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**Japanese Special Permits – North Pacific (offshore component)**

The Government of Japan has issued Special Permits authorizing the implementation of the research take of minke, Bryde's, Sei and sperm whales for scientific purposes in the Western North Pacific Ocean in 2012, and reports 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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Secretary to the Commission

c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC