

SUMMARY OF INFRACTIONS REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION FOR 2010

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.

Catch and associated data for commercial and scientific permit catches were submitted to the IWC Secretariat (IWC/63/Rep 1). Aboriginal subsistence catches and infractions are summarised in tables 1a and 1b.

Table 2 gives details of the infractions reported in the 2010 season and Table 3 gives information on the unresolved infractions from previous years.

Table 1a. Summary of Aboriginal subsistence catches and infractions reported for the 2010 season.

| Country | Species | Males | Females | Total landed | Struck and lost | Total Strikes | Infractions/ Comments |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|---------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Denmark | | | | | | | |
| West Greenland | Fin | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | None |
| | Minke | 53 | 122 | 179 ¹ | 7 | 186 | 2 ² |
| | Bowhead | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | None |
| | Humpback | 3 | 5 | 9 ³ | 0 | 9 | None |
| East Greenland | Minke | 4 | 2 | 9 ⁴ | 0 | 9 | None |
| St Vincent and The Grenadines | | | | | | | |
| | Humpback | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | None |
| USA | | | | | | | |
| | Bowhead | 20 | 23 | 45 ⁵ | 26 | 71 | None |
| Russian Federation | | | | | | | |
| | Bowhead | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | None |
| | Gray | 57 | 61 | 118 | 0 | 118 | None |

Table 1b. Summary of Commercial catches and other infractions reported for the 2010 season.

| Nation | Species | Males | Females | Total Landed | Lost | Total | Infractions/ Comments |
|--------------------------|---------|-------|---------|------------------|------|-------|-----------------------|
| ICELAND | | | | | | | |
| | Fin | 74 | 68 | 142 | 6 | 148 | 2 ⁶ |
| | Minke | 47 | 12 | 59 | 1 | 60 | None |
| NORWAY | | | | | | | |
| | Minke | 101 | 363 | 466 ⁵ | 2 | 468 | None |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | | | | | | | |
| | Minke | | | | | | 11 ⁷ |
| | Bryde's | | | | | | 1 ⁸ |

