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Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments
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Call for Voluntary Contributions for Welfare and Ship Strikes

This Circular highlights the funding needs for IWC work programmes previously endorsed by Commission that are not core-funded and invites Contracting Governments and other organisations to make voluntary contributions.

Many current IWC activities depend in whole or in part on voluntary contributions.

The [Voluntary Fund for Conservation](#) was established in 2014, prioritising and supporting a wide range of conservation initiatives that are not covered by core funding. This Fund supports the implementation of the Conservation Committee [Strategic Plan](#), including the Ship Strikes Strategic Plan, Bycatch Mitigation Initiative, Conservation Management Plans and Whale Watching.

In addition, funding for implementation of the Welfare Action Plan (including strandings and entanglement) is administered under [IWC's Voluntary Welfare Fund](#).

Voluntary donations to these funds are most welcome as they are critical to progressing these programmes endorsed by the Commission. Contributions are [welcomed](#) from member governments, international organisations and other appropriate donors. Donors may specify a particular purpose for their contribution if they wish, by designating one of the funding needs specified below. All member governments and observers are notified when a contribution is received. Donated funds are subject to the requirements and conditions of the Code of Ethical Fundraising available to view on our [website](#).

Please contact secretariat@iwc.int for further information.

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VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION FUND

Conservation Committee Priority	Funding need	Indicative Funding Need 2024-2026
Ship Strikes	Funding for coordination of ship strikes workplan (including Data Manager post)	£25,000/year

WELFARE FUNDING

Priority	Funding need	Indicative costs
Welfare workshop	Workshop on euthanasia and mass strandings (endorsed at IWC68 due to be held June 2024)	£45,000
Strandings	Strandings coordination (including coordinator post)	£24,100/year
	Implementation of strandings workplan including training and capacity building and support for emergency response	£12,000 training (2 days with equipment)
Entanglement	Implementation of Entanglement workplan including requested trainings and apprenticeships	US\$7,500 training US\$5,000 per apprentice