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## IWC 61 Whaling Facts/Figures

### 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.