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Invitation to Submit Voluntary Conservation Reports

Contracting Governments are invited to submit voluntary national cetacean conservation reports (as agreed at IWC57) for consideration by the Conservation Committee (CC) at its forthcoming meeting in early September 2024.

These reports should contain information relating to the establishment of laws, regulations and other measures relevant to the conservation of cetaceans which have arisen during the last biennium or since your country's last update (see Annex below for template).

In addition, we ask you to include at the end of your report any details in response to the Marine Plastic Pollution Resolution (2022-1) which asks Contracting Governments to *report relevant information, such as status, reduction, recycling and reuse efforts, on marine plastic pollution and plastic ingestion in stranded animals in their voluntary conservation and national Scientific Progress reports.*

This information will be compiled and reported to CC and Commission.

Voluntary national cetacean conservation reports should be sent, if possible, by Monday 22 July to secretariat@iwc.int.

Should you require assistance or have questions regarding these reports please contact projectdevelopment@iwc.int.

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Executive Secretary

Annex

Template for National Cetacean Conservation Report

National Governmental Authority submitting the Report (please include full contact information):

1. Legal developments (laws, regulations and other regulatory measures related to cetaceans).
2. Information on whale watching operations (scale, target species/populations and relevant management issues).
3. Current Government programs related to cetacean conservation.
4. Current threats to cetacean conservation and management measures taken/proposed.
5. Reporting systems for cetacean injuries/mortality/strandings.
6. International cooperation activities (includes bilateral or multilateral cooperation, assistance and funding programs and appropriate contact information, and other international activities of the Country submitting the Report).
7. Other (at the discretion of the Authority submitting the Report).