

## Report of the 2002/2003 RMA utilization and application for the 2003/2004 RMA

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調査死亡枠（RMA）に関して、日本が2002/2003年に実施した2つの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、2003/2004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 2002/2003 RMA utilization

Japan requested to use 6.5 t of the Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) for two surveys (2002-2003 Acoustic survey and 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 these two surveys was about 0.8 t as shown in the table below.

	Requested RMA (t)	Used RMA (t)
(1) Acoustic survey	1.5	0.418
(2) Spawning ground survey	5.0	0.419
Total	6.5	0.837

### 2. Application for the 2003/2004 RMA

Japan would like to provide a scientific research program which will be conducted from December 2003 to March 2004 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/0309/Info05, CCSBT-ESC/0309/Info08). Objectives and estimated level of research mortality are as follows:

#### SBT spawning ground survey

Objectives:

To obtain data and information on SBT spawning ecology and behavior using shallow and deep longline, and various types of tagging and tracking techniques and to investigate feasibility, prospect and benefit to develop a

large scale survey in the spawning ground.

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

: R/V SHOYO-MARU

Estimated level of research mortality:

Total(5.0)tonnes: (R/V DAINI (NO.2) TAIKEI-MARU: December 2003 to  
February 2004)

Total(5.0)tonnes: (R/V SHOYO-MARU: January to March 2004)