



1 February 2015

## **EXPERT GROUP MEETING TO ASSESS JAPANESE SMALL WHALE KILLING DATA**

The Japanese Agency of Fisheries and Taijii are considering having a workshop on hunting and killing methods in the whale hunt in Taijii with participation of 2 invited experts from the NAMMCO Hunting Committee.

With reference to the report of the Hunting Committee 19 and 20 November 2014, the following draft programme and indication of budget items will be discussed with the Japanese representatives during an informal meeting at the NAMMCO 23.

### **DRAFT AGENDA / PROGRAMME**

#### **Day 1**

#### **0900 – 1030 Introductory session – agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6**

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS
  - 1.1 Appointment of Chair
  - 1.2 Appointment of rapporteur(s)
  - 1.3 Review of Documents
2. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND BACKGROUND TO THE MEETING
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
4. ANATOMICAL FEATURES OF SMALL CETACEANS WITH RELEVANCE TO THE KILLING
5. CRITERIA OF DEATH - VOLUNTARY VERSUS REFLEX MOVEMENTS
6. TIME TO DEATH – PRINCIPLES FOR COLLECTION AND PROCESSING OF DATA

#### **1030 – 1100 Coffee break**

#### **1100 – 1700 Main session - Agenda item 7**

#### **1300 – 1345 Lunch**

#### **1515 – 1530 Coffee break**

7. DESCRIPTION OF KILLING METHODS IN USE AND/OR UNDER DEVELOPMENT, SAMPLING AND REVIEW OF TTD DATA
  - 7.1 Japan
    - 7.1.1 Dolphins
    - 7.1.2 Pilot whales
    - 7.1.3 Review of TTD
  - 7.2 Faroe Islands
    - 7.2.1 Dolphins
    - 7.2.2 Pilot Whale
    - 7.2.3 Review of TTD

## **Day 2**

**0900 – 1700 Main session continues – agenda items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13**

8. ASSESSMENT AND COMPARISON OF METHODS AND EFFICACY
  - 8.1 Dolphins
  - 8.2 Pilot whale
9. EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF HUNTERS
  - 9.1 Manual on Faroese pilot whaling
10. MONITORING SCHEMES
11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
12. OTHER MATTERS
13. ADOPTION OF REPORT.

### **Taken from the report of the Expert group meeting to assess hunting methods for small cetaceans (NAMMCO 2011)**

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<b>Budget items to be considered:</b>
Meeting venue
Coffee/tee breaks
Accommodation invited experts (in Tajii and during travel )
Travel costs (flight tickets and per diem) invited experts
Interpretation (Japanese - English)
Local transportation
Printing of meeting documents