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**Report from the Joint IWC-SPAW Workshop to Address Collisions Between Marine Mammals and Ships
with a Focus on the Wider Caribbean, Panama, June 2014**

I am pleased to circulate the report arising from a workshop held in June 2014 to address the issue of ship strikes in the wider Caribbean region.

The workshop was hosted by the Government of the Republic of Panama and organised jointly by the IWC and the SPAW Protocol to the UNEP Caribbean Environment Programme.

The successful outcome of this workshop completes the work programme agreed at IWC64 in 2012 to reduce human impacts on cetaceans in the wider Caribbean.

Section 8.4 of the report contains a series of recommendations for the IWC. These will be received by the Conservation Committee at IWC65 in September 2014.

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