

Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2004
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Resolution 2004-5

RESOLUTION ON POSSIBLE SYNERGIES WITH THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY.

COGNIZANT of the need to have strong supporting relationships with other international bodies that deal with subject matter with a strong overlapping interest,

RECOGNISING Paragraph 121 of the 2002 Plan of Implementation from the World Summit on Sustainable Development which called for an 'Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development' which would be strengthened by:

“Increasing effectiveness and efficiency through limiting overlap and duplication of activities of international organizations, within and outside of the United Nations system, based on their mandates and comparative advantages.”

APPRECIATIVE of the International Whaling Commissions long standing interactions with, inter alia, CITES, CMS & CCAMLR,

DESIROUS to support synergies between overlapping conventions so as to improve mutually reinforcing scientific, administrative, policy and financial assistance objectives,

CONSCIOUS of the need to fully support the respective primacy of each organization.

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION:

DIRECTS the Secretariat to establish high level contact with the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility and to:

explore possible synergies and their possible utility of the GEF to the IWC, and investigate, inter alia, possible avenues for the utilization of GEF funding for IWC related projects, with specific regard to:

- (i) Assistance for developing countries for scientific research and policies for scientific research, as directed by the IWC.
- (ii) The utility in joint projects seeking funding with other international organizations, such as, inter alia, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on Migratory Species, the World Heritage Convention, and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands,
- (iii) An examination of the modalities that the GEF seeks to satisfy and whether IWC projects, now or in the future, could be made to fit such objectives.

The Secretariat shall report back to the 57th IWC meeting on these matters.