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**Japanese Special Permits – North Pacific**

The Government of Japan has issued Special Permits authorising the implementation of the research take of minke whales for scientific purposes in the Northern Pacific Ocean, 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.

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