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JARPA II Research Plans

(strictly confidential until the opening plenary at IWC 57)

The Government of Japan has asked that the following document be circulated to Commissioners and members of the Scientific Committee under the <u>strictest confidentiality</u> until the opening plenary at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Commission in Ulsan:

SC/57/O1 Plan for the second phase of the Japanese whale research program under special permit in the Antarctic (JARPA II) – monitoring of the Antarctic ecosystem and development of new management objectives for whale resources.

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