



Circular Communication to Commissioners. Contracting Governments and  
Members of the Scientific Committee  
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**Submission of Scientific Progress Reports**

Scientific Progress Reports have their origin in Article VIII, Paragraph 3 of the Convention and are formalised in the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committee (Rule E.1).

Accordingly, all member nations are requested by the Commission to provide Progress Reports to the Scientific Committee using the online facility (<https://portal.iwc.int>) as agreed at the 2010 meeting of the Scientific Committee and modified in the light of discussions at recent Scientific Committee meetings. 'Paper' reports are no longer acceptable.

I draw your attention to the recommendation from last year's Scientific Committee meeting on the recurrent poor level of reporting:

*Attention: C-A*

*The Committee again **recommends** that all member states submit National Progress Reports to the IWC through the IWC data portal (<http://portal.iwc.int>); the present contributions represent only 14% of member nations....*

The individual log-in details for submission of data set up last year are still current and can be used again this year. You may need to reset your password. If you or your representative have not previously accessed the portal you will need to first register online and then contact [it.support@iwc.int](mailto:it.support@iwc.int)

If your country has not submitted a Progress Report in the last few years, please send the following information to [it.support@iwc.int](mailto:it.support@iwc.int)

- Country represented
- Full name
- Email address
- Organisation or Department

On receipt of this information, detailed instructions on how to use the online portal will be forwarded.

All data received by **17 April 2018** will be available for statistical query at the meetings of the Scientific Committee at SC67b in Bled, Slovenia.

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