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## Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and Members of the Scientific Committee IWC.ALL.460

**Voluntary Contributions: January – August 2023** 

In accordance with the interest in increased transparency regarding voluntary funding work of the Commission, we are pleased to report on voluntary contributions to the International Whaling Commission for the period 1 January to 31 August 2023. A summary report can be found on our website, Summary report on voluntary funds

We would like to note that it is not only these funds which can receive voluntary contributions; our General Fund, which covers Secretariat expenses, meeting costs (for both the Scientific Committee and Commission meetings) and research costs can all receive donations. All funding must be allocated to Commission-endorsed programmes.

Funds are always welcome from Contracting Governments and Non-Governmental Organisations subject to the requirements and conditions laid mentioned on our website (<a href="Code of Ethical Fundraising">Code of Ethical Fundraising</a>). Many current IWC activities depend in whole, or part, on voluntary contributions. Please contact <a href="Secretariat@iwc.int">Secretariat@iwc.int</a> for further information.

The Secretariat expresses its thanks for contributions.

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