

**31st Annual Meeting, 1979**  
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**IWC Resolution 1979-3**  
**Resolution in Relation to the Establishment of**  
**a Whale Sanctuary in the Indian Ocean**

WHEREAS a Whale Sanctuary has been established for 10 years in the Indian Ocean North of 55°S, the Commission REQUESTS

- a) that the Scientific Committee investigates
  - (1) the kind of research and the level of research efforts which will be necessary to obtain adequate information on the abundance of whales, reproductive behaviour and related scientific problems relevant to assessment of stocks which the sanctuary will give total or partial protection from whaling,
  - (2) whether it will be necessary to initiate additional research simultaneously in areas where exploitation of whales continues, in order to make comparison possible between stocks under the two different regimes;
- b) that the Scientific Committee reports on its progress in developing research proposals concerning the above mentioned problems at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Commission.