¹ Includes 4 animals of unknown sex

² See table 2, infractions 2010.1 and 2010.2

³ Includes 1 animal of unknown sex

⁴ Includes 3 animals of unknown sex

⁵ Includes 2 animals of unknown sex

⁶ See table 2, infractions 2010.3 and 2010.4

⁷ See table 2, infractions 2010.5 - 2010.15

⁸ See table 2, infraction 2010.16

Table 2. List of infractions from the 2010 season

| Ref. | Nation | Species | Sex | Length | Date | Infraction (specify) | Explanation | Penalty/Action | Investigatn. complete? |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|------|-----------------|-----------|---|---|--|------------------------|
| 20010.1 | Greenland /Denmark | Minke | Male | 5 m | 5 Aug 10 | Use of cold harpoon | Paamiut (West Greenland). A cold harpoon was used as secondary killing method. | Reported to the police. Investigation ongoing. | Expected in 2011 |
| 20010.2 | Greenland /Denmark | Minke | Unk | Unk | Sep. 10 | Waste of meat | Kullorsuaq (West Greenland). Only part of the meat was removed for consumption. | Case given up by the police, since further investigation was expected not to result in any prosecution. | Case suspended |
| 20010.3 | Iceland | Fin | Fem. | 66 feet English | 30 Jun 10 | Lactating. | 64°18' N and 26°48' W. No calf was seen. | | In progress |
| 20010.4 | Iceland | Fin | Fem. | 65 feet English | 12 Sep 10 | Lactating. | 63°59' N and 27°16' W. No calf was seen. | | In progress |
| 20010.5 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 16 Jan 10 | Illegal catch | An illegally caught and dismembered minke whale was found on board a floating boat in coastal waters around 1 mile from Odo village in Northern Gyeongsang province. | 1 violator: 6 months imprisonment and 2 years probation The meat was confiscated | Yes |
| 20010.6 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 17 Jan 10 | Transporting an illegally caught whale | 86 bags of dismembered minke whale were found on board a boat attached to an SUV in the Northern district of Pohang city in Northern Gyeongsang province. | 1 violator: 6 months imprisonment, 2 years probation and 160 hours community service The meat was confiscated | Yes |
| 2010.7 and 8 | Korea | 2 minke whales | Unk. | Unk. | 25 Apr 10 | Illegal catch | A vessel was found with 81 bags of illegally caught and dismembered minke whales transhipped from an unknown vessel at sea 15 miles east of Wolpo in Northern Gyeongsang province. The crew was arrested. | 1 violator: 8 months imprisonment 1 violator: fined KRW 5m (~USD 5,000) The meat was confiscated | Yes |
| 2010.9 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 4 May 10 | Transporting an illegally caught whale | An SUV was stopped at a checkpoint in Uljin county in Northern Gyeongsang province and found to be carrying 77 bags of illegally caught and dismembered minke whale. The driver was arrested. | 2 violators: fined KRW 5m (~USD 5,000) The meat was confiscated | Yes |
| 2010.10 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 5 Jun 10 | Illegal catch | A leisure boat left a port in Pohang, Northern Gyeongsang province and received 60 bags of illegally caught and dismembered minke whale from an unknown vessel. The violator was arrested. | 1 violator: 6 months imprisonment and 2 years probation The meat was confiscated | Yes |
| 2010.11 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 6 Jun 10 | Taking of dead, entangled whale without authorization | A vessel found a drifting whale in coastal waters near Dokdo island in the East Sea of Korea whilst fishing for squid and tied it to the stern. Later, investigators found six harpoon wounds on the whale's body, indicating that the catch might have been intentional. | The investigation was closed. The meat was confiscated. | Yes |

Table 2 continued

| Ref. | Nation | Species | Sex | Length | Date | Infraction (specify) | Explanation | Penalty/Action | Investigatn. complete? |
|---------|--------|---------------|------|--------------|-----------|---|---|---|------------------------|
| 2010.12 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 18 Jun 10 | Taking of dead, entangled whale without authorization | Crew members found a whale in their fish pot with its tail entangled with a harpoon handle during the hauling operation in coastal waters 5 miles east of Daebpo Port, Pohang in Northern Gyeongsang province. | The investigation was closed. The meat was confiscated. | Yes |
| 2010.13 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 18 Aug 10 | Illegal catch | Three vessels were chased and arrested by the maritime police for illegally catching a minke whale in coastal waters 12 miles east from Gangu, Youngdeok in Northern Gyeongsang province. | 8 violators: 10 months imprisonment and 2 years probation 4 violators: 6 months imprisonment and 2 years probation 1 violator: fined KRW 3m (~USD 3,000) The meat was confiscated. | Yes |
| 2010.14 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 23 Aug 10 | Illegal catch | Crew members were caught discarding some bags when a patrol vessel approached a vessel in coastal waters 5 miles southeast of Jukbyun, Northern Gyeongsang province. A detailed inspection was conducted and bags of illegally caught and dismembered minke whale were found in the well of the vessel. The crew members were arrested. | The investigation is still ongoing. The meat was confiscated. | Not yet |
| 2010.15 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 5 Jun 10 | Illegal catch, transport and possession | The crew of a vessel illegally caught a minke whale in coastal waters 16 miles southeast of the Eastern District of Ulsan in Northern Gyeongsang province, dismembered it on board putting the pieces in 93 bags (1kg each) and transhipped them to an unregistered boat at sea to sell to an unknown buyer. | 2 violators: 6 months imprisonment and 2 years probation The meat was confiscated | Yes |
| 2010.16 | Korea | Bryde's whale | Unk. | approx. 10 m | 26 Jul 10 | Illegal catch, transport and storage | The crew of a vessel illegally caught a Bryde's whale in coastal waters 10 miles from the Southern District of Ulsan in Northern Gyeongsang province, and dismembered it on board. The pieces were put into 220 pre-prepared bags (60cmX50cm), hidden in two wells on the vessel and transported to Jangsangpo port of Ulsan in order to sell the meat (1720 kg in total, worth KRW 70m (~USD 70,000)). | 1 violator: 10 months imprisonment and 2 years probation 1 violator: 1 year imprisonment and 2 years probation | Yes |

