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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
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2000-2001 SOWER Circumpolar Cruise

The Government of the United Kingdom has offered a donation of £15,000 to the IWC Research Fund. This is in response to the Circular dated 25 August (ref. RG/JAC/27840; IWC.CCG.122) requesting donations from Contracting Governments to enable the Blue Whale component of the Cruise to be implemented.

As stated in the Circular, the minimum additional funding necessary to allow the full research programme to be carried out is £30,000.00. Time is very short before a decision must be made whether it is possible to proceed and so those Contracting Governments which have not already indicated their response to the request are urged to do so **no later than the reply date 22 September.**

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