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**State of the Cetacean Environment Report – publication of a Five-Year Compendium**

I am pleased to attach a link to the new, five-year compendium of the State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER).

The concept of SOCER was introduced in 1997 in order to provide the Commission with a non-technical summary of the most recently published research, legislation and other relevant developments related to the cetacean environment. Each year, the SOCER editors, who are all members of the IWC Scientific Committee, focus on one of five specific regions: North and South Atlantic; North and South Pacific; Polar (Arctic and Antarctic); Indian Ocean; and Mediterranean and Black Seas. This new compendium reflects an effort to put these annual reports into a single, comprehensive document covering the most recent five-year cycle.

To view the SOCER Five-Year Compendium, please follow the link below.

<https://archive.iwc.int/?r=7007>

I hope you will find this document useful and informative.

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