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Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments  
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**Call for information on whale killing methods and welfare issues**

This Circular invites Contracting Governments to submit information on whale killing and welfare statistics for the 2020 season to the Secretariat by **12 April 2021**.

All data received are compiled by the Secretariat and made available to the meetings of the Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Welfare Issues (WKM-WI Working Group).

The Secretariat has developed a Summary Reporting Form which Contracting Governments may wish to use to guide their responses (Annex 1) available [here](#). Completion of this form is not compulsory nor is it intended to replace the submission of detailed reports where appropriate. The form is based upon relevant Commission Resolutions (1997-1, 1999-1, 2001-2 and 2004-3) and the revised action plan on whale killing methods developed at an IWC workshop in 2003.

Contracting Governments may also wish to use the form to provide information on times to death and methods used to euthanize stranded or trapped whales.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cherry Allison at the Secretariat ([Cherry.Allison@iwc.int](mailto:Cherry.Allison@iwc.int)).



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