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**Call for Applications to the IWC Small Cetaceans Conservation Research Fund**

Following voluntary contributions from Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom and a consortium of NGOs, I am pleased to announce that there are sufficient funds (£40,000) in the IWC Small Cetacean Conservation Research Fund to support a third call for applications (previous calls were in 2011 and 2013). Final reports from previous projects can be found on the IWC website ([http://iwc.int/sm\\_fund](http://iwc.int/sm_fund)).

The IWC Scientific Committee has an established application and review process, which can be found at: [http://iwc.int/sm\\_fund](http://iwc.int/sm_fund). The closing date for applications is 14 March 2016 (midnight GMT).

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