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Japanese Special Permits – Antarctic

The Government of Japan has issued special permits authorising the implementation of the research take of minke whales for scientific purposes in the Antarctic 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 to this Circular Communication.

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

Special Permit

Permit No.16-SUIKAN-2402

Date 9 Nov.2004

Issued to: The Institute of Cetacean Research

Director: Dr.Hiroshi HATANAKA

Address : 4-5,Toyomi-cho,Chuo-ku,Tokyo,Japan

Issued by: Mr. Yoshinobu SHIMAMURA, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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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 (7,659.00GT)

4 Vessels accompanied :

① Sampling vessels accompanied

Kyo-maru No.1(812.08GT)

Yushin-maru No.2 (747.00GT)

Yushin-maru(720.00GT)

② Sighting vessel

Kyoshin-maru No.2 (372.00GT)

5 Owner of the Vessel :

Kyodo Senpaku LTD.

6 Species and number of whales to be taken for 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. (Dwarf Minke Whales are excluded.)

7 Research area :

Designated to the waters south of 55 S, east of 35 E, west of 130 E, excluding the 200 mile zones of foreign countries.

8 Duration of validity of this permit :

From November 11th, 2004 to April 15th, 2005

9 Terms and conditions:

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- (13) The research shall be implemented under the guidance and supervision by the Director-General of the Fisheries Agency where and if appropriate.
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