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Reports from Contracting Governments on national and regional efforts to monitor and address the impacts of environmental change on cetaceans and other marine mammals
(Agenda item 12.4, IWC/53)

By Resolution 1998-5 at the 50th Annual Meeting, the Commission agreed to establish a regular Commission agenda item under which the Scientific Committee would report annually on its progress in non-lethal research on environmental concerns, and Contracting Governments could report annually on national and regional efforts to monitor and address the impacts of environmental change on cetaceans and other marine mammals. The Scientific Committee will report on its work under agenda items 12.1 and 12.2, and Contracting Governments are invited to report on their activities under agenda item 12.4.

To facilitate reporting and discussions under item 12.4, it would be helpful if Contracting Governments intending to report on national and regional activities could **submit short written reports to the Secretariat by 3 July 2001**. Reports received by this deadline will be collated into a single document that will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting. The absence of reports in advance does not, of course, prevent the presentation of reports and discussion at the meeting.

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