

# Iceland resumes commercial whaling

Iceland is resuming commercial whaling for the first time in two decades, ignoring an international moratorium. Whalers are allowed to harpoon nine endangered fin whales and 30 minke whales before the end of August 2007



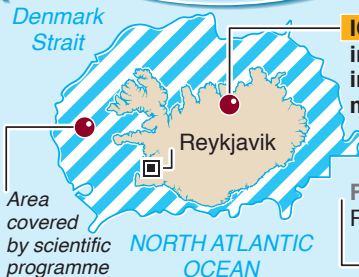
## WHALING NATIONS

**JAPAN** Caught 1,073 minke, 100 sei, 50 Bryde's, 10 fin and five sperm whales last season under "scientific programme"

**NORWAY** Broke with ban on commercial hunts in 1993. Allowed quota of 1,052 minke whales in 2006

**ICELAND** Halted commercial whaling in 1986. Left IWC in 1992 but rejoined in 2002 stating "reservation" to moratorium. Resumed limited hunting for "scientific research". Permits include 200 minkes from 2003-07

**Faroe Islands (Denmark):** Plans to import up to 2 tonnes of whalemeat from Iceland



**Fin whale**

Length: Up to 24m

**Minke whale**

Length: 8m

**Iceland maintains local stocks of around 43,600 minke whales and 25,800 fin whales are high enough to permit some hunting**

Sources: IWC, Marine Research Institute

**NORTH SEA**

## DENMARK:

Pressing Faroes to implement international rules on trade in threatened species

160km  
100 miles