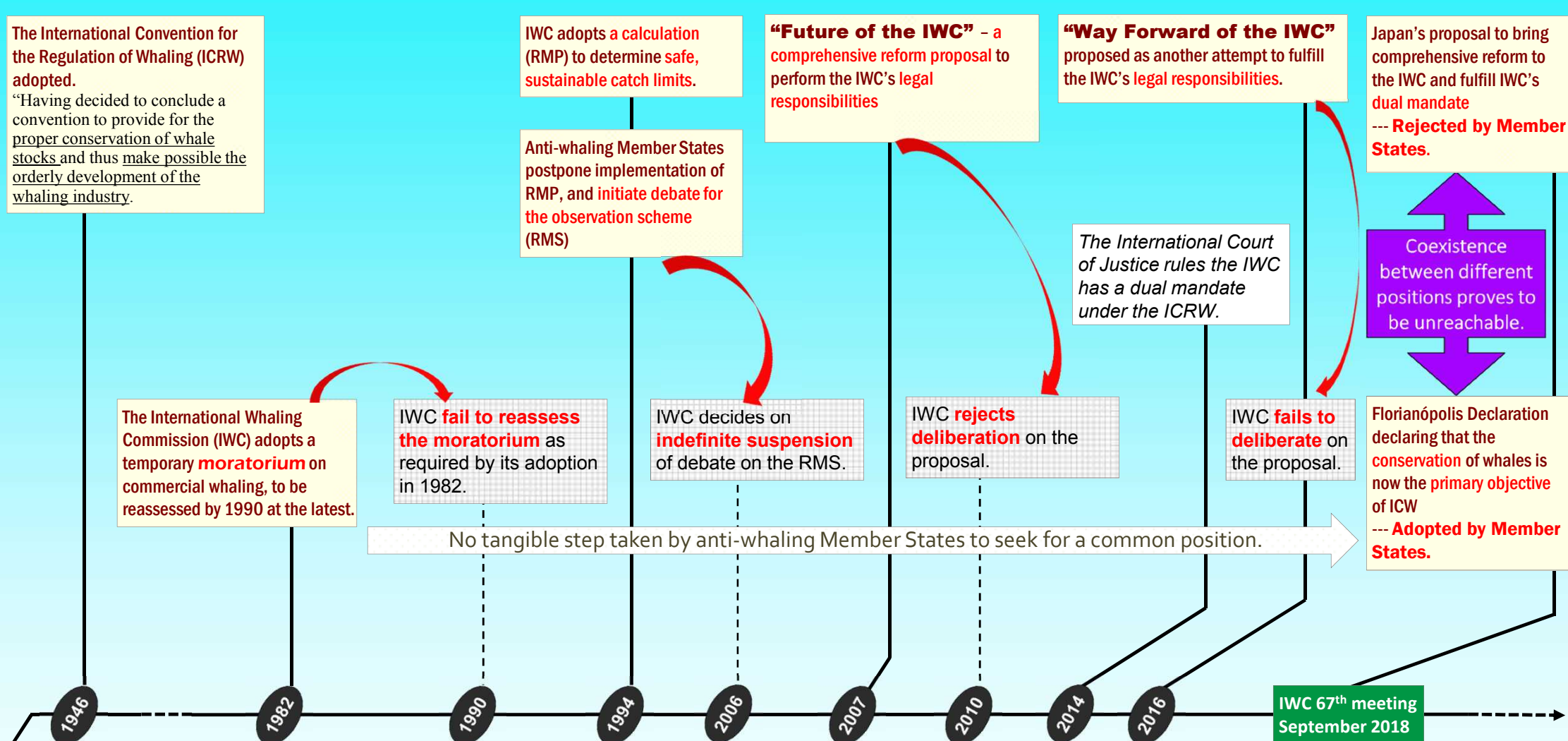


A HISTORY OF EFFORTS TO FULFILL THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION'S DUAL RESPONSIBILITY



Japan has been contributing to providing scientific knowledge for sustainable management of whales as well as to confirming abundance of several species/stocks.

Sighting research of major whale species

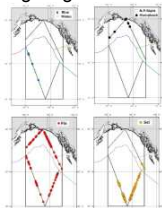


Table A1. Summary of marine debris observations sorted by frequency of occurrence. Some rare descriptions include items described based on the type of debris observed during the 2011 and 2012 IWC/SC cruises.

IWC Code	YSP POWER	Marine Debris Code Definition	Count
100	101	single floating disc, small	37
100	102	plastic bottle	21
100	103	plastic bottle, 500 ml (1 liter) capacity	11
100	104	wood plank or wood board, small	11
100	105	plastic cup or container, small	11
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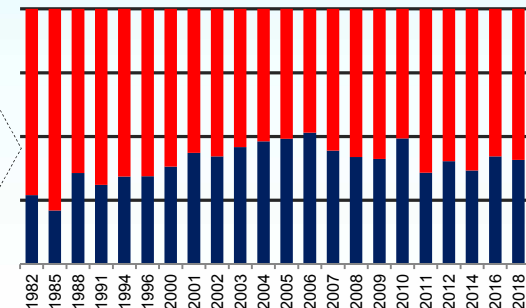
Japanese research vessel

“The 7th cruise of this programme provides critical information on the distribution, abundance and stock structure of baleen whale species... These results contribute to the objectives of the IWC/SC.”

- IWC Report SC/67a/ASI/09, pp9-10

Ratio of voting Pro-whaling and Anti-whaling Member States - Historical change

The IWC have long been failing to reach political decisions, due to its **three-fourth majority** voting system required for regulating conservation and utilization of whale resources.



For 30 years, the IWC has been incapable of finding a solution that fulfills its dual responsibility.