



Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and
Members of the Scientific Committee
IWC.ALL.239

Government of Japan Special Permits – Southern Ocean

Communication IWC.ALL.238 of 27 November 2015 circulated a letter from the Government of Japan indicating its decision to commence NEWREP-A from this austral summer.

Following this announcement the Government of Japan has issued Special Permits authorising the take of Antarctic minke whales for the purpose of scientific research in the Southern Ocean under NEWREP-A during the 2015/16 research period.

The Government of Japan has requested that the permits are circulated to all Contracting Governments of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling for their information.

The permits are attached to this Communication.

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