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Japan's Scientific Progress Reports on Large Cetaceans

As expressed at the 68A session of the IWC Scientific Committee (SC) Meeting in 2019, even after its withdrawal from the ICRW, Japan has continued its scientific contribution to the SC from the perspective of international cooperation for the proper conservation and management of cetaceans.

In this regard, Japan would like to draw the attention of the SC that it will provide its Scientific Progress Report on Large Cetaceans on the website of the Fisheries Agency of Japan (FAJ), including the data and samples of large cetaceans, which were collected by Japan from its scientific research programs and direct catch/bycatch of large cetaceans. The present Progress Report covers the fiscal year 2021 (April 2021 to March 2022).

The Scientific Progress Report on Large Cetaceans is available here:

<http://www.jfa.maff.go.jp/e/whale/index.html>

(The Report will be uploaded on the first day of the 68D session of the Scientific Committee Meeting.)

Taking the advantage of this opportunity, Japan also wishes to draw the attention of the SC that it will provide a similar report on small cetaceans on the above mentioned FAJ's website as well.