

Special Permit

Permit No.24-SUIKAN-391

Issued to: Mr. Yoshihiro FUJISE
President, the Institute of Cetacean Research
4-5, Toyomi-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Dated May 14, 2012

Issued by: Mr. Michihiko KANO, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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1 Purpose of research ;

Research on whale resources and elucidation of their role in the marine ecosystem in the Western North Pacific Ocean

2 Method of research ;

- ① Research take using grenade harpoons
- ② Biopsy sampling surveys of grey whales, right whales, bowhead whales, blue whales, fin whales, sei whales, Bryde's whales, minke whales, humpback whales and sperm whales.

3 Vessel used and gross tonnage ;

Nisshin-maru (8,044GT)

4 Other vessels to join the research ;

Yushin-maru (720GT)

Yushin-maru No.2 (747GT)

5 Owner of the Vessel ;

Kyodo Senpaku LTD.

6 Species and number of whales authorized to take for research purposes in the year 2012.

- 100 Minke whales
- 50 Bryde's whales
- 100 Sei whales
- 10 Sperm whales

7 Research area ;

North of 35 N, west of 170 E in the North Pacific Ocean. In the case of the 200 mile zone of foreign countries, research activities are subject to their approval.

8 Duration of validity of this permit ;

FROM 16 May 2012 TO 10 August 2012

9 Terms and conditions;

- (1) It shall be prohibited to take species other than those prescribed in paragraph 6 or to exceed the number of takes prescribed in paragraph 6.
- (2) Any whales taken under this permit should so far as practicable be processed after the observation and collection of samples.
- (3) Results of the research shall be reported to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries immediately upon the completion of operation of the research.
- (4) Accounting Report regarding the research shall be submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries immediately upon the completion of operation of the research.
- (5) The cold grenade harpoon shall not be used unless it is permitted by the Director-General of the Fisheries Agency as necessary for the implementation of research and unless it is used as the second harpoon in order to shorten the time to death of the whale which was struck by an explosive grenade harpoon.
- (6) Rifles shall not be used onboard the research vessel except for the case that it is used to shorten the time to death of targeted whale. Rifles shall be used if it is necessary to shorten the time to death of targeted whale unless difficulties arise with rifles or hunters.
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- (12) The bearer of this permit shall, upon request, submit to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries information which may be required for the purpose of coordinating this operation with other fishing operations.
- (13) The research shall be implemented under the guidance and supervision of the Director-General of the Fisheries Agency where and if appropriate.
- (14) This permit may be withdrawn if violation of the terms and conditions occurs.
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