

Initial allocations of TAC for 2026

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 (2020 - 2024) average), 22 in 2026 (namely a decrease of 1 from that of 2025), is deducted from the catch limit before setting the TAC.

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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	145	Coastal base type whaling	145	0	22
Bryde's whale	154	153	Factory ship type whaling	133	0	1
			Coastal base type whaling	20		
Sei whale	56	56	Factory ship type whaling	56	0	0
Fin whale	60	58	Factory ship type whaling	58	0	2

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

** Average over the past 5 years (2020-2024) (minke whale) or actual number for 2023 (Bryde's, sei and fin whales)

Initial allocation of TAC and Catch total for 2025 (For reference)

	Catch limit	Initial allocation of TAC		Government reserves	Number of bycatch*	Catch total in 2025
Minke whale	167	Factory ship type whaling	0	0	23	88
		Coastal base type whaling	144			
Bryde's whale	154	Factory ship type whaling	113	40	1	143
		Coastal base type whaling	0			
Sei whale	56	Factory ship type whaling	56	0	0	35
Fin whale	60	Factory ship type whaling	60	0	0	60

* Average over the past 5 years(2019-2023)(minke whale) or actual number for 2024(Bryde's,sei and fin whales)