

## A Report of Toxic Substances in Dolphin Meat

Provisional regulatory levels of mercury and PCBs set by the Japanese government:  
Mercury (T-Hg):0.4ppm, Methyl mercury (M-Hg):0.3ppm, PCBs:0.5ppm

Date	Sample	A : T-Hg (ppm)	B : M-Hg (ppm)	C : PCBs (ppm)	Extent of contamination	Testing facility	Source	Notes
May 17,2011	iruka (dolphin)	1.4	0.63	0.82	A: 3.5 times higher than the <u>maximum allowance level</u> B: 2.1:times higher than the m.a.l. C: 1.64:times higher than the m.a.l.	NSBC(*)	BlueVoice.org & Elsa Nature Conservancy	Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at "Shimoji," in Tanabe City, Wakayama.
May 17,2011	irukaharabo (dolphin, belly)	2.88	1.5	0.21	A: 7.2 times higher than the m.a.l. B: 5 times higher than the m.a.l.	NSBC	BlueVoice.org & Elsa Nature Conservancy	Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at "Okuwa" in Shingu City.
May 17,2011	irukaharabo (dolphin, belly)	3.03	1.4	0.29	A: 7.575 times higher than the m.a.l. B: 4.66 times higher than the m.a.l.	NSBC	BlueVoice.org & Elsa Nature Conservancy	Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at "Okuwa" in Shingu City.
May 17,2011	irukaharabo (dolphin, belly)	2.84	1.4	0.23	A: 7.1 times higher than the m.a.l. B: 4.66 times higher than the m.a.l.	NSBC	BlueVoice.org & Elsa Nature Conservancy	Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at "Okuwa" in Shingu City.
May 17,2011	gondou(tail)	7.32	2.6	0.15	A :18.3 times higher than the m.a.l. B: 8.66 times higher than the m.a.l	NSBC	BlueVoice.org & Elsa Nature Conservancy	Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at the supermarket of Taiji Fishery Cooperative Gondou=short finned pilot whale
May 17,2011	Mairuka(belly)	1.59	0.67	1.9	A: 3.975 times higher than the m.a.l B: 2.23 times higher than the m.a.l C: 3.8 times higher than the m.a.l	NSBC	BlueVoice.org & Elsa Nature Conservancy	Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at the supermarket of Taiji Fishery Cooperative Mairuka=striped dolphin
May 17,2011	blubber of irukaharabo (dolphin, belly)	—	—	9.6	C: 19.2 times higher than the m.a.l.	NSBC	BlueVoice.org & Elsa Nature Conservancy	Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at "Okuwa" in Shingu City.
July 13,2011	goudou (pilot whale)	6.65	3.1	2.4	A: 16.62 times higher than the m.a.l. B: 10.3 times higher than the m.a.l. C: 4.8 times higher than the m.a.l.	NSBC	BlueVoice.org & Elsa Nature Conservancy	meat from Okinawa (meat good to use for sauted dishes )
July 13,2012	goudou (pilot whale)	3.88	1.6	0.27	A: 9.7 times higher than the m.a.l. B: 5.3 times higher than the m.a.l.	NSBC	BlueVoice.org & Elsa Nature Conservancy	meat from Okinawa (meat around bones)

(\*)NSBC=Nihon Shokuhin Bunseki Center (Japan Food Research Laboratories)

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