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Researchers for the 2002/2003 IWC/SOWER Cruise

The International Whaling Commission is seeking up to six researchers to participate in the continuation of the IWC/SOWER series of cruises.

Area VE (165°E – 170°W) will be surveyed. The Japanese Government has offered two vessels (*Shonan Maru* and *Shonan Maru No. 2*). Details of the cruise are given in IWC/53/4, Annex G, Appendix 2 (attached as a pdf file). Researchers will join the vessels in Hobart, Australia on around 20 December 2002 and return to Hobart on about 3 March 2003. Please note that the budget was greatly reduced by the Commission. The revised amount available is now £68,000 rather than the £94,000 included in the appendix. Suggestions for additional sources of funding will be greatly appreciated.

Applications are now invited for the positions of researchers on board the vessels. Members of the Scientific Committee are asked to pass on the enclosed information to anyone who may be interested. Applications giving a brief summary of relevant background and experience (**on the form attached**) should be submitted to the IWC Secretariat (secretariat@iwcoffice.org) no later than **Friday 6 September 2002**, preferably in electronic format. Researchers will be selected at the Planning Meeting to be held in Tokyo from 24-26 September 2002.

Copies of the application form as a Rich Text Format document (Appform.rtf) and in htm format (Appform.htm) are attached. To view the latter use your web browser software (e.g. Internet Explorer or Netscape - you do not need to log onto the web of course, just double click on the file icon/name).

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