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

The Government of Japan has issued Special Permits authorizing the 2017 research take of minke whales and sei whales for scientific research purposes in the offshore waters of the western North Pacific Ocean under the NEWREP-NP programme, 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 permits are attached to this Circular.

Simon Brockington  
Executive Secretary

*c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC*

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