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REMINDER: Call for information on whale killing methods and welfare issues

Circular (IWC.CCG.1496) invited Contracting Governments to submit information on whale killing and welfare statistics. The Secretariat welcomes any outstanding information from the 2018-2021 seasons, preferably by 10th August 2022.

Contracting Governments are reminded that they may also wish to use the form indicated below to provide information on times to death and methods used to euthanize stranded or trapped whales.

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 Summary Reporting Form, which Contracting Governments may wish to use to guide their responses (Annex 1) is available as a PDF or Word document. 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.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dr Isidora Katara at the Secretariat (<u>isidora.katara@iwc.int</u>).

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