

1977-Appendix 2

Sea of Japan minke whale stock

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

WHEREAS the Commission has noted the presence of a stock of minke whales in the North Pacific area which it has designated as the 'Sea of Japan stock',

WHEREAS the Commission has classified this stock as a Sustained Management Stock and recommended that catching effort on this stock should not be increased,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that this stock is exploited primarily by the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea, which are not members of the Commission,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission

(a) that all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that catching effort on minke whales from the Sea of Japan stock in 1978 does not exceed present levels

(b) that all Governments be encouraged to provide to the Commission, concerning the minke whale stocks in question, biological data and catch per unit of effort data from their whaling activities.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Governments of the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea, requesting their cooperation with regard to the conservation of the minke whale stocks of the North Pacific Ocean and the development of scientific information related to these stocks, and urging them to join the Commission.

1977-Appendix 3

Spain—Portugal—British Isles fin whale stock

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

WHEREAS the Commission has noted the presence of a stock of fin whales in the North Atlantic area which it has designated as the 'Spain-Portugal-British Isles stock',

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that it does not have sufficient information on this stock to classify it under the Commission's management scheme and to establish a quota for it,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that the average catch from this stock for the 5 years 1970-74 was 92 whales, the catch in 1976 was 136, and the average for the 6 years 1970-74, 1976 was 99 whales, and has recommended that there be no increase above present catch levels in 1978,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that this stock is exploited only by vessels under the jurisdiction of Spain, which is not a member of the Commission, and has noted with appreciation the statement of the observer representing the Government of Spain at the Commission's 29th Annual Meeting informing the Commission of the willingness of the Government of Spain to co-operate fully with the Commission and to provide relevant data and information concerning Spanish catches of fin whales in the North Atlantic Ocean.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission

- (a) that all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that the catches of fin whales from the Spain-Portugal-British Isles stock in 1978 do not exceed present catch levels,
- (b) that the Government of Spain be encouraged to provide to the Commission, concerning the fin whale stocks in question, information and data arising from the examination of ovaries, data relating to the sex and size of whales caught, and data on catch per unit of effort,
- (c) that the Government of Spain be encouraged to undertake appropriate research programmes on North Atlantic fin whales, and provide the Commission with the results of these programmes.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Government of Spain. requesting its co-operation with regard to the conservation of the fin whale stocks of the North Atlantic Ocean and the development of scientific information related to these stocks, and urging it to join the Commission.

1977-Appendix 4

North Atlantic sperm whales

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

WHEREAS the Commission has adopted a regulation related to the taking of sperm whales in the North Atlantic Ocean establishing a catch limit of 685 animals as the number which can be safely removed from this stock, using information now available,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that this stock is exploited by vessels under the jurisdiction of Iceland, a member of the Commission, and by vessels under the jurisdiction of Spain and Portugal, which are not members of the Commission,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted with appreciation the statement of the observer representing the Government of Spain at the Commission's 29th Annual Meeting, informing the Commission of the willingness of the Government of Spain to co-operate fully with the Commission through the provision of relevant data and information concerning Spanish catches of sperm whales in the North Atlantic Ocean,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission

- (a) that all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that catches of sperm whales in the North Atlantic Ocean in 1978 do not exceed the catch limit which has been established by the Commission, to prevent the overexploitation of this stock,
- (b) that the Governments of all countries concerned be encouraged to provide to the Commission all available relevant data and information in their possession concerning North Atlantic sperm whales including information and data arising from examination of ovaries and teeth, data relating to the sex and size of ~whales caught, and data on catch per unit of effort,
- (c) that the Governments of Spain and Portugal be encouraged to undertake appropriate research programmes on North Atlantic sperm whales, and provide the Commission with the results of these programmes.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Governments of Spain and Portugal, requesting their co-operation with regard to the conservation of the sperm whale stocks of the North Atlantic Ocean and the development of scientific information related to these stocks, and urging them to join the Commission.

