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Marine Debris Data Submission Request for the 2008/09 Season

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Members are reminded of the requirement to submit data from 2008/09 surveys of beached marine debris, entanglement of marine mammals in marine debris, marine debris associated with seabird colonies, and seabirds and marine mammals soiled with hydrocarbons.

Members are also reminded that only data collected and reported in accordance with CCAMLR standard forms and instructions will be accepted by the Secretariat for entering into the marine debris database. All forms and instructions are available on the CCAMLR website (www.ccamlr.org/pu/e/sc/deb/forms-inst.htm).

Only data submitted by the deadline of 18 September will be entered into the CCAMLR database in time for the preparation of the Secretariat's annual report on the status and trends of marine debris.

Members who conduct standardised quantitative surveys from vessels of debris at sea are invited to advise the Secretariat of such surveys, their design and the data collected.

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