

**29th Annual Meeting, 1977**  
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**IWC Resolution 1977-5**  
**Right whales at Madeira**

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks.

WHEREAS the Commission has since 1948 prohibited the taking of right whales in all oceans of the world because of the extreme depletion of this species,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted the apparently very low numbers of members of this species in the North Atlantic Ocean, and the apparent failure of this species to recover from the effects of over-exploitation,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that a right whale was captured at Madeira in 1959, and an additional right whale was killed at Madeira more recently,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission that the attention of the Government of Portugal be drawn to the endangered condition of the right whale, and that the Government of Portugal be requested to ensure that right whales, and other species to which moratoria have been applied by the Commission, are not killed by vessels under the jurisdiction of Portugal or in waters under Portuguese fisheries jurisdiction.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Government of Portugal, requesting its co-operation.