

Whaling Catch Quotas for 2021

Whaling catch quotas of Minke whale, Bryde's whale and Sei whale are set in accordance with the following conditions. There is no substantial change from the catch quotas of 2020.

- ① The catch limits calculated with the scientific method are equal to those calculated in 2020.

- ② As for Minke whale, the number of bycatch in set nets (five-year average) to be deducted from the catch limit is 37 (a decrease of 2 from that of 2020). Thus, the quota reserved by the Government is 14 (an increase of 2 from that of 2020).

Catch quota for 2021

	Catch limit (Same as the one of 2020)	Catch quota		Quota reserved by the Government	Number of bycatch*
Minke whale	171	Factory ship type whaling	0	14	37
		Coastal base type whaling***	120		
Bryde's whale	187	Factory ship type whaling	150	37	0
Sei whale	25	Factory ship type whaling	25	0	0
Total	383		295	51	37

Catch quota for 2020 (For reference)

	Initial catch quota**		Quota reseved by the Govenrment	Number of bycatch*	Catch total	
Minke whale	Factory ship type whaling	20	12	39	Factory ship type whaling	0
	Small type coastal whaling	100			Small type coastal whaling	95
Bryde's whale	Factory ship type whaling	150	37	0	Factory ship type whaling	187
Sei whale	Factory ship type whaling	25	0	0	Factory ship type whaling	25
Total		295	49	39		307

*Average over the past 5 years.

**Releases of quota reserved by the Government to small type coastal whaling and change in the allocation of the quota of factory ship type whaling took place during the fishery season of 2020. This table shows the initial catch quota.

*** "Small type coastal whaling" has been renamed as "Coastal base type whaling" due to the amendment of the Fishery Act on Dec.1st 2020.