

Initial allocations of TAC for 2025

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

- ① The catch limits used for this purpose, were calculated in line with the scientific method developed by IWC. The catch limits were recalculated to 2024 for Bryde's and sei whales. There is no change from those of minke whales calculated in 2021, fin whales calculated in 2023.
- ② As for minke whales, the number of bycatch in set nets (five-year (2019 - 2023) average), 23 in 2025 (namely a decrease of 2 from that of 2024), is deducted from the catch limit before setting the TAC.
- ③ As for Bryde's whales, certain numbers of the Government reserves are also deducted from the TACs, which is 40 in 2025.

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	Catch limit (Same as those of 2022)	TAC** (Total Allowable Catch)	Initial allocation of TAC		Government reserves	Number of bycatch***
Minke whale	167	144	Coastal base type whaling	144	0	23
Bryde's whale	154	153	Factory ship type whaling	113	40	1
			Coastal base type whaling	0		
Sei whale	56	56	Factory ship type whaling	56	0	0
Fin whale	60	60	Factory ship type whaling	60	0	0****

* Revised in 2024(Bryde's and sei whale) and same as those of 2024(minke and fin whales)

** TAC has been set for Whaling since 2022 due to the amendment of the Fishery Act.

*** Average over the past 5 years(2019-2023)(minke whale) or actual number for 2023(Bryde's, sei and fin whales)

**** The number of bycatch for fin whales in 2025 is 0 because the number of bycatch in 2023 was deducted from 2024 catch limit.

Initial allocation of TAC and Catch total for 2024 (For reference)

	Catch limit*	Initial allocation of TAC		Government reserves	Number of bycatch**	Catch total in 2024
Minke whale	167	Factory ship type whaling	0	0	25	87
		Coastal base type whaling	142			
Bryde's whale	187	Factory ship type whaling	150	37	0	179
Sei whale	25	Factory ship type whaling	25	0	0	25
Fin whale	60	Factory ship type whaling	59	0	1	30

* The catch limit for fin whales set for July 2024.

** Average over the past 5 years(2017-2021)(minke whale) or actual number for 2021(Bryde's and sei whales)