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1. BACKGROUND

1. This document was produced in response to recommendation III, Article IV, of the III Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA/W) in the Wider Caribbean Region, held in Caracas, Venezuela, 4-8 October 2005.

2. Having reviewed the recommendations of the "Report of the Regional Workshop of Experts on the Development of the Marine Mammal Action Plan (MMAP) for the Wider Caribbean Region", Bridgetown, Barbados, 18-21 July 2005 (UNEP(DEC)/CAR WG.27/3), STAC recommended that the secretariat and the SPA/W/RAC work toward implementing Recommendation No. 3 of the Annex IV of the Report of the Workshop of Experts as a priority action, which states:

"...a. The SPA/W/RAC in collaboration with Governments and relevant organizations compile and make available the following:

*i. Bibliography of relevant marine mammal literature in the WCR;
...noting that this process is ever-evolving."*

3. Submissions of errors, omissions and new publications for inclusion can kindly be made directly to SPA/W/RAC.

2. NOTES:

In reading the present document please note that:

- Not all original references in this bibliographic compilation have been consulted. ISBN were included whenever possible.
- References include those pertaining specifically to marine mammals of the Wider Caribbean Region -WCR as well as other selected references not necessarily pertaining to the WCR (but not a comprehensive list), which were part of the body of references considered or are additional references, and may be of relevance to the region in the context of the MMAP.
- A preliminary attempt has been made to group references according to general categories as follows, but in an attempt to avoid duplications, references have been listed only once, even if relevant to more than one country, geographical area or category:

- 1) Country, Territory or Geographic Area
- 2) General – Marine Mammals WCR
- 3) General – Relevant to the WCR

3. SOURCES:

The following main sources contributed to the present compilation:

1) Scientific journals, published and unpublished literature (papers in preparation, under review, in press, conference abstracts and unpublished manuscripts or reports).

2) Contributions from members of the SPAW Marine Mammal electronic working group which may have been edited for consistency or clarity.

3) Given that the NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, particularly through its Science Centers, annually produces a substantive volume of scientific, technical publications and reports, not all of these have been listed. Their webpage provides access to these works (www.nmfs.noaa.gov). Similarly, the International Whaling Committee-IWC provides access to National Progress Reports submitted annually by member Nations of the WCR through www.iwcoffice.org

4) Key meeting documents of the United Nations Environment Programme and of the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Committee-IWC (except National Progress Reports).

5) Internet sites of major inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations (national and international) dealing with marine mammals.

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