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**State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER) 2017**

The editors of the State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER) have requested contributions for this year's draft which will be dedicated to the Indian Ocean. The solicitation letter is attached to this Circular.

Previous SOCER reports can be viewed at <http://iwc.int/socer>

Please note that the deadline for submission for this year's SOCER is **31 March 2017**.

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