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Japanese Special Permit – Antarctic

The Government of Japan has issued a Special Permit authorising the implementation of the research take of minke whales for scientific research in the Antarctic, and reports this to the IWC in accordance with Article VIII(1) of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

A copy of the Permit is enclosed with the postal version of this Circular Communication.

Dr. R. Gambell
Secretary to the Commission

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Special Permit

Permit No.10-SUIKAN-2808

Dated November 4,1998

Issued to : The Institute of Cetacean Research

Director;Dr.Seiji OHSUMI

Address; 4-18,Toyomi-cho,Chuo-ku,Tokyo,Japan

Issued by : H.E.Yoshio Inoue, Minister of States

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1 Purpose of research ;

Research of whale stocks in the Southern Hemisphere

2 Method of research ;

Research take using grenade harpoons

3 Vessel used and gross tonnage ;

Nisshin-maru (7,575GT)

4 (1)Sampling vessels accompanied ;

Yushin-maru(720GT)

Kyo-maru No.1(812.08GT)

Toshi-maru No.25 (739.92GT)

(2)Sighting vessel accompanied ;

Kyoshin-maru No.2(368GT)

5 Owner of the Vessel ;

Kyodo Senpaku LTD.

6 Species and number of whales to be taken for the research Nisshin- maru and sampling vessels accompanied ;

400 minke whales, however, it is authorized to take up to 440 minke whales, if it is so required for the purpose to implement the research.(excluding dwarf minke whales)

7 Research area ;

Designated to the waters south of 55 S, east of 130 E, west of 140 W, excluding the 200 mile zones of foreign countries.

8 Duration of validity of this permit ;

From November 6th,1998 to April 21st 1999

9 Terms and conditions;

- (1) It shall be prohibited to take species other than those prescribed in paragraph 6 or to exceed the number of take prescribed in paragraph 6.
- (2) Any whales taken under this permit should so far as practicable be processed after the observation and collection of samples.
- (3) Results of the research shall be reported to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries immediately upon the completion of operation of the research.
- (4) Accounting Report regarding the research shall be submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries immediately upon the completion of operation of the research.
- (5) The cold grenade harpoon shall not be used unless it is permitted by the Director-General of the Fisheries Agency as necessary for the implementation of research and unless it is used as the second harpoon in order to shorten the time to death of the whale which was struck by the explosive grenade harpoon. Rifles shall be used as the main secondary killing technique unless difficulties arise with rifles or hunters.
- (6) This permit shall be placed on board the vessel during the operation of the research.
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- (8) Either enforcement official(s),or person(s) who have responsibility to the research shall be on board the vessel.
- (9) It shall be prohibited to refuse fisheries inspectors to be on board the vessel.
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- (11) The bearer of the permit shall not refuse the presentation of report which is required for the purpose of coordinating this operation with other fishing operations.
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