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Invitation to submit voluntary conservation reports

Contracting Governments are invited to submit voluntary national cetacean conservation reports for consideration by the Conservation Committee at its forthcoming meeting on Saturday 15 October 2022. These reports contain new information relating to the establishment of laws, regulations and other measures relevant to the conservation of cetaceans which have arisen during the last biennium (see Annex). Voluntary national cetacean conservation reports should be sent, if possible, by Wednesday 18 August to secretariat@iwc.int.

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Executive Secretary

Annex

Template for national cetacean conservation report

National Governmental Authority submitting the Report (please include full contact information):

1. Legal developments (laws, regulations and other regulatory measures related to cetaceans).
2. Information on whale watching operations (scale, target species/populations and relevant management issues).
3. Current Government programs related to cetacean conservation.
4. Current threats to cetacean conservation and management measures taken/proposed.
5. Reporting systems for cetacean injuries/mortality/strandings.
6. International cooperation activities (includes bilateral or multilateral cooperation, assistance and funding programs and appropriate contact information, and other international activities of the Country submitting the Report).
7. Other (at the discretion of the Authority submitting the Report).