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Contributions to the Voluntary Fund for Small Cetacean Conservation Research

At IWC/63 in Jersey in 2011 the Governments of Italy and France announced voluntary contributions to the above fund of GBP £25,000 and EUR €15,000 respectively.

Also at IWC/63, the American Cetacean Society, Animal Welfare Institute, Campaign Whale, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Pro-Wildlife, Oceancare, Whaleman Foundation, World Society for the Protection of Animals and Worldwide Fund for Nature declared a joint contribution of GBP £10,300.

I am now pleased to report that the Government of the United Kingdom has stated its intention to make a contribution to GBP £10,000 to the voluntary fund.

In 2009 the capital of the fund was substantially increased by a contribution of AUS \$500,000 from the Government of Australia. One project endorsed by the Scientific Committee in 2010 on *franciscanas* has already been funded, and at IWC/63 in 2011 the Commission approved funding for a further nine projects.

Details of the review procedure used by the Scientific Committee to select projects to recommend for funding as well as details of the successful projects can be found in Section 11 (pp25-27) of the 2011 Report of the Scientific Committee's Sub-Committee on Small Cetaceans:

http://iwcoffice.org/documents/sci_com/SCRepFiles2011/Annex%20L%20-%20SM.pdf

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