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**Voluntary Contributions in Support of the IWC Workshop on
Anthropogenic Impacts on Arctic Cetaceans**

During the Commission's 62nd Annual Meeting (2010) the USA proposed that the Commission request the Scientific Committee to develop a plan for a Workshop on Anthropogenic Impacts in the Arctic Ocean relevant to cetaceans¹.

In response the Scientific Committee has developed a provisional agenda for a three day workshop. The Committee also suggested that the workshop be held after the 2012 Annual Meeting when products from other on-going efforts to assess anthropogenic impacts on cetaceans in the Arctic will be available².

I am now pleased to report that the Commission has received two voluntary contributions to support the planning and delivery of the workshop. The first contribution is from the Government of the USA for USD \$30,000 and the second contribution is for CHF (Swiss francs) 10,000 from WWF International.

The Scientific Committee will make a further update on its plans for this workshop to the Commission's 64th Annual Meeting.

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¹ See Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission (2010) page 24.

² See Report of the Scientific Committee 2011 (IWC/63/Rep 1) Section 12.5.3 for further details.

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