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IWC Resolution 1981-7
Resolution Relating to Pollutants in Whales

The International Whaling Commission

NOTES the serious threat to whale stocks, especially sperm whales, caused by increasing levels of heavy metals, PCBs and other organochlorides detected in cetaceans,

NOTES the possible effects on whale stocks which may be caused by shipping and off-shore mining and drilling activities, and

CALLS UPON members of the Commission to encourage national scientific programs in such matters and to provide to the Scientific Committee relevant data resulting from national research or from relevant international organisations in the field of oceanography and marine pollution.