

Proposal to Establish an Ad Hoc Small Working Group to Seek Options for Resolving Matters Related to the Small-Type Coastal Whaling

Submitted by Japan

It is proposed that an Ad Hoc Small Working Group to Seek Options for Resolving Matters Related to the Small-Type Coastal Whaling be established with the following terms of reference:

- 1) To identify and consider unresolved issues with regard to matters related to the Small-Type Coastal Whaling with the view of recommending steps forward for consideration by the Commission, with reference to the IWC/64/9;
- 2) To prioritize those issues that can be dealt with in the IWC 65;
- 3) To convene an organizational meeting after the IWC 64;
- 4) To work by correspondence and, as time permits, to meet during the subcommittee week of the IWC 65; and
- 5) To report on its progress to the Commission at IWC 65.

Appropriate representatives from the Secretariat will also serve on the Ad Hoc Working Group to assist and facilitate on these matters.