

PROPOSAL OF A SCHEDULE AMENDMENT TO CREATE A SOUTH ATLANTIC WHALE SANCTUARY

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Nothing in this document is intended to imply any restrictions to the sovereign rights
of coastal States as established in the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea

This is a proposal to add the following text as a new paragraph (7.c) to the Schedule of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946), in accordance with Article V(1)(c) of the ICRW and with document IWC/66/_____ ("The South Atlantic: A Sanctuary for Whales"):

“In accordance with Article V(1)(c) of the Convention, whaling activities of any kind, whether by pelagic operations or from land stations, is prohibited in a region designated as the South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary. This Sanctuary comprises the waters of the South Atlantic Ocean enclosed by the following line: starting from the Equator, then generally south following the eastern coastline of South America and, starting from a point situated at Lat 55°07,3'S Long 066°25,0'W; thence to the point Lat 55°11,0'S Long 066°04,7'W; thence to the point Lat 55°22,9'S Long 065°43,6'W; thence due South to Parallel 56°22,8'S; thence to the point Lat 56°22,8'S Long 067°16,0'W; thence due South, along the Cape Horn Meridian, to 60°S, where it reaches the boundary of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary; thence due east following the boundaries of this Sanctuary to the point where it reaches the boundary of the Indian Ocean Sanctuary at 40°S; thence due north following the boundary of this Sanctuary until it reaches the coast of South Africa; thence it follows the coastline of Africa to the west and north until it reaches the Equator; thence due west to the coast of Brazil, closing the perimeter at the starting point. This prohibition shall be reviewed twenty years after its initial adoption and at succeeding ten-year intervals, and could be revised at such times by the Commission. Nothing in this sub-paragraph shall prejudice the current or future sovereign rights of coastal states according to, inter alia, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. With the exception of Argentina, Brazil, Gabon, South Africa, and Uruguay, this provision does not apply to waters under the national jurisdiction, according to its current delimitation or another that may be established in the future, of coastal States within the area described above, unless those States notify the Secretariat to the contrary and this information is transmitted to the Contracting Governments.”