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Dr. Simon Brockington  
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Dear Dr. Brockington,

The Government of Japan has issued Special Permits No.26-SUIKAN-190 dated 18 April 2014, authorizing the take of Minke whales for scientific research purposes in the Cetacean Studies in the Western North Pacific Ocean 2014 (coastal component), and reports to the International Whaling Commission (IWC) in accordance with Article 8 (1) of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

The Government of Japan would like to inform the Members of the IWC that, taking account of the judgment delivered by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 31 March 2014, it has reduced the numbers of whales authorized to be taken under the attached Special Permits, and the Director-General of the Fisheries Agency has issued a guidance, a copy of which is also attached, on 25 April 2014 to the bearer of the attached Special Permits in accordance with 8 (11) of the respective Special Permits that it will need to employ non-lethal methods steadily, including the DNA biopsy samplings, in order to advance their feasibility or practicability studies and their results will need to be included in its report to be submitted in accordance with 8 (3) of the said Permits.

I am requesting that the attached Special Permits, guidance by the Director-General of the Fisheries Agency and this letter be circulated to all IWC Commissioners.

Yours sincerely

Sincerely,

Joji Morishita  
IWC Commissioner  
Government of Japan