

Resolution 2005-2

**RESOLUTION ON FACILITATING CLOSER COOPERATION AMONG THE RANGE STATES TO
EXPEDITE SIGHTING SURVEYS FOR THE COMMON MINKE WHALES OFF THE KOREAN
PENINSULA**

RECOGNISING THAT the common minke whale stock migrating off Korea, Russia, China and Japan should be conserved and managed appropriately, and that the Scientific Committee is now preparing the in-depth assessment for this stock;

NOTING THAT the spatio-temporal coverage of the past research on this stock for a population assessment was restricted and that data and samples for stock identification are still insufficient;

NOTING THAT the Commission has classified this stock as a “Protected Stock” and a comprehensive assessment has not been conducted during the past twenty years;

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION:

WELCOMES a workshop for non-lethal research collaboration on this stock to be held in Ulsan early in 2006 to be hosted by the Republic of Korea and encourages all range states and other interested parties to participate in the workshop;

REQUESTS the relevant countries that have unsurveyed waters under their jurisdictions to conduct cooperative non-lethal scientific research for the 2006 surveys;

RECOMMENDS THAT scientists from range states and other countries, in association with the IWC Scientific Committee, collaborate and harmonise efforts to develop a research programme and conduct analyses of data, and that funds to be provided.