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Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments
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Request for catch data and infractions reports for the 2021 season

This Circular invites Contracting Governments to submit information on catches and reports of any infractions for the 2021 season to the Secretariat by **12 April 2022**.

Article IX.4 of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946) states that Contracting Governments shall transmit to the Commission full details of each infraction including a statement of measures taken and penalties imposed.

All data and information received will be compiled by the Secretariat and made available to the next meeting of the Commission's Infractions Sub-committee.

The Infractions Sub-committee has adopted a form and checklist for reporting infractions, including reporting details of any infractions committed in previous years that remain unresolved. The form is available [here](#) and the checklist is available [here](#).

While use of the form is not compulsory, Contracting Governments must fulfil their reporting obligations under Article IX.4 of the Convention.

Should you have any questions, please contact Isidora Katara, Lead for Modelling and Statistics at the Secretariat (isidora.katara@iwc.int).

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