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**Draft State of the Cetacean Environment Report: opportunity for review and comment**

The co-editors of SOCER, Naomi Rose and Michael Stachowitsch, have requested that the following letter and attached draft document be circulated to the members of the Scientific Committee.

Please submit any comments and recommendations for addition/deletion **to the editors** – at [nrose@hsus.org](mailto:nrose@hsus.org) and [michael.stachowitsch@univie.ac.at](mailto:michael.stachowitsch@univie.ac.at) - **by 9 May 2003**.

Dr. Nicky Grandy  
Secretary to the Commission

Dear Colleagues:

We are distributing the draft of the State of the Cetacean Environment Report in advance of this year's Scientific Committee meeting, to give SC members a chance to review and comment. We did not receive many submissions – please take this as a second opportunity to submit any events/developments you consider worthy of inclusion. Remember – the regions in question this year are the Atlantic (north and south) and the Mediterranean and Black Seas. There will be a short “global” section, but please restrict this to events with genuinely global significance (*e.g.*, data with universal application, baseline studies, new techniques).

Please submit any comments and recommendations for addition/deletion to the editors – at [nrose@hsus.org](mailto:nrose@hsus.org) and [michael.stachowitsch@univie.ac.at](mailto:michael.stachowitsch@univie.ac.at) - by May 9, 2003. We will incorporate these contributions as indicated and bring a second draft to the meeting for distribution. We intend for the final draft to be completed by meeting's end and to be included as an Appendix of the report from the Environmental Concerns Standing Working Group.

Thank you for taking the time to review and comment on this document.

Co-editors: Naomi Rose and Michael Stachowitsch