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- At ScC-SC1, the Appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals brought the issue of “swim-with programmes” to the attention of the Council
- Doc.24.2.5 includes:
  - A report on the state of knowledge on the impacts of recreational in-water interaction with aquatic mammals, prepared as a collaborative effort by members of the Aquatic Mammals Working Group and external contributors and reviewers from both within and outside the CMS Family
  - a draft resolution
  - draft decisions



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- The report (Annex 1) concludes that:
  - “Swim-with programmes” are a fast-growing phenomenon worldwide and are likely to bring widespread disturbance to aquatic mammals, with potentially serious conservation consequences
  - The growth has outpaced science and policy
  - Concerns come from governments, environmental organizations and the industry itself
  - Sustainable regulation and management is required quickly before unsustainable practices become firmly established in many places



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- Draft Resolution (Annex 2):
  - Gives recognition to this threat to aquatic mammals
  - Urges the adoption of appropriate national measures to regulate such activities
  - Calls for research on effects and significance of these disturbances
- Draft Decisions (Annex 3):
  - Gather information on existing national legislation
  - Council to develop guidelines and recommended code of conduct for operators
  - Consider combining marine tourism work streams in coming intersessional period



# Doc.24.4.5 Turismo sostenible de observación de la fauna marina silvestre desde embarcaciones



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- CMS Resolution 11.29 requested the Scientific Council to develop guidelines on marine boat-based wildlife watching for different taxonomic groups
- Doc.24.4.5 contains:
  - Annex 1: Res.11.29 (Rev.COP12), amended to adopt the guidelines
    - Proposed new text is underlined
    - Text to be deleted is ~~crossed-out~~
    - Existing, already adopted, text should not be renegotiated
  - Annex 2: guidelines
  - Annex 3: draft decisions



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- The guidelines (Annex 2) cover:
  - General considerations concerning boat-based wildlife watching, including the need for Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), considerations about vessels, licensing/permits and other matters
  - Species-specific considerations for developing national guidelines for boat-based wildlife watching focusing on sirenians, pinnipeds, elasmobranchs, seabirds and marine turtles
  - Each species chapter outlines the specific risks, describes early indicators of disturbance, factors to consider, management considerations, guidelines and suggested thresholds
- The guidelines do not cover in-water interactions, such as “swim-with” or “dive-with” activities





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- Draft Decisions (Annex 3):
  - Gather information on existing national legislation
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  - Collaborate with the International Whaling Commission to develop a joint IWC-CMS Whale Watching Handbook (to cover all cetacean watching from vessels)

