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Collection of information on Cetacean Stranding Networks

You may recall that at IWC/57 in Ulsan, a Ship Strikes Working Group (SSWG) was established under the Conservation Committee. When the SSWG reported to the Conservation Committee at IWC/58 in St. Kitts and Nevis last year, it made a number of recommendations for follow-up work. Recognising that ship strikes may be one of the reasons for cetacean strandings, the SSWG recommended that a review of the geographical distribution of stranding networks be undertaken to identify gaps in coverage.

The table attached gives information collected by Fabian Ritter, Germany's representative on the SSWG, on cetacean stranding networks worldwide, supplemented with information that the Secretariat has obtained from National Progress Reports of Contracting Governments. This additional information is highlighted and in *italic* font.

Alexandre de Lichtervelde, Chair of the SSWG, has asked me to circulate this information to Contracting Governments and members of the Scientific Committee inviting them to:

1. Update the information in the following table for your country, as appropriate;
2. Provide information relevant to stranding networks of non-member countries, if known.

The intention of this exercise is to obtain as comprehensive a list as possible of known strandings networks and contact persons. The SSWG will then discuss the most appropriate way to gather more information including the spatial and temporal coverage of any networks and the type of information collected when a stranding is reported.

If you have any information to provide, it would be helpful if this could be returned to the Secretariat by **5 March 2007**.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

cc: Members of the Ship Strikes Working Group
National Contact Points for Ship Strikes

Cetacean Stranding Networks

The following information was taken from the book “Wale erforschen” by Fabian Ritter, Conrad Stein Verlag, Welver, Germany, January 2007. Fabian Ritter collected the information with the help of a large number of persons who responded to a request posted on the *Marine Mammal Discussion List (MARMAM)*. It has been supplemented by the IWC Secretariat with information taken from National Progress Reports of Contracting Governments. This additional information is highlighted and in *italic* font.

Contracting Governments and members of the Scientific Committee are invited to:

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Emergency numbers for live strandings and dead cetaceans found ashore/offshore

	Country	Region / Notes	Institution / Organisation	PHONE (national)
Worldwide			World Animal Net	+ 1 (617) 524-3670 (USA)
EU	Germany	Baltic Sea	Forschungs- und Technologie Zentrum (FTZ), Büsum.	04834-604 280 04834-604 202 or Police (110)
		North Sea	National Park Wattenmeer Toenning	04861 6160 or Police (110)
	Great Britain	Live strandings in England, Scotland, Wales	BDMLR – British Divers Marine Life Rescue	01825-765 546 24 h Rescue Service
	- England	Alive animals	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)	0870 5555999 24 h Hotline
		Dead animals	Natural History Museum	020 7942 5155
			Institute of Zoology	(44) 171 4496691
	- Scotland		Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA)	0131 339 0111 EMERGENCY LINE
			Cetacean Research & Rescue Unit (CRRU)	1261 851 696 od. 0845 1081422
		Dead animals	SAC (Scottish Agricultural College) Veterinary Services	01463 243030
			<i>University of Aberdeen</i>	<i>01224 272000</i>
	- Wales	Alive animals	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)	0870 5555 999 24 h Hotline
		Dead animals	Marine Environment Monitoring	01348 87 5000
	- Northern Ireland		Cetacean Research & Rescue Unit (CRRU)	08 0232 381251
	- Ireland		The Marine Mammal Rescue Team (MMRT)	087 2333406 (Mobile)
			Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (IWDG)	(021) 904197 (021) 907053 087 2977931
	France	Atlantic Ocean	Centre de Recherche sur les Mammifères Marins	0546343294
		Channel Area	SPA Dunkerque	0328611200
		Northe Sea	LPA Calais Picardie Nature GMN Normandie	0321347602 0322979787 0233423480
		Britanny	Oceanopolis	0298344040
		Mediterranean Sea	Gecem Institut Oceanographique Paul	0594610691

