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Japan

Japan has killed 8,715 minke whales in the Antarctic for “scientific purposes” since the moratorium in 1986. A total of 840 whales were killed by Japan under special permit during the 31 years before the moratorium.

Japan took a total of 912 whales in 2007/08 season, (651 Southern Hemisphere minke whales, 108 North Pacific minke whales, 50 North Pacific Brydes whales, 100 North Pacific sei whales, 3 North Pacific sperm whales.) The 2005/06 season was the first time Japan had taken fin whales, an endangered species.

Iceland

In 2007/08 Iceland took 39 minke whales under special permit for "scientific whaling." Iceland announced in January 2009 announced a dramatic increase in its whale quotas for the next five years saying it would catch 100 minke whales, 100 endangered fin whales and 50 sei whales.

In the 2007/2008 season, Iceland took an additional 6 minke whales under its commercial whaling programme.

Norway

Norway broke the moratorium in 1993 and resumed commercial whaling. Since then they have taken over 7,467 minke whales under objection.

Norway took 597 minke whales under its commercial whaling programme in the 2007/08 season.