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### **Submission of Scientific Progress Reports**

Scientific Progress Reports have their origin in Article VIII, Paragraph 3 of the Convention and are formalised in the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee (Rule E.1).

Accordingly all member nations are requested by the Commission to provide Progress Reports to the Scientific Committee in accordance with its guidelines. These are to be submitted using the new online facility (<https://portal.iwc.int>) as agreed at the 2010 meeting of the Scientific Committee and modified in the light of discussions at the 2011, 2012 and 2013 meetings. Paper reports will not be accepted this year.

The individual access codes for submission of data set up last year are still current and can be used again this year. However, if you or your representative have not previously accessed the portal or have forgotten the access code given last year, please send the following information to [brendan.miller@iwc.int](mailto:brendan.miller@iwc.int)

- Country represented
- Full name
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On receipt of this information, detailed instructions on how to use the online portal will be forwarded.

All data received by the **28 April 2014** will be available for statistical query at the meetings of the Scientific Committee at SC65B in Bled, Slovenia.

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