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			Ricard SOS Grand Bleu	0494340249 0493761761
	Holland	Alive animals	Dolphinarium Harderwijk	0341-467467 oder Polizei
		Dead animals	National Museum for Natural Hisory	0900 0400616
	Iceland		Iceland Marine Research Institute	575 2080
	Israel		IMMRAC – Israeli Marine Mammals Research and Assistance Center	972 50 6241663 oder 972 52 3571193
	Italy		Fondazione Cetacea Centro Studi Cetacei	0541 691557 oder 02 58240050 (24h)
	Croatia		Blue World Institute of Marine Conservation	51 604 666
	Malta		Marine Rescue Team Nature Trust	994220 85/86 (24 h) 2131 3150
			University of Malta	23402790
	Portugal	Nationwide	ABRIGOS - Rede de Apoio a Mamíferos Marinhos	968 849 101
		Maimland	Rede Portuguesa de arrojamento de cetáceos (Portuguese cetacean stranding network)	91 60 317 60 (Mobile)
		Azorens	RACA (Rede de Arrojamento de Cetáceos dos Acores)	292 666 990 (Centro Coordenador)
		Madeira	Museu da Baleia (Walmuseum)	291 961 407 96 504 77 99 (Mobile)
	Slovenia		Morigenos - marine mammal research and conservation society	1 541 07 45
	Spain	Nationwide	University of Valencia	963544375
		Canary Islands	University of Las Palmas Gran Canaria	34928451095
	Denmark		Fisheries and Maritime Museum (FMM)	45 7612 2000
	Belgium		Department of Pathology, University of Liege	32 4 3664075
	The Netherlands		National Museum of Natural History (Naturalis), Leiden.	071 568 76 00
	Sweden		Swedish Museum of Natural History	46 8 519 540 00
	Norway		Institute of Marine Research, Bergen	47 55 23 85 00
USA	(all) USA	Cetacean in nets and the like	Disentanglement Network and Rapid Response - Center for Coastal Studies	508 487 3622
	USA (Nordosten)	Cetacean in nets and the like	Northeast Disentanglement Network	800 900 3622 (Hotline)
	USA (Nordosten)	Strandings	NOAA Fisheries Service	978 585 7149
	USA (Südwesten)	Strandings	NOAA Fisheries Service	305 862 2850 od. 800 618 0890
	Alabama		Alabama Marine Mammal Stranding Network	800 799 6637
		Gulf of Mexico	Marterra Foundation Inc.	(251) 968 7197

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	Alaska		Alaska Marine Mammal Stranding Network	800 853 1964
			NOAA Fisheries Marine Mammal Stranding Program	907 586 7235
	Cape Cod		Cape Cod Stranding Network	508 743 9805
	Connecticut	Connecticut/ Rhode Island	Mystic Aquarium	860 572 5955 x107
	Delaware		MERR Institute, Inc.	302 228 5029 Hotline
	Florida		Marine Animal Rescue Society (MARS)	305 546 1111
			Marine Mammal Conservancy (MMC)	305 451 4774
	Georgia		Georgia Marine Mammal Stranding Network	912 264 7218
	Hawaii		NMFS Pacific Area Islands Office	(888) 256 9840 (free)
	California	Cetacea, pinnipedia and turtles	The Marine Mammal Center	415 289 7325 24 h hotline
			NMFS Southwest Regional Stranding Coordinator	(562) 980 4017
		Northern California	Northcoast Marine Mammal Center	(707) 465 6265
		Southern California	Whale Rescue Team	310 4552729 od. (800) 39 94253
		Dead animals	Vertebrate Museum - dead / Humboldt State University	(707) 826 4872
		Dead animals	NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center	(858) 546 7162
	Louisiana		Louisiana Marine Mammal Stranding Network	800 799 6637
	Maine		Allied Whale	207 288 5644 Stranding Hotline
			Maine Marine Animal Reporting Hotline	800 532 9551 Marine Mammal Hotline
			University of New England Marine Animal Rehabilitation Center	207 851 6625 Stranding Hotline
			Marine Animal Lifeline	(207) 773 7377 Hotline
			International Wildlife Coalition	508 548 8328
			International Fund for Animal Welfare	508 744 2000
	Maryland		Maryland Department of Natural Resources	800 628 9944 Hotline
			Marine Animal Rescue Program	(410) 576 1098
	Massachusetts		New England Aquarium	617 973 5247 Hotline
			Cape Cod Stranding Network	508 743 9548 Hotline
			The Whale Center of New England	(508) 492 2390
	Mississippi		Mississippi Marine Mammal Stranding Network	800 799 6637
	New Hampshire		New England Aquarium	(617) 973 5247
	New Jersey		Marine Mammal Stranding Center	609 266 0538 Hotline and Phone
	New York		Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research	631 369 98 29
		Long Island	New England Aquarium	(617) 973 5247 24h Hotline
	North Carolina		North Carolina Marine Mammal	910 815 7725

