

## **Outline of the Proposed Plan for the New Scientific Whale Research Program in the western North Pacific**

### **1. Research Title**

NEWREP-NP: New Scientific Whale Research Program in the  
western North Pacific

### **2. Research Objectives**

(1) Contribution to optimizing the establishment of a sustainable  
catch limit for common minke whales in the coastal waters of  
Japan

(Refinement of the catch limit calculation by the Scientific Committee of  
International Whaling Commission (IWC SC))

(2) Contribution to the RMP/IST\* for North Pacific sei whale

(No catch limit has been calculated on North Pacific sei whale so far by the  
IWC SC)

\* The Revised Management Procedure (RMP) is the IWC's agreed mechanism to  
calculate safe catch limits for commercial whaling. Implementation Simulation Trial  
(IST) is an application test of RMP using simulations (experiment under various  
conditions).

### **3. Research Area**

As indicated in the attached map

### **4. Research Period**

12 years (2017-2028, midterm review is planned after the first  
six years)