Table 3. List of unresolved infractions from previous seasons and follow-up actions

| Ref. | Nation | Species | Sex | Length | Date | Infraction (specify) | Explanation | Penalty/Action | Investigatn complete? |
|---------|--------------------|-------------|------|---------|-----------|----------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| 2006.4 | Greenland /Denmark | Sei | Unk. | Unk. | 21 Aug 06 | Prohibited species | A sei whale was taken at Uummannaq (Northwest Greenland) by hunters licensed to catch a minke whale | Reported to the police. Investigation resulted in monetary penalties. | Yes |
| 2008.1 | Greenland /Denmark | Minke | Unk | 4 m | Nov 2008 | Illegal rifle hunt | Reported catch after the allocated quota had been taken in Qasigiannguut (West Greenland). The catch was left on a beach after it was reported as an illegal catch. Participating hunters are known. | Reported to the police. Investigation resulted in monetary penalties. | Yes |
| 2009.1 | Greenland /Denmark | Fin | Fem. | 24.5 m | 15 Jul 09 | Waste of meat | Ilulissat (West Greenland). Only part of the meat was removed for consumption. | Reported to the police. Investigation resulted in monetary penalties. | Yes |
| 2009.7 | Iceland | Minke | Male | 7.98 m. | 10 Aug 09 | Grenade | Hvalgranad 99" not used. 64°19' N and 22°41' W | Case given up by the police, as further investigation was not expected to result in prosecution. | Case suspended |
| 2009.13 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 28 Aug 09 | No Quota | A minke whale was caught with a harpoon in coastal waters near Yeongdeok-gun GyeongBuk. | 5 violators (inc. 2 reported in 2010): 6 months imprisonment and 2 years probation | Yes |
| 2009.15 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 12 Sep 09 | No Quota | A truck with 80 bags of meat from a minke whale caught by an unidentified person was delivered on the street of Pohang GyeongBuk. | 2 violators (inc. 2 reported in 2010): 8 months imprisonment and 2 years probation. | Yes |
| 2009.16 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 25 Sep 09 | No Quota | 94 bags of meat from an unidentified person were delivered on the street of Pohang GyeongBuk. | 1 violator: 8 months imprisonment and 2 years probation 2 violators: 6 months imprisonment and 2 years probation The meat was confiscated | Yes |
| 2009.17 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 20 Nov 09 | No Quota | An unidentified vessel with 34 bags of meat approached Pohang Port GyeongBuk where the bags were loaded onto a truck | 1 violator: fined KRW 3m (~USD 3,000) The meat was confiscated | Yes |
| 2009.18 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | 4.5m | 22 Nov 09 | No Quota | A minke whale was caught with a harpoon in the coastal waters of Uljin GyeongBuk. | 2 violators: fined KRW 5m (~USD 5,000) 1 violator: fined KRW 3m (~USD 3,000) 1 violator: 8 months of imprisonment | Yes |
| 2009.19 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 23 Nov 09 | No Quota | A minke whale was caught with a harpoon in coastal waters near Yeongdeok-gun GyeongBuk, cut up and the meat taken on board a boat | As of 2011, the case is still being tried in court. | In progress |
| 2009.20 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 02 Dec 09 | No Quota | 58 bags of meat which had been cut up on an identified vessel 20 miles from Pohang GyeongBuk, were loaded onto another boat for delivery to the nearby shore. | 2 violators: 6 months imprisonment and 2 years probation The meat was confiscated. | Yes |
| 2009.21 | Korea | Minke whale | Unk. | Unk. | 02 Dec 09 | No Quota | 167 bags of meat from 2 minke whales caught by an unidentified vessel in the coastal waters of the East Sea, were taken by truck to a port in Uljin GyeongBuk. | The charges were dropped (non-indictment). | Yes |