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Dear Dr. Fortuna and Dr. Brockington:

In accordance with Paragraph 30 of the Schedule of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling and the Annex P, the Government of Japan submits attached hereto the proposed plan for the New Scientific Whale Research Program in the western North Pacific (NEWREP-NP) for review and comments by the Scientific Committee. Please refer to the completed self-assessment checklist provided in Appendix 1 of the Annex P.

The Government of Japan requests that the proposed plan be circulated to all IWC Commissioners and Contracting Governments for their comments. Japan would welcome any scientific comments from IWC Member countries which could be provided to Japan directly or through the Secretariat.

Sincerely,

Joji Morishita
IWC Commissioner for Japan

5. FIELD AND ANALYTICAL METHODS	Y	N	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of field methods (by species/stock): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sampling protocol for lethal and non-lethal aspects of the proposal including number, time-frame, area (including protocol to deal with predictable difficulties e.g. prolonged poor weather) ○ an assessment of why non-lethal methods, methods associated with any ongoing commercial whaling, or analyses of past data have been considered to be insufficient • Description of laboratory methods. • Description of analytical methods (for novel techniques details may be provided in an Annex to allow full evaluation): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Characterization of assumptions, key parameters, methods to deal with uncertainty, statistical power; ○ an assessment of why non-lethal methods, methods associated with any ongoing commercial whaling, or analyses of past data have been considered to be insufficient; • Description of use of data from other projects or programmes. 	(3.1) (3.2) ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑	□ □ □ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □ □ □
6. LOGISTICS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT	Y	N	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of intermediate targets to allow for adequate review of progress relative to objectives. • Description of overall project management including personnel and logistic resources. 	☑ (5.1) ☑ (5.2)	□ □	□ □
CO-OPERATIVE RESEARCH	Y	N	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the degree to which the programme will coordinate its activities with related research projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ assessment of whether the degree of coordination is sufficient to ensure field and analytical methods were appropriate and best practice to achieve the stated objectives; ○ whether the degree of coordination is sufficient to avoid unnecessary duplication; • A note on the provisions for co-operative research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ field studies; ○ analytical studies. 	(6) ☑ ☑ ☑ ☑	□ □ □ □	□ □ □ □
CONCLUSIONS	Y	N	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary evaluation of the proposed programme in the light of Annex P. 	☑ (7)	□	□
ANNEXES	Y	N	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field protocols (and if relevant how these compare with IWC guidelines). • Laboratory protocols (and if relevant how these compare with IWC guidelines). • Analytical details for new approaches or models (including formulae for estimating parameters of interest and how uncertainty was dealt with). • A list (by objective) of collaborating institutes, expert, projects or external data sources. 	☑ (Annex 6, 13) ☑ (Annex 7-11, 14-16, 18, 19) ☑ (Annex 12, 17) ☑ (Annex 20)	□ □ □ □	□ □ □ □

*Brackets indicate specific chapter/section that deals with each item.