

6.3.2 Fishery bycatch of large whales

Provisional figures for non-natural mortality of large cetaceans (bycatch) by Japanese fisheries, by Prefecture in January-December 2008, are shown below. Species and figures are based on the reports of prefecture governments to the FAJ, which are reports from individual fishermen or fishery cooperative unions.

Whale species	No.	Location	Fate	Target fish species	Gear	How observed	Source or contact
Common minke whale	8	Hokkaido	K	NA	FPN	F	FAJ
	10	Aomori					
	11	Iwate					
	6	Miyagi					
	1	Akita					
	1	Chiba					
	7	Niigata					
	9	Toyama					
	24	Ishikawa					
	3	Fukui					
	1	Shizuoka					
	7	Mie					
	6	Kyoto					
	4	Wakayama					
	1	Shimane					
	3	Yamaguchi	D				
	1						
	8	Kochi	K				
	17	Nagasaki					
1	Miyazaki						
5	Kagoshima						
Humpback whale	1	Iwate	R				
	1	Mie					
	1	Kumamoto					
Fin whale	1	Wakayama	K				

Gear: FPN=Stationary uncovered pounds nets

How observed: F = Fishery onboard observer

Target fish species : NA=not available

Fate of whale: R = released alive, D = discarded dead or seriously injured, K = kept for sale or specimen