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IWC/56: Southern Ocean Sanctuary review pre-meeting and SOCER

Southern Ocean Sanctuary Review pre-meeting

You will recall that at IWC/55 in Berlin, it was agreed that a two-day pre-meeting should be scheduled directly before the Scientific Committee meeting at IWC/56 to allow more time to conduct the review of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary. This pre-meeting will be held on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 June 2004 at the Hilton Sorrento Palace Hotel. Tuesday 29 June is also the first day of the Scientific Committee meeting, but since the first plenary session will be over by the morning coffee break, the rest of the day will be available for the sanctuary pre-meeting.

State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER)

In addition, please note that the editors of the State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER) have requested contributions for next year's draft. A link to their solicitation letter and the data entry form will be available on the SC website from Wednesday 10 December. The deadline for contributions is 15 March 2004.

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