
Editorial

Welcome to the final issue of the second volume of the *Journal of Cetacean Research and Management*. Year 2000 has proven to be another good year for the Journal. A total of 29 papers have been published involving some 115 authors from 17 countries (including Europe, Africa, Asia, Australasia, North America and South America). I am particularly pleased at the wide geographic spread and range of disciplines include and believe that the published papers are leading to the better conservation and management of cetaceans throughout the world. An index to Volume 2 appears at the back of this issue.

The present issue again covers a broad range of subjects, areas and species. In addition to providing information from

less well-studied areas (including the Cook Islands, Ecuador, Grenada and the South China Sea) and species (the North Pacific right whale, the spectacled porpoise and the northern bottlenose whale), it also shows the value of some of the newer research methods in conservation studies (such as time-depth recorders, passive acoustics and the use of wavelet transformation in photo-identification studies).

Finally, I would like to thank Erika Csicsila who stepped into the role as Publications Secretary whilst Helen Sharp was on maternity leave and did a marvellous job with a wonderful smile!

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