

# Report of the 2024/2025 RMA utilization and application for the 2025/2026 RMA from Japan

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## 要約

日本は、2024/2025 に許可された調査死亡枠（RMA）1.0 トンのうち、125.7 kg を使用した。2025/2026 年に実施予定の調査に関する調査枠 1.0 トンを要求する

## Summary

In the Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) of 1.0 ton for 2024/2025, Japan used 125.7 kg. Japan request 1.0 ton of RMA for the 2025/2026 researches.

### 1. Report of the 2024/2025 RMA utilization

Following the reporting obligation on the Scientific Committee in accordance with “Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) within the Framework of CCSBT” (CCSBT/0011/23), Japan reports here that the total number and amount of used RMA during the period between April 2024 and March 2025 was 55 individuals with 125.7 kg. These fish were sampled in the age-1 SBT trolling survey in February 2025. There was no sampled fish in the age-0 SBT distribution survey in May 2025. The RMA value for 2024/2025 is 0.1257 ton, which is below the permitted weight limit of 1.0 ton

### 2. Application for the 2025/2026 RMA

Japan would like to propose two scientific research programs and will use the research mortality allowance (RMA) within the framework of CCSBT (CCSBT/0011/23). Objectives and estimated level of research mortality are as follows:

#### Two trolling surveys for Juvenile SBT in Western Australia

##### 1. For age-1 SBT in South West Australia

- Objectives: To collect the scientific information in order to provide a relative abundance index of age-1 SBT in the south West Australia. Trolling survey will be conducted from January to February 2026.
- Research vessel: Australian vessel

- The estimated level of research mortality: Total 0.7 ton.

**2. For age-0 SBT in the North West Australia**

- Objectives: To investigate age-0 SBT distribution and migration in northwestern Australia in 2026. (If this is conducted in April to May 2026, it will be for the 2025/2026 fishing season.)
- Research vessel: Australian vessel
- The estimated level of research mortality: Total 0.3 ton.