



NAMMCO EXPERT GROUP MEETING TO ASSESS WHALE KILLING DATA
17 - 18 February 2010, Copenhagen

TERMS OF REFERENCE

NAMMCO tasked its Committee on Hunting Methods with organising an Expert Group in response to Japan's request to NAMMCO to review and evaluate its whale killing data for large whales (minke, sei and Bryd's). The following work plan and terms of reference was given:

- *The NAMMCO Council requests the Committee on Hunting Methods to organise a expert group in February/March 2010 to undertake a review and evaluate the whale killing data submitted to NAMMCO by Japan in 2009, as well as data and information on recent and ongoing research on improvements and technical innovations in hunting methods and gears used for the hunting of large whales in NAMMCO countries.*

The aim of the Expert Group is to assess the presented whale killing data and give recommendations with respect to possible improvements. In addition to the data from Japan, Greenland, Iceland and Norway will be asked to present data and information from their hunts of large whales.