

**33rd Annual Meeting, 1981**  
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**IWC Resolution 1981-3**  
**Resolution on Communication Between the IWC and the Indian Ocean Coastal States**

WITH REFERENCE to the proposal designating a region in the Indian Ocean as a sanctuary in which commercial whaling is prohibited - the region comprising the waters of the Northern Hemisphere from the coast of Africa to 100° East, including the Red and Arabian Seas and Gulf of Oman, and the waters of the Southern Hemisphere in the sector from 20° East to 130° East with the Southern boundary at 55° South.

BEING CONSCIOUS of the need to make a long term approach to the problem of preserving and increasing whale populations in areas sufficiently large for their needs.

NOTING that the Indian Ocean coastal states attending the meeting in the Seychelles on 15 April 1980 accepted the concept of the Indian Ocean Sanctuary.

MINDFUL of the fact that the success of this endeavour would require the co-operation of all states bordering Indian Ocean and beyond.

The International Whaling Commission instructs the Secretary to communicate with the Indian Ocean States coastal to the Indian Ocean Sanctuary and keep them informed of the decisions made in the Commission with regard to the Sanctuary.