

**44th Annual Meeting, 1992**  
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**IWC Resolution 1992-4**  
**Resolution on a Sanctuary in the Southern Hemisphere**

WHEREAS the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling seeks to provide for the proper conservation of whale stocks and thus make possible the orderly development of the whaling industry;

WHEREAS Article V of the Convention provides for the adoption of regulations fixing open and closed waters, including the designation of sanctuary areas;

WHEREAS the Government of France has proposed in IWC/44/19, annexed to this resolution, that a sanctuary be designated in the waters of the Southern Hemisphere;

WHEREAS the Contracting Governments did not have sufficient time to give full consideration to all aspects of the proposal IWC/44/19;

WHEREAS the proposal IWC/44/19 contained a number of specific questions addressed to the Scientific Committee, for which the Committee was unable to prepare answers in the time available at its 1992 meeting;

Now THEREFORE the Commission;

RESOLVES to give full consideration to the proposal by France at its 45th meeting when the advice of the Scientific Committee will be available;

INVITES Members to submit questions and comments on the proposal, by January 31 1993, for consideration by the Scientific Committee and the Commission at the next annual meeting;

REQUESTS the Secretariat to invite the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), the Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research (SCAR) and other relevant organisations to comment on scientific matters raised in the proposal.

REQUESTS the Scientific Committee to structure its agenda for its next annual meeting to allow it to review and provide advice to the Commission at its next annual meeting on scientific questions and comments raised;

ESTABLISHES a Working Group of the Technical Committee to meet prior to the 45th Annual Meeting to collate the responses from the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission, SC-CCAMLR, SCAR and other relevant organisations, with comments of Members arising from the proceedings of the 44th meeting of the Commission, and any other matters subsequently raised by Member Governments.