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**Invitation to Tender for Whale Watching Handbook Contract**

This Circular alerts Contracting Governments and Accredited Observers to an Invitation to Tender, issued today in relation to the Whale Watching Handbook.

IWC66 endorsed a series of recommendations from the Standing Working Group on Whale Watching (SWG-WW) including completion of the Handbook before IWC67 in 2018. IWC66 also welcomed a proposed collaboration with CMS/ASCOBANS on the Handbook, including support to translate the Handbook into French and Spanish.

The IWC has received generous voluntary contributions from the Governments of the UK and USA, and following a request from the SWG-WW, the Secretariat is now advertising to recruit a short-term contractor to focus solely on completion of the Handbook.

An advertisement and Invitation to Tender for this work is issued today and a copy is attached.

This Invitation to Tender will be publicised via the IWC website, and via email distribution lists. Please could Contracting Governments assist in ensuring its widest possible dissemination by forwarding the Invitation to Tender to any relevant regional and national fora.

Applications must be received by 18 April 2017. Applications will be assessed by the Chair of the SWG-WW and members of the Secretariat with an anticipated start date of 1 June 2017 for the successful Contractor.

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Executive Secretary

*c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC*