

**Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 1998**  
**50th Annual Meeting, 1998**

**IWC Resolution 1998-8**  
**Resolution on Cooperation between the IWC and CITES**

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks;

WHEREAS the IWC is the universally recognised competent international organisation for the management of whales and whaling;

RECALLING that the IWC has passed resolutions welcoming the continuing cooperation between CITES and the IWC on the issues related to trade in whale meat, and urging all governments to continue to support IWC and CITES obligations with respect to this issue;

WHEREAS the Conference of the Parties to CITES recognised in Res. Conf. 2.9 the mandate of the IWC, and requested that the CITES secretariat consult with the IWC concerning proposals to amend the CITES appendices;

ACKNOWLEDGING that all species of whales in the Schedule to the IWC have been listed in Appendix I by CITES (with the exception of the West Greenland stock of minke whales which is listed in Appendix II by CITES) pursuant to and in recognition of the establishment of zero quotas for commercial whaling agreed by the Contracting Governments to the IWC, and other decisions of the IWC relating to the status of great whale species;

WHEREAS CITES has recommended that Parties not issue any import or export permits for trade in any whale stocks for which the IWC has set zero catch limits;

WELCOMING the recent decision by the 10th Conference of the CITES parties to uphold Res. Conf. 2.9

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION:

EXPRESSES its appreciation to the Conference of the Parties to CITES for its reaffirmation of the relationship between CITES and the IWC;

RECOGNISES the important role of CITES in supporting the conservation of whale stocks and the IWC's management decisions, and reaffirming the importance of continued cooperation between CITES and IWC;

REAFFIRMS the need for Contracting Governments to observe fully IWC resolutions (IWC Resolution 1994-7; IWC Resolution 1995-6; IWC Resolution 1996-3; IWC Resolution 1997-2) addressing trade questions, in particular with regard to the problem of illegal trade in whale products;

URGES all governments to provide the information specified in previous resolutions to the Commission;

DIRECTS the IWC Secretariat to forward this resolution, and this year's reports of the Infractions Subcommittee and the Scientific Committee to the CITES Secretariat.