

## Complete each gap with one word.

The International Whaling Commission (IWC) was established in 1946 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW). Its objective was the worldwide protection of all whale stocks and the sustainable management of whaling. OceanCare has held observer status at the IWC (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1992. We (3) \_\_\_\_\_ dedicated to observing the global ban on commercial whaling, which has been in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ since 1986 and to encouraging the transformation of the IWC (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a modern conservation body that addresses the full range of threats (6) \_\_\_\_\_ all whale and dolphin species.

The IWC has 88 member states (as of 2022). In 1982, the member states decided to ban commercial whaling activities worldwide. This global ban (7) \_\_\_\_\_ commercial whaling came into force in 1986 and has saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of whales so (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

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