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**Request for continued submission of annual catch data and infractions reports**

Article IX.4 of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946) states that Contracting Governments shall transmit to the Commission full details of each infraction including a statement of measures taken and penalties imposed.

In the past information on the catches taken during the previous season (as listed under Section VI of the Schedule) and details of any infractions has been requested by the Secretariat each year ahead of the Commission's annual meeting.

The Commission has recently moved to biennial meetings. However the Secretariat would like to encourage the continued annual submission of catch data and infractions reports. Therefore I would like to request that reports for the 2012 season are submitted by **Friday 7 June 2013**.

The Infractions Sub-committee has adopted a form and checklist for reporting infractions, including reporting details of any infractions committed in previous years that remain unresolved. The form and checklist are attached, and they are also available on IWC's website at: <http://iwc.int/infractions>

While use of the form is not compulsory, Contracting Governments do have to fulfil their reporting obligations under Article IX.4 of the Convention.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cherry Allison at the Secretariat ([Cherry.Allison@iwc.int](mailto:Cherry.Allison@iwc.int)).

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