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**IWC Resolution 1995-8**  
**Resolution on Whaling under Special Permit in Sanctuaries**

WHEREAS the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling recognises the interests of the nations of the world in safeguarding for the future generations the great natural resources of the whale stocks;

WHEREAS the Commission has established, in paragraphs 7a and 7b of the Schedule, sanctuaries in the Indian and Southern Oceans in which commercial whaling is prohibited;

WHEREAS Article VIII of the Convention provides that Contracting Governments may grant to any of their nationals a special permit authorising those nationals to kill, take and treat whales for purposes of scientific research, and that such killing, taking and treating of whales shall be exempt from the operation of the Convention;

WHEREAS Contracting Governments should nevertheless respect fully the wish of the Commission to ensure the conservation of whales in sanctuaries designated by the Commission;

NOW THEREFORE the Commission:

CONSIDERS that Contracting Governments should undertake, and collaborate in, the conduct of a programme of research in the Southern Ocean Sanctuary using non-lethal methods and, in the exercise of their sovereign rights, refrain from issuing Special Permits for research involving the killing of cetaceans in such sanctuaries.