

Special Permit

Permit No.27-SUIKAN-1722

Dated December 7, 2015

Issued to: The Institute of Cetacean Research

Director General : Dr. Yoshihiro FUJISE

Address : 4-5, Toyomi-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Issued by: Mr. Hiroshi MORIYAMA, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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1 Purpose of research :

- (1) Improvements in the precision of biological and ecological information for the application of the Revised Management Procedure (RMP) to the Antarctic minke whale.
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2 Method of research :

- (1) Lethal Survey using grenade harpoons
- (2) Non-lethal Surveys
- (3) Krill abundance survey

3 Vessel used and gross tonnage :

Nisshin-maru (8,145.00GT)

4 Vessels accompanied :

Yushin-maru (724.00GT)

Yushin-maru No.2 (747.00GT)

Yushin-maru No.3 (742.00GT)

5 Owner of the Vessels :

Kyodo Senpaku LTD.

6 Species and number of whales to be taken for the research:

333 Antarctic minke whales.

7 Research area :

Latitude: South of 60°S, Longitude: 0° to 120°W, excluding the 200 mile zones of foreign countries.

8 Duration of validity of this permit :

From December 7, 2015 to March 31, 2016

9 Terms and conditions:

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