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Reporting requirements for small-type whaling

WHEREAS the International Whaling Commission has noted that existing international commissions and organisations concerned with marine resources do not, at the present time, provide a central agency for the collection of scientific information on captures of small cetaceans,

WHEREAS the Commission has had brought to its attention the need for such an agency, and the need to commence the collection of such information on an urgent basis,

WHEREAS the Commission is at the present time the sole international authority exclusively concerned with the regulation of major species of cetaceans,

WHEREAS the Commission has under study proposals for the revision of the International Whaling Convention to include all species of Cetacea,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission that members of the Commission be requested to collect and transmit to the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics

(a) with respect to the deliberate, direct capture of small cetaceans, meaning any toothed whale other than the sperm whale, records similar to those described in subparagraph (b) of the Schedule to the Convention as amended by the Commission at its 28th Meeting, June 1976

(b) with respect to the incidental capture of small cetaceans in fisheries, meaning the catching of small cetaceans in any fisheries where small cetaceans are not the desired catch, such as

(i) inadvertent; in gill-net, trawl, purse seine, set net, and longline fisheries and
(ii) deliberate; in purse seines, records showing the following information:

- (a) species name, and local vernacular name where available
- (b) numbers caught
- (c) location of catch
- (d) biological data wherever it is possible to collect
- (e) an appropriate indication of the intensity of catching effort and of the primary species caught.