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<u>Japanese Special Permits – North Pacific (coastal areas)</u>

The Government of Japan has issued Special Permits authorising the implementation of the research take of minke whales for scientific purposes in the North Pacific, and reports this information to the International Whaling Commission in accordance with Article VIII(1) of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling. Copies of the Special Permits are attached.

The Government of Japan refers to the Note in Section 6 of the Special Permits dated 27 June 2002 (see Circular Communication IWC.CCG.258 of 12 July 2002) and notes that the Special Permits attached have been issued for the sampling of 50 minke whales in coastal areas.

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