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**Submission of Scientific Progress Reports**

Scientific Progress Reports have their origin in Article VIII, Paragraph 3 of the Convention and are formalised in the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee (Rule E.1).

Accordingly all member nations are requested by the Commission to provide Progress Reports to the Scientific Committee. These are to be submitted using the new online facility<sup>1</sup> as agreed at the 2010 meeting of the Scientific Committee.

To submit a report using the online system please provide the Secretariat with the following details for the designated collator in your country. This will allow the Secretariat to create an individual, country specific account. The required details are:

- Country represented
- Full name
- Email address
- Organisation or Department

This information should be sent to [secretariat@iwcoffice.org](mailto:secretariat@iwcoffice.org) and once received the Secretariat will contact the designated collator directly with the relevant instructions.

General information in the report can cover the whole intersessional period (or, if a report was not submitted last year, the period since the last report) but statistical information must be provided by calendar year or season.

All data received by the **1 June 2012** will be available for statistical query at the meetings of the Scientific Committee at IWC64.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Journal of Cetacean Research and Management* 12 (suppl. 1): 347-350 for the Scientific Committee's discussions on improving the facility for receiving Scientific Progress Reports.