

## Report of 2003/2004 activities using Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) and application for 2004/2005 RMA

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調査死亡枠（RMA）に関して、日本が2003/2004年に実施したSBT調査に関し、実際に使用したRMAの結果を報告するとともに、2004/2005年に実施予定のSBT調査に関する調査枠を要求する。

### 1. Report of the 2003/2004 RMA utilization

Japan requested to use 10 t of the Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) for one survey (2003-2004 Spawning ground survey). Following the reporting obligation to the Scientific Committee in accordance with "Research Mortality Allowance(RMA) within the Framework of CCSBT" (CCSBT/0011/23), Japan reports here that the total amount of used RMA during one survey was about 2.7t as shown in the table below.

	Requested RMA (t)	Used RMA (t)
R/V DAINI(NO.2)TAIKEI-MARU	5.0	1.723
R/V SHOYO-MARU	5.0	0.944
Total	10.0	2.667

### 2. Application for the 2004/2005 RMA

Japan would like to provide a scientific research program which will be conducted from December 2004 to March 2005 and will use the research mortality allowance (RMA) within the framework of CCSBT (CCSBT/0011/23). Details of the research programs are attached (CCSBT-ESC/0409/Info06). Objectives and estimated level of research mortality are as follows:

#### Acoustic survey for juvenile SBT in the Western Australia

Objectives:

To collect the scientific information in order to provide a relative abundance index of age 1 SBT in the Western Australia. One vessel is planned to participate in the survey in 2004/2005.

Research vessels: R/V DAINI(NO.2) TAIKEI-MARU

Estimated level of research mortality:

Total 1.0 ton: (R/V DAINI (NO.2) TAIKEI-MARU: December 2004 to March 2005)