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IWC Resolution 1977-2
Sea of Japan minke whale stock

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks.

WHEREAS the Commission has noted the presence of a stock of minke whales in the North Pacific area which it has designated as the 'Sea of Japan stock',

WHEREAS the Commission has classified this stock as a Sustained Management Stock and recommended that catching effort on this stock should not be increased,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that this stock is exploited primarily by the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea. which are not members of the Commission,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission

- (a) that all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that catching effort on minke whales from the Sea of Japan stock in 1978 does not exceed present levels
- (b) that all Governments be encouraged to provide to the Commission, concerning the minke whale stocks in question, biological data and catch per unit of effort data from their whaling activities.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Governments of the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea, requesting their cooperation with regard to the conservation of the minke whale stocks of the North Pacific Ocean and the development of scientific information related to these stocks, and urging them to join the Commission.