Annex 1: Summary Reporting Form



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Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods (based on Resolution 1999-1)

Please note that completion of this form is not compulsory but it will greatly aid the discussions at the forthcoming Working Group Meeting. The Secretariat would be grateful if you can complete this form as fully as possible, preferably electronically and return it to Secretariat@iwcoffice.org by 28 May 2012.

Contracting Government	Greenland (Denmark)			
Season	2011			
Area	Greenland			
Fishery type (e.g. commercial, aboriginal subsistence, scientific permit)	Aboriginal Subsistence			

Table 1. Summary of primary and secondary whale killing methods used (Note that the appropriate Method No. should be used throughout the form):

ľ	Method No.	Brief description of method (e.g. penthrite grenade, 'cold' grenade, rifle of stated calibre, etc). Put the most commonly used method first. Insert more rows if necessary.	Used as: (state whether primary killing method, secondary, or both)
	1	Penthrite grenade 30 gram (Whale Grenade-99)	Primary (minke whales in West Greenland).
			Primary and secondary (fin whales in West Greenland).
	2	Penthrite grenade 45 gram (Whale Grenade-99)	Primary and secondary (bowhead whales, fin whales and humpback whales in West Greenland)
	3	Rifle, calibre larger than 7.62 mm (30.06).	Secondary (minke whales in West Greenland). Primary (minke whale collective hunt in West and East
		Greenland).	

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Summary of criteria used to indicate unconsciousness and death:

Criteria: When the whale does not move and the flippers are immovable. This includes when the whale has sunk and there is no movement in the harpoon line or floats.

Number of whales killed instantly are whales reported killed within 1 minute.

Table 2: Summary of information providers:

Percentage of data provided by:				
■ inspectors 1				
scientists				
hunters	98			
other (please specify)	1			

Table 3: Summary of hunt:

ltem		Species 1 [Minke whale, W-GRL]		Species 2 [Minke whale, E-GRL]		Species 3 [Fin whale]		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Whale killing methods								
 Total no. killed (all methods summed) 	179		10		5			
 Total killed using Method 1 only (30 g) 	118	66 %			5	100 %		
■ Total killed using Method 2 only (45 g)								
Total killed using Method 3 only (rifle)	61	34 %	10	100 %				
 Total needing secondary harpoon or other secondary killing method 								
 If bullets used 								
o minimum number								
o maximum number								
o median number								
Time to unconsciousness/death (TTD)*	•	•		•	•	•		
Total for which information recorded	155	87 %	9	90 %	5	100 %		
 Total estimated TTD to be instant 	58	37 %	0	0 %	1	20%		
 Maximum estimated TTD (minutes) 	120		90		60			
 Mean time to TTD (minutes) 	11		29		21			
 Median Time to TTD (minutes) 	5		25		15			
Other information								
 Total targeted and missed 								
 Total struck and lost 	6	3 %	1	10 %	0	0 %		

Item	[Humpb	cies 4 ack whale, GRL]				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%

Whale killing methods						
Total no. killed (all methods summed)	8					
■ Total killed using Method 1 only (30 g)						
■ Total killed using Method 2 only (45 g)	8	100 %				
Total killed using Method 3 only (riffle)						
 Total needing secondary harpoon or other secondary killing method 						
 If bullets used 						
o minimum number						
 maximum number 						
o median number						
Time to unconsciousness/death (TTD)*						
 Total for which information recorded 	6	75 %				
 Total estimated TTD to be instant 	3	50 %				
 Maximum estimated TTD (minutes) 	30					
 Mean time to TTD (minutes) 	9					
 Median Time to TTD (minutes) 	3					
Other information						
 Total targeted and missed 						
 Total struck and lost 	0	0 %				

*NB Resolution 1999-1 asks for TTD information for each whale not killed instantly. This can be provided via Table 4 below.

Other: Any other relevant information e.g. with information on technical assistance given to other fisheries or with respect to new studies to (a) improve methods and TTD, (b) develop new criteria for TTD:

Statistics for TTD of minke whales by method, rather than by stock:

Time to death for minke whales killed with method 1 (N_TTD = 108 reports, or 66% of the catch): 58 whales (54%) were killed within 1 minute. 86 whales (80%) died within 5 minutes. The mean time to death was 4 minutes. The median time to death was 1 minutes. The largest time to death reported was 60 minutes.

Time to death for minke whales killed with method 2 (N_TTD = 56 reports, or 34% of the catch): 0 minke whale (0%) was killed within 1 minute, while 1 (2%) died within 5 minutes. The mean time to death was 26 minutes. The median time to death was 21 minutes. The largest time to death was 120 minutes.

Statistics for Struck and Lost minke whales by method, rather than by stock:

Struck but lost minke whales using method 1: 0 (0 % of struck animals)
Struck but lost minke whales using method 2: 6 (8 % of struck animals)

Additional information on fin whales and humpback whales:

The minimum time to death reported for fin whales was 0 minutes. 2 fin whales (40%) died within 5 minutes. The minimum time to death reported for humpback whales was 0 minutes. 4 humpback whales (67%) died within 5 minutes.

Additional information on bowhead whales:

The hunting of bowhead whales in West Greenland is in a testing period and will be followed closely by wildlife officers, the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture and The Greenland Institute of Natural Resources to improve the killing method and all activities related to the hunt.

Table 4: Reporting of data on individual whales killed

Whale:	Species	Killing method(s) used	Time to Death ¹	Samples taken
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Etc.				

¹ Resolution 1999-1 encouraged reporting of time to death for each animal not killed instantly