



Based on **Law and Science**

Japan's Whaling is Sustainably conducted :



in accordance with
**INTERNATIONAL
LAW**



within catch limits in line with
the SCIENCE-BASED METHOD
adopted by IWC



within Japan's
TERRITORIAL SEA
and EEZ



through cooperation with
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS including IWC

JAPAN'S TARGET WHALE SPECIES

whose **abundance has been proved sufficient** on scientific grounds
with **CURRENT ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT** / Estimated abundance (area)



MINKE
WHALE

167 (0.80%)
/ **20,961**
(western North Pacific)



SEI
WHALE

56 (0.36%)
/ **15,455**
(west of 170°E & north of 35°N)



BRYDE'S
WHALE

154 (0.93%)
/ **16,518**
(between 130°E & 180)



FIN
WHALE

60 (0.31%)
/ **19,299**
(western North Pacific)

* There are many different whale species across the globe, and Japan's whaling policy is **to take only whale species — scientifically proved abundant**.

* In line with the science-based approach (**Revised Management Procedure**), Japan calculates **highly precautionary catch limits** that are **robust against various uncertainties** ranging from data errors to climate change.



JAPAN'S ONGOING COOPERATION with INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS for proper management, conservation & study of whale species

Cooperation with IWC through:

- Attending IWC Meetings as an observer even after the withdrawal from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW).
- Reporting the latest information on Japan's whaling activities at those meetings.
- Undertaking various collaborative activities — in particular Japan continues to conduct **joint research with IWC on whales (IWC-POWER)** and provide relevant organizations with the scientific data.

IWC-POWER : Valuable Data & Info

- Non-lethal whale survey jointly conducted by **Japanese & Multinational (IWC member states) researchers** in the North Pacific since 2010.
- **Major contribution** to the scientific research & data of IWC.
- Cost of vessel chartering & crew hiring **entirely funded by Japan**.
- **Cruise reports** made available online.
- **Appreciated by IWC** & relevant international organizations.

Cooperation with NAMMCO through:

- Attending NAMMCO Meetings as an observer since 1992.
- Starting a **joint research project (MINTAG)** in 2021 and signing the **cooperation instrument** in 2023.
- Reporting the latest information on Japan's whaling activities at those meetings.

JASS-A : Valuable Data & Info

- Non-lethal whale survey conducted in the Antarctic since 2019.
- **One and only whale survey in the Antarctic**, thereby making major contribution to the scientific research & data of IWC & NAMMCO.
- Appreciated by relevant international organizations.
- Japan also conducts **other domestic & bilateral non-lethal whale surveys**.