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Japanese Special Permits – Antarctic

The Government of Japan has issued Special Permits authorising the implementation of a take of Antarctic minke, fin and humpback whales for scientific purposes in the Southern 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.

Japan has informed the Secretariat that it will continue to suspend the capture of humpback whales for the forthcoming season as long as progress is being made with the IWC normalisation process.

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c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC