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**WORLD MARINE MAMMAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE - HARMONISING
GLOBAL STRANDINGS RESPONSE
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This Circular provides information on a workshop entitled *Harmonising Global Strandings Response*, to be held on 7 December 2019 at the World Marine Mammal Science Conference (WMMC), Barcelona. This is being organised by the IWC Strandings Initiative in collaboration with the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, International Fund for Animal Welfare, the University of Padua, University of California, Davis and Sea Alarm.

The workshop aims to synergise existing initiatives in marine mammal emergency response and to identify what is required to coordinate, support, enhance and globalise the response to marine mammal strandings. It will bring together government and non-government marine mammal and environmental protection agencies around the world, marine mammal managers and policy makers, first responders and researchers working on strandings. Countries with established networks as well as countries with minimal or no current capacity for stranding response but who