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**Icelandic Special Permits**

The Government of Iceland has issued three Special Permits authorising the permit holders to engage in whaling for the purposes of scientific research in the year and reports this information to the International Whaling Commission in accordance with Article VIII(1) of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

The Secretariat has been informed by the Government of Iceland that: (1) the permits set out numerous restrictions and conditions, including that the total catch will not exceed 38 minke whales; and (2) the whaling operation represents a partial implementation of the research plan discussed by the Scientific Committee at its meeting in Berlin earlier this year.

The permits are issued in the Icelandic language and are presently not available in any other language. English translations are to be provided soon and will be circulated to all Commissioners and Contracting Governments on receipt by the Secretariat. Copies in Icelandic can be provided on request.

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