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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, fin and humpback whales for scientific purposes in the Antarctic 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.

Please note that Japan has informed the Secretariat that although the Special Permits include humpback whales, it will continue to suspend catching humpbacks for this season as long as progress is being made in the discussions on the future of IWC.

Copies of the Special Permits are attached.

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