: Guðni Magnús Eiríksson, Elin B. Ragnarsdottir
- NO: Guro Gjelsvik, Hild Ynnesdal

Chair: Hild Ynnesdal

2. OVERVIEW OF MAIN DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

The discussions and considerations informing the recommendations reflected below are found in the reports from the meetings – linked under item 1 above.

2.1 ANNUAL REPORTING FROM MEMBERS

A new comprehensive system for annual reporting from Parties was introduced in 2020. The objective was to develop a procedure whereby the Parties submitted, once a year, all the data required for the committees to carry out their tasks as efficiently as possible. It was also an attempt to standardise the entries in the database to enable comparisons between countries and activities.

The new reporting system did not meet the expectations and the added workload for the Parties had increased significantly. Too many “non-functional” data categories had been introduced primarily based on a “nice to know” rather than “need to know” basis. The diversity of target species, hunting methods, national regulations and praxis resulted in an abundance of requests for input of data that were not relevant for all members.

The reporting system has now been revised taking into consideration the data needed for committees to meet their mandates and also taking into considerations priorities put forward by the Parties.

2.2 OBSERVATION ACTIVITY

The Council decided in January 2022, on the advice of the CIO, to postpone the 2022 season to 2023 due to COVID-19.

New information, received after Council 28, especially pertaining the cost of boat rentals challenged the allocated budget of NOK 431,000, and the CIO agreed to present a revised budget (Appendix 1) for the consideration of Council.

2.3 MEMBERS COMPLIANCE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

All recommendations and responses arising from Workshops and Expert Group meetings organised by the CHM have been reviewed by the CIO identifying completed and still active recommendations.

Of a total of 124 recommendations 27 were identified as still active. Of the active requests 7 (mostly analysing existing data) had not been resolved due to lack of resources, 12 were standing requests reflecting that they will always be valid, e.g., the need to transfer knowledge and train hunters. The remaining 8 were specific request not yet resolved.

As a statement of how and to what extent Parties comply to recommendations given by NAMMCO, the CIO found that when disregarding the standing requests, a compliance rate of nearly 87 % was high.

2.4 ONLINE MEETING WITH THE OBSERVER CORPS

CIO continues to hold online annual meetings with the observer corps, the last was held in March 2022.

2.5 WORK PLAN 2022-2023

2022

- Start implementation of the 2023 observation activities that the CIO is responsible for, such as: develop check lists for the different hunts
- Begin work on defining a proposal for scope and range of observation activities for 2024
- Organise the annual online meeting of the observer corps

2023

- Meeting of the CIO in February
- Review submitted data from 2022
- Finalise outstanding issues for the 2023 observation activities
- Finalise the proposal for scope and range of observer activities for 2024 for the approval of Council
- Organise the annual online meeting of the observer corps

Appendix 1 will be uploaded on Monday 12 September.