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			Stranding Network	oder 252 728 8762
	Oregon		Oregon State Police	800 452 7888
	South Carolina		South Carolina Marine Mammal Stranding Network	800 922 5431
	Texas		Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network	1800 942 7034
	Virginia		Virginia Marine Science Museum	757 437 6159 Hotline
			Virginia Institute of Marine Science	804 684 7313 Hotline 866 493 1085 (gebührenfrei)
	Washington		Washington Marine Mammal Stranding Network	800 853 1964 Hotline
Canada	Nationwide		Department of Fisheries and Oceans Environmental Emergencies	800 565 1633
	Nationwide		Oceanographic Environmental Research Society	416 978 0509 oder 416 565 2277
	British Columbia		Strawberry Isle Marine Research Society	(250) 725 2211
			Lifeforce Foundation	(604) 649 5258
			British Columbia Marine Mammal Stranding Network	800 665 5939
	Quebec		Gremm / Whales online	418 2354701
			Quebec Marine Mammal Emergency Response Network	877 722 5346
	New Brunswick		Maritime Atlantic Wildlife	506 364 1902
	Nova Scotia		Nova Scotia Marine Mammal Stranding Network	902 742 9767
			Marine Animal Response Society	866 567 6277
	Prince Edward Island	(specialised on pinnipedia)	Prince Edward Island Marine Mammal Stranding Network	
	New-Caledonia	Strandings and sightings	Opération Cétacés	24 16 34
	Nova Scotia		Marine Animal Response Society	866 567 6277
Central- and South America	Argentina		Fundación Cethus	11 4799 3698 (Buenos Aires) 54 2962 452292 (San Julián)
			CENPAT	54-2965-451024
	Brasil	Nationwide	Brazil International Wildlife Coalition	(48) 255 2922
		Praia Grande, Mongaguá und Itanhaém	Projeto BioPesca	13 9741 1477
		Guarujá and Santos	Projeto BioPesca	11 9932 1550
		Ubatuba	Projeto BioPesca	12 9141 8282
	Chile	Centro de Conservación Cetacea		562 228 1445
	Mexico	Yucatan	Yucatan Stranding Network Procuraduría Federal para la Protección al	(999) 948 3610 (999) 946 5558

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			Ambiente	(999) 923 28 80
	Peru		Organisation for Research and Conservation of Animals	511 9938 9430
	Puerto Rico		Puerto Rico Marine Mammal Stranding Network	787 767 8009
	Uruguay		OCC Organización Conservación Cetáceos	0479 8318 (office) 099 124 144 (Mobile)
	Venezuela		CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE CETACEOS	295 2629752 295 2623934
Caribbean	Caribbeanwide		Caribbean Stranding Network	787 399 8432
	Turks& Caicos / British West Indies		Point Mugu Wildlife Center	805 488 6792
	Virgin Islands		Virgin Islands Marine Mammal Stranding Network	787 767 8009
Far East	Indonesia		APEX Environmental Asia-Pacific (Bali)	0361 287020
	Japan		National Science Museum	3 3364 2311
	Maldives		Marine Research Centre	(960) 332 2328 (960) 332 2242
	Taiwan		National Museum of Marine Biology & Aquarium	886 8882 5001 or 886 8882 5118
	<i>Rep. of Korea</i>		<i>Cetacean Research Institute</i>	<i>+82-52-270-0900</i>
Africa	South Africa		The Dolphin Action and Protection Group	021825815
		South coast	Centre for Dolphin Studies	(044) 533 6185
Australia & NZ	Australia		Whale Rescue Centre, Melbourne	032409715
			Australian Dolphin Research Foundation	082430362
			Cetacean Specialist Group Australia	07 4059 0849
			ORRCA	02 9415 3333 24h Hotline
			<i>EPA</i>	<i>0732277718</i>
			<i>Marine Conservation Section</i>	<i>0362336556</i>
			<i>Dept CALM</i>	<i>089334 0224</i>
	New Zealand		PROJECT JONAH 24 h Hotline	(025) 941 772 or 0800 494 253
			Department of Conservation	800 362 468

