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Whale Conservation and Management: A Future for the IWC

This paper outlines a strategy to advance the improvement and modernisation of the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

With this contribution, Australia reinforces its commitment to the IWC. This paper suggests ways in which IWC members should build on recent conservation and management successes to manage the full range of human impacts on whale populations and to adapt the IWC to the circumstances of the 21st century. The IWC should ensure that human interactions with cetaceans are managed in a way that follows world's best practice in conservation and management.

This paper proposes actions to expand the current suite of management tools available to the IWC to allow the Commission to address the future conservation and management needs of cetaceans, and to address those current practices that are incompatible with modern ecosystem-based management principles.