1977-Appendix 5

Right whales at Madeira

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

WHEREAS the Commission has since 1948 prohibited the taking of right whales in all oceans of the world because of the extreme depletion of this species,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted the apparently very low numbers of members of this species in the North Atlantic Ocean, and the apparent failure of this species to recover from the effects of over-exploitation,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that a right whale was captured at Madeira in 1959, and an additional right whale was killed at Madeira more recently,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission that the attention of the Government of Portugal be drawn to the endangered condition of the right whale, and that the Government of Portugal be requested to ensure that right whales, and other species to which moratoria have been applied by the Commission, are not killed by vessels under the jurisdiction of Portugal or in waters under Portuguese fisheries jurisdiction.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Government of Portugal, requesting its co-operation.

1977-Appendix 6

Reporting requirements for small-type whaling

WHEREAS the International Whaling Commission has noted that existing international commissions and organisations concerned with marine resources do not, at the present time, provide a central agency for the collection of scientific information on captures of small cetaceans,

WHEREAS the Commission has had brought to its attention the need for such an agency, and the need to commence the collection of such information on an urgent basis,

WHEREAS the Commission is at the present time the sole international authority exclusively concerned with the regulation of major species of cetaceans,

WHEREAS the Commission has under study proposals for the revision of the International Whaling Convention to include all species of Cetacea,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission that members of the Commission be requested to collect and transmit to the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics

(a) with respect to the deliberate, direct capture of small cetaceans, meaning any toothed whale other than the sperm whale, records similar to those described in subparagraph (b) of the Schedule to the Convention as amended by the Commission at its 28th Meeting, June 1976

(b) with respect to the incidental capture of small cetaceans in fisheries, meaning the catching of small cetaceans in any fisheries where small cetaceans are not the desired catch, such as

- (i) inadvertent; in gill-net, trawl, purse seine, set net, and longline fisheries and
- (ii) deliberate; in purse seines, records showing the following information:

- (a) species name, and local vernacular name where available
- (b) numbers caught
- (c) location of catch
- (d) biological data wherever it is possible to collect
- (e) an appropriate indication of the intensity of catching effort and of the primary species caught.

1977-Appendix 7
Prevention of importation of whale products

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

WHEREAS the said Commission has adopted a New Management Procedure to carry out that purpose,

WHEREAS the said Commission recognises that the effective implementation of its worldwide conservation and management programme requires the participation and support of all whaling nations,

WHEREAS several non-member nations continue to harvest whales outside the regulatory regime of the Commission,

WHEREAS the Commission has previously addressed appeals to these non-member nations urging them to join the Commission and abide by its decisions under the New Management Procedure,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission to renew its invitation to these non-member whaling nations to join the Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the member nations should actively seek to encourage membership by all non-member whaling nations, and should take all necessary steps, including such amendments to their laws and regulations as may be required, to prevent the import into their countries of whale products from non-member nations, in the interest of ensuring effective conservation and management of whale stocks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioners shall report to the 30th Annual Meeting of the Commission on measures they have taken to implement this Resolution.

1977-Appendix 8
Prevention of transfer of whaling vessels etc.

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

WHEREAS the said Commission has adopted a New Management Procedure to carry out that purpose, and

WHEREAS the Technical Committee of said Commission passed a Resolution at its 28th Annual Meeting relating to the dissemination of whaling expertise and assistance, and

WHEREAS the transfer of whaling equipment and the dissemination of whaling expertise and the granting of other assistance necessary to the conduct of whaling operations to any nation or entity under the jurisdiction of such nation which is not a member of the International Whaling Commission seriously detracts from the effectiveness of the management procedures adopted by the International Whaling Commission,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission that all member nations of the said Commission should take all practicable steps to prevent the transfer of factory ships, whale catchers, or gear, apparatus or appliances used in the conduct of whaling operations, and to discourage the dissemination by its citizens of expertise and assistance necessary to the conduct of whaling operations in any form, including, but not limited to:

- (1) the training of personnel;
- (2) the designing of ships, land stations, or other facilities to be used in the conduct of whaling operations; and
- (3) financial aid for whaling operations to any nation or any entity under the jurisdiction of any nation which is not a member of the International Whaling Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission that all member nations of said Commission shall report to said Commission concerning the implementation of this Resolution at each meeting of said Commission.