

Japan. Progress report on small cetacean research, April 2012 to March 2013, with statistical data for the calendar year 2012

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This report summarizes small cetacean fisheries in 2012 as well as researches conducted during the period from April 2012 to March 2013 by the National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries (hereafter NRIFFS) of the Fisheries Research Agency of Japan (hereafter FRAJ) and the Fisheries Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Government of Japan (hereafter FAPJ) with the cooperation of other related organizations. This report covers information on small cetaceans which is not included in the "Japan, Progress report on cetacean research, April 2012 to March 2013, with statistical data for the calendar year 2012" submitted to the 5th PWC/SC meetings. FAPJ considers management of small cetaceans in outside the framework of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling. Japan made joined the NRIFFS on 7 January 2013.

1. SPECIES AND STOCKS STUDIED

Common name	Scientific name	Area/stock(s)	Stock referred to
Dall's porpoise	<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>	Off Pacific coast and Okhotsk Sea	2.1.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2.2, 5.3, 8.1
Noron porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocaena</i>	Coastal waters of Japan	3.2.1, 5.3
Yellow porpoise	<i>Neophocaena phocaenoides</i>	Coastal waters of Japan	2.1.1, 3.2.2, 3.3, 8.1, 8.2
Pacific white-sided dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus obliquidens</i>	Off Pacific coast, Okhotsk Sea, and Sea of Japan	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 3.3.3, 8.1, 4.2, 5.6, 5.1, 5.2.1, 5.3, 8.2
Striped dolphin	<i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i>	Western North Pacific	2.1.2, 4.2, 4.4, 5.1, 5.3
Paumotuopu spotted dolphin	<i>Stenella attenuata</i>	Off Pacific coast	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 4.5, 4.2, 5.1
Shortfinned dolphin	<i>Feresa macrura</i>	Off Pacific coast, Okhotsk Sea and East China Sea	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 4.5, 4.2, 4.4, 5.1, 5.3
Risso's dolphin	<i>Grampus griseus</i>	Western North Pacific	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3
Short-beaked pilot whale	<i>Globicephala macrorhynchus</i>	Western North Pacific, Okhotsk Sea and East China Sea	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 4.5, 4.2, 4.4, 5.1, 5.3
False killer whale	<i>Pseudorca crassidens</i>	Off Pacific coast and East China Sea	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 4.2, 5.1
Killer whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Coastal waters of Japan and Okhotsk Sea	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 5.3, 8.1
Blain's beaked whale	<i>Berardius bairdii</i>	Off Pacific coast, Sea of Japan and Okhotsk Sea	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 4.2, 4.4, 5.1, 5.3, 8.1, 8.2
Additional species	-	Several Japan	2.1.1, 5.3