Report of the 2025/2026 RMA utilization and application for the 2026/2027 RMA from Japan

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要約

日本は、2025/2026 に許可された調査死亡枠（RMA）1.0 トンのうち、147.4 kg を使用した。2026/2027 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 2025/2026, Japan used 147.4 kg. Japan requests 1.0 ton of RMA for the 2026/2027 research.

1. Report of the 2025/2026 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 2025 and March 2026 was 89 individuals with 147.4 kg. These fish were sampled in the age-1 SBT trolling survey in February 2025. There were no sampled fish in the age-0 SBT distribution survey in May 2025. The RMA value for 2025/2026 is 0.1474 ton, which is below the permitted weight limit of 1.0 ton

In the age-0 distribution survey in May 2026, 51 individuals with 67.7 kg were sampled. This will be included in the RMA for the 2026/2027 fishing season.

2. Application for the 2026/2027 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 southwest Australia

- Objectives: To collect scientific information to provide a relative abundance index of age-1 SBT in the south of Western Australia. A trolling survey will be conducted

from January to February 2027.

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

2. For age-0 SBT distribution survey in west Australia

- Objectives: To investigate age-0 SBT distribution and migration in the west of Western Australia in 2027. (When this is conducted in April to May 2027, it will be for the 2026/2027 fishing season.)
- Research vessel: Australian vessel
- The estimated level of research mortality: Total 0.3 ton.