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**PUBLICATION OF *DEEP DIVE*: THE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN NEWSLETTER**

I am pleased to provide all Contracting Governments, members of the Scientific Committee and IWC observer organisations with a link to the first issue of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) *Deep Dive* Newsletter.

As you may know, the CMP programme was established in 2008 to provide a flexible framework for range states and other stakeholders to work together to protect and rebuild some of the world's most vulnerable cetacean populations.

The newsletter is the first step in improving the visibility and reach of the CMP program, which was identified as a high priority during the mid-term review of the CMP Work Plan 2014-2020. This inaugural issue introduces the four existing CMPs, and highlights some of the excellent work undertaken by CMP co-ordinators over the last 12 months, including a successful entanglement response workshop in Argentina, and the development of an MoU between Chile and Peru to prioritise actions for a critically endangered population of southern right whales.

I am sure you will join me in thanking the Government of Australia for leading this project and I encourage you to share this newsletter on your own websites and social media, and with all your stakeholders.

[CMP Deep Dive Issue 01](#)

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