SUMMARY OF INFRACTIONS REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION IN 2006

Under the terms of the Convention, each Contracting Government is required to transmit to the Commission full details of each infraction of the provisions of the Convention committed by persons and vessels under the jurisdiction of the Government. Note that although lost whales are traditionally reported, they are not intrinsically infractions.

Scientific permit catches were reported to the Scientific Committee (IWC/59/Rep 1). Catch and associated data for commercial and scientific permit catches were submitted to the IWC Secretariat (IWC/59/Rep 1). Norway reported no infractions from her commercial whaling operations. Aboriginal subsistence catches and infractions are summarised in table 1.

Table 2 gives details of the infractions reported in the 2006 season and Table 3 gives details of follow up action on infractions from previous seasons.

Table 1. Summary of Aboriginal subsistence catches and infractions reported for the 2006 season.

Country	Species	Males	Females	Total landed	Struck and lost	Total Strikes	Infractions/ Comments
Denmark							
West Greenland	Fin	2	6	9[1]	1[2]	10	1[2]
	Minke	43	128	175[3]	6	181	None
	Humpback						1[4]
	Sei			1			1[5]
East Greenland	Fin						1[6]
	Minke	2	0	2	1	3	None
St Vincent and The Grenadines							
	Humpback	0	1	1	0	1	None
USA							
	Bowhead	21	10	31	8	39	1[7]
Russian Federation							
	Gray	55	74	129	5	134	None
Republic of Korea							
	Minke			2			2[8]

[1] Includes 1 animal of unknown sex
[2] See table 2, infraction 2006.1
[3] Includes 4 animals of unknown sex
[4] See table 2, infraction 2006.3
[5] See table 2, infraction 2006.4
[6] See table 2, infraction 2006.2
[7] See table 2, infraction 2006.5
[8] See table 2 infractions 2006.6 and 2006.7

Table 2. List of infractions from the 2006 season

Ref.	Nation	Species	Sex	Length	Date	Infraction (specify)	Explanation	Penalty/Action	Investigation complete?
2006.1	Greenland /Denmark	Fin	Unk.	Unk.	Aug 2006	Hunting method, failure to report, waste of meat	Reported on August 22, Qasigiannguit (Disko Bay). Skiffs were observed using rifle shots to assist a boat equipped with harpoon cannon. Probably the same whale was found dead later, with only part of the meat removed for consumption.	Reported to the police. Investigation ongoing.	No Expected in 2007
2006.2	Greenland /Denmark	Fin	Unk.	Unk.	23 Aug 2006	Prohibited stock	A fin whale with bullet wounds was observed at Kulusuk (East Greenland). Fate unknown.	Reported to the police. Investigation ongoing.	No Completion unlikely
2006.3	Greenland /Denmark	Humpback	Unk.	Unk.	14 Sept 2006	Prohibited species	A humpback whale with bullet wounds was observed at Niaqornaarsuk (Southwest Greenland). Fate unknown.	Reported to the police. Investigation ongoing.	No Completion unlikely
2006.4	Greenland /Denmark	Sei	Unk.	Unk.	21 Aug 2006	Prohibited species	A sei whale was taken by hunters licensed to catch a minke whale at Uummannaq (Northwest Greenland)	Reported to the police. Investigation ongoing.	No Expected in 2007
2006.5	USA	Bowhead	Unk.	Unk.	29 Sep 2006	Calf was struck and killed.	A small (6.3 m) whale was landed at Barrow on 29 September 2006. After examination of the very short baleen (characteristic of a calf) and stomach contents (contained milk), it was determined that the whale was a calf.	The AEWC held a hearing during December 2006 and summoned all the whaling crews that had been involved in the harvest or towing of the whale to testify. The AEWC determined that the calf was accidentally harvested. The mother was not in the vicinity when the calf was struck. No penalty.	Yes
2006.6	Korea	Minke	Unk.	5m	1 May 2006	No quota	Whale caught on 26 April 2006 by two fishing vessels with a permits for coastal gillnet and pot fisheries with a harpoon at about 20 miles off Ulsan, Ulju Dongbang. It was cut it into 55 pieces on the vessel and covertly conveyed to land	**Administrative sanction:** The meat and money (about US$24,000) from it were confiscated. The licenses of the fishing vessels were revoked for one year. **Judicial sanction:** Six persons were involved in the violation; two were fined about US$10,000 and US$7,000 respectively; two were sentenced to 4 months in jail with probation for 2 years, one was sentenced to 6 months in jail with probation for 2 years; and the last one's prosecution was suspended.	Yes
2006.7	Korea	Minke	Unk.	5m	11 Aug 2006	No quota	Whale caught on 31 July 2006 by a fishing vessel with a permit for coastal gillnet at about 10 miles off Ulsan, Bangeojin Dongbang. It was cut it into 50 pieces on the vessel, and covertly conveyed to land	**Administrative sanction:** The meat and money (about US$8,600) from it were confiscated. The license of the coastal gillnet fishery was suspended for 20 days of fishing operation. **Judicial sanction:** Five persons were involved in the violation; two were sentenced to 6 months in jail with probation for 2 years; two were sentenced to 4 months in jail with probation for 2 years; and the last one was fined about US$1,000.	Yes

Table 3. List of unresolved infractions from the 2005 season and follow-up actions

Ref.	Nation	Species	Sex	Length	Date	Infraction (specify)	Explanation	Penalty/Action	Investigation complete?
2005.1	Greenland /Denmark	Fin	?	?	September 2005	Unreported struck and lost whale	A dead whale was seen near Maniitsoq (West Greenland) with a harpoon embedded on its flank	Case under investigation	No. Expected in 2007
2005.2	Greenland /Denmark	Minke	?	?	08 July 2005	Use of illegal bullet size	Bullets smaller than the minimum calibre allowed were found on meat bought in the open market in Nuuk (West Greenland)	Case closed due to lack of paths for further investigation.	Yes: closed 13/09/2006