



## In the debate over whales' survival

# It's time to take a stand.

Japan's recent decision to expand its whaling program to include two additional species of protected whales has brought a wave of condemnation worldwide.

The International Whaling Commission banned commercial whaling in 1986. Despite that ban and in the face of growing international protest, Japan has killed over 5,000 whales under the guise of "scientific research." The meat is sold in Japanese markets.



This year Japan expanded this cruel and unsustainable hunt to include endangered Bryde's whales and sperm whales, in addition to the minke whales it has hunted for years.

This blatant disregard for an international treaty has triggered outrage around the world.

**The world stands against Japanese whaling.** Fifteen nations, led by Ireland, have formally issued a diplomatic protest to the government of Japan seeking an end to scientific whaling, and stating their particular concern "at the decision to target two new species." Austria, Brazil, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, the US, and the UK joined Ireland in protesting the Japanese action.



**The President stands against Japanese whaling.**

President Clinton has directed that Japan be denied access to allotments for fishing US waters in response to Japan's decision to expand its hunt to include two whale species protected under US law. He has further directed his cabinet to examine, over a 60 day period, other options including trade sanctions and other economic measures.



**The Secretaries of State and Commerce stand against Japanese whaling.** US Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright last month personally conveyed "strong disappointment" to Japan's Foreign Minister, and warned of possible sanctions. US Commerce Secretary Norman Y. Mineta on September 13th certified (under the Pelly Amendment to the Fishermen's Protection Act of 1967)

that Japan is undermining international efforts to protect whales, triggering a process for the president to consider trade sanctions against Japan.

**The US Congress stands against Japanese whaling.**

A resolution now being circulated in the United States Congress urges withholding of US support for a UN Security Council seat for Japan until Japan ends its abuse of the scientific whaling exemption under International Whaling Commission rules. The resolution, sponsored by US Representative William Delahunt, questions whether Japan can be trusted to fulfill its commitments to the letter and spirit of multilateral environmental agreements.



**Japanese environmentalists stand against Japanese whaling.** IRUKA & KUJIRA (Dolphin & Whale) Action Network in Tokyo has written to Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright stating that Japan should be denied a permanent seat on the UN Security Council because of its expanding whaling operations. This group and 73 other Japanese organizations have united to oppose Japanese whaling practices. Public opinion polls in Japan show little support for whaling, particularly if it damages Japan's image and economy overseas.

## Take a stand now, before it's too late.

- 1** Urge the President to impose sanctions on Japan. Call 202/456-1414 or send an email to [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)
- 2** Tell your Member of Congress to support the Delahunt Resolution. (Contacts available in the "Find your official" section of [www.voter.com](http://www.voter.com) or check your local phone book.)
- 3** Visit [www.StopWhalingNow.com](http://www.StopWhalingNow.com) for campaign updates and more ways to help.

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