

## Annex 1: Summary Reporting Form

### Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods (based on Resolution 1999-1)

Please note that completion of this form is not compulsory but it will greatly aid the discussions at the forthcoming Working Group Meeting. The Secretariat would be grateful if you can complete this form as fully as possible, preferably electronically and return it to [Secretariat@iwcoffice.org](mailto:Secretariat@iwcoffice.org) by 6 June 2011.

Contracting Government	Greenland (Denmark)
Season	2010
Area	Greenland
Fishery type (e.g. commercial, aboriginal subsistence, scientific permit)	Aboriginal Subsistence

Table 1. Summary of primary and secondary whale killing methods used (Note that the appropriate Method No. should be used throughout the form):

Method No.	Brief description of method (e.g. penthrite grenade, 'cold' grenade, rifle of stated calibre, etc). Put the most commonly used method first. Insert more rows if necessary.	Used as: (state whether primary killing method, secondary, or both)
1	Penthrite grenade 30 gram (Whale Grenade-99)	Primary (minke whales in West Greenland). Primary and secondary (fin whales in West Greenland).
2	Penthrite grenade 45 gram (Whale Grenade-99)	Primary and secondary (bowhead whales and humpback whales in West Greenland)
3	Rifle, calibre larger than 7.62 mm (30.06).	Secondary (minke whales in West Greenland). Primary (minke whale collective hunt in West and East Greenland).

Summary of criteria used to indicate unconsciousness and death:

*Criteria: When the whale does not move and the flippers are immovable. This includes when the whale has sunk and there is no movement in the harpoon line or floats.*

*Number of whales killed instantly are whales reported killed within 1 minute.*

**Table 2: Summary of information providers:**

Percentage of data provided by:	
▪ inspectors	0
▪ scientists	0
▪ hunters	98
▪ other (please specify) Wildlife officers	2

**Table 3: Summary of hunt:**

Item	Species 1 [Minke whale, W-GRL]		Species 2 [Minke whale, E-GRL]		Species 3 [Fin whale]	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Whale killing methods</b>						
▪ Total no. killed (all methods summed) <sup>1</sup>	186		9		5	
▪ Total killed using Method 1 only	117	63	0	0	5	100
▪ Total killed using Method 2 only						
▪ Total killed using Method 3 only	69	37	9	100	0	0
▪ Total needing secondary harpoon or other secondary killing method	Not available		Not available		Not available	
▪ If bullets used						
○ minimum number						
○ maximum number						
○ median number						
<b>Time to unconsciousness/death (TTD)*</b>						
▪ Total for which information recorded	146	78	6	67	3	75
▪ Total estimated TTD to be instant	42	29	0	0	1	33
▪ Maximum estimated TTD	90		30		60	
▪ Mean time to TTD	10		21		22	
▪ Median Time to TTD	6		23		4	
<b>Other information</b>						
▪ Total targeted and missed	Not available		Not available		Not available	
▪ Total struck and lost	7	4	0	0	1	20

**\*NB Resolution 1999-1 asks for TTD information for each whale not killed instantly. This can be provided via Table 4 below.**

<sup>1</sup> Including struck but lost animals

Item	Species 4 <i>[Humpback whale]</i>					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Whale killing methods</b>						
▪ Total no. killed (all methods summed)	9					
▪ Total killed using Method 1 only						
▪ Total killed using Method 2 only	9	100				
▪ Total killed using Method 3 only						
▪ Total needing secondary harpoon or other secondary killing method	Not available					
▪ If bullets used						
○ minimum number						
○ maximum number						
○ median number						
<b>Time to unconsciousness/death (TTD)*</b>						
▪ Total for which information recorded	6	67				
▪ Total estimated TTD to be instant	1	17				
▪ Maximum estimated TTD	90					
▪ Mean time to TTD	23					
▪ Median Time to TTD	7					
<b>Other information</b>						
▪ Total targeted and missed	Not available					
▪ Total struck and lost	0	0				

**Other:** Any other relevant information e.g. with information on technical assistance given to other fisheries or with respect to new studies to (a) improve methods and TTD, (b) develop new criteria for TTD:

**Statistics for TTD of minke whales by method, rather than by stock:**

Time to death for minke whales killed with method 1 (N = 95 reports, or 81% of the catch): 42 whales (44%) were killed within 1 minute. 67 whales (71%) died within 5 minutes. The mean time to death was 5 minutes. The median time to death was 2 minutes. The largest time to death reported was 30 minutes.

Time to death for minke whales killed with method 2 (N = 57 reports, or 73% of the catch): 0 minke whale (0%) was killed within 1 minute, while 5 (9%) died within 5 minutes. The mean time to death was 25 minutes. The median time to death was 25 minutes. The largest time to death was 90 minutes.

**Statistics for Struck and Lost minke whales by method, rather than by stock:**

Struck but lost minke whales using method 1: 1 (1 % of struck animals)

Struck but lost minke whales using method 2: 6 (8 % of struck animals)

**Additional information on fin whales and humpback whales:**

The minimum time to death reported for fin whales was 1 minute. 2 fin whales (66%) died within 5 minutes. The minimum time to death reported for humpback whales was 0 minutes. 2 humpback whales (33%) died within 5 minutes.

**Additional information on bowhead whales:**

The hunting of bowhead whales in West Greenland is for the forthcoming 2-4 years in a testing period and will be followed closely by wildlife officers, the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture and The Greenland Institute of Natural Resources to improve the killing method and all activities related to the hunt.

**Table 4: Reporting of data on individual whales killed**

Whale:	Species	Killing method(s) used	Time to Death <sup>2</sup>	Samples taken
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Etc.				

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 1999-1 encouraged reporting of time to death for each animal not killed instantly