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Japanese Special Permits in the Southern Ocean: Clarification of suspension of take of humpback whales

Further to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.975 of 16 December, the Secretariat has since received a subsequent letter from the Embassy of Japan in London.

The letter states that although the Special Permits circulated in IWC.CCG.975 include catching 50 humpback whales, Japan will continue to suspend catching humpback whales for this season, as long as progress is being made with the IWC normalisation process.

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