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Call for Applications:

**IWC-Southern Ocean Research Partnership (IWC-SORP) Research Fund
and**

IWC-Small Cetacean Voluntary Research Fund (SMRF)

Closing Date: Friday 29 February 2024 (midnight UTC)

We are pleased to announce that both the Southern Ocean Research Partnership (IWC-SORP) Research Fund and the Small Cetacean Voluntary Research Fund (SMRF) are requesting proposals for research projects. All details can also be found on the IWC website here [Call for Proposals](#).

This Call for Proposals is possible thanks to the generous voluntary donations from the Governments of Australia, Belgium, France and the Netherlands, the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), Campaign Whale, Humane Society International, Dolphin Connection, Cetacean Society International, LegaSeas, Natural Resources Defence Council, OceanCare, Whaleman Foundation, Prowildlife and Abel Mosaics.

Project proposers are strongly encouraged to read the detailed guidelines for each Research Fund before submitting any proposal ([Southern Ocean Research Partnership Fund](#) and the [Small Cetacean Research Fund](#)).

Applications for both funds must be submitted via the online form [here](#).

If there are any technical issues or questions relating to the portal, these can be sent to projectproposals@iwc.int.

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If there are any questions relating to research proposal content or eligibility, you can submit these directly to the IWC-SORP Secretariat: Elanor Bell elanor.bell@aad.gov.au or the IWC-SMRF Chair: Lindsay Porter lindsay.jp@gmail.com.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 29 February 2024 (midnight UTC)**.

The earliest applicants may commence a successful project is **January 2025**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Staniland', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Iain Staniland
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