

Revised proposal to amend the Schedule to establish a South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary

(submitted by Brazil)

The Annotated Provisional Agenda for IWC/59, circulated on 29 March 2007 (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.608), included draft Schedule language in relation to Brazil's proposal to establish a South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary (agenda item 8.2).

Brazil wishes to replace the text included in item 8.2 of the Annotated Provisional Agenda with the following:

Brazil proposes that IWC, at its 59th Annual Meeting in Anchorage, designate the waters of the Atlantic Ocean south of the Equator as a Sanctuary in accordance with Article V(1)(c) of the 1946 Convention. This will call for an amendment of the Schedule by inclusion of a new sub-paragraph (i.e. 7(c)) in Section III CAPTURE as follows:

"In accordance with Article V(1)(c) of the Convention, commercial whaling, 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 to the coast of Tierra del Fuego 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 sovereign rights of coastal states according to, inter alia, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea."