Initial allocations of TAC for 2023

Initial allocations of TAC (Total Allowable Catch) of minke, Bryde's and sei whales are set in accordance with the following conditions.

① The catch limits used for this purpose, calculated in line with the scientific method developed by IWC, remain the same as those in 2022.

② As for minke whale, the number of bycatch in set nets (five-year(2017-2021) average), 31 in 2023 (namely a decrease of 3 from that of 2022), is deducted from the catch limit before setting the TAC.

③ As for sei whale, the number of bycatch in set nets (2021), 1 in 2023 (namely a increase of 1 from that of 2022), is deducted from the catch limit before setting the TAC.

④ As for minke and Bryde's whales, certain numbers of the Government reserves are also deducted from the TACs, which are 27 for minke whale and 37 for Bryde's whale respectively in 2023.

Initial allocations of TAC for 2023

	Catch limit (Same as those of 2022)	TAC* (Total Allowable Catch)	Initial allocation of TAC		Government reserves	Number of bycatch**
Minke whale	167	136	Factory ship type whaling	0	27	31
			Coastal base type whaling	109		
Bryde's whale	187	187	Factory ship type whaling	150	37	0
			Coastal base type whaling	0		
Sei whale	25	24	Factory ship type whaling	24	0	1

* TAC has been set for Whaling since 2022 due to the amendment of the Fishery Act.
** Average over the past 5 years(2017-2021)(minke whale) or actual number for 2021(Bryde's and sei whales)

Initial allocation of TAC and Catch total for 2022 (For reference)

	Catch limit*	Initial allocation of TAC		Government reserves	Number of bycatch**	Catch total in 2022
Minke whale	167	Factory ship type whaling	0	26	34	0
		Coastal base type whaling	107			58
Bryde's whale	187	Factory ship type whaling	150	37	0	187
Sei whale	25	Factory ship type whaling	25	0	0	25

* Revised in 2022(minke whale) and same as those of 2021(Bryde's and sei whales)
** Average over the past 5 years(2016-2020)(minke whale) or actual number for 2020(Bryde's and sei whales)