

## 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<br>(dolphin)                            | 1.4            | 0.63           | 0.82           | A: 3.5 times higher than the <u>maximum allowance level</u><br>B: 2.1:times higher than the m.a.l.<br>C: 1.64:times higher than the m.a.l. | NSBC(*)          | BlueVoice.org<br>&<br>Elsa Nature Conservancy | Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at "Shimoji," in Tanabe City, Wakayama.  |
| May 17,2011  | irukaharabo<br>(dolphin, belly)               | 2.88           | 1.5            | 0.21           | A: 7.2 times higher than the m.a.l.<br>B: 5 times higher than the m.a.l.   | NSBC             | BlueVoice.org<br>&<br>Elsa Nature Conservancy | Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at "Okuwa" in Shingu City.   |
| May 17,2011  | irukaharabo<br>(dolphin, belly)               | 3.03           | 1.4            | 0.29           | A: 7.575 times higher than the m.a.l.<br>B: 4.66 times higher than the m.a.l.  | NSBC             | BlueVoice.org<br>&<br>Elsa Nature Conservancy | Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at "Okuwa" in Shingu City.   |
| May 17,2011  | irukaharabo<br>(dolphin, belly)               | 2.84           | 1.4            | 0.23           | A: 7.1 times higher than the m.a.l.<br>B: 4.66 times higher than the m.a.l.  | NSBC             | BlueVoice.org<br>&<br>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.<br>B: 8.66 times higher than the m.a.l  | NSBC             | BlueVoice.org<br>&<br>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<br>B: 2.23 times higher than the m.a.l<br>C: 3.8 times higher than the m.a.l                          | NSBC             | BlueVoice.org<br>&<br>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<br>irukaharabo<br>(dolphin, belly) | —              | —              | 9.6            | C: 19.2 times higher than the m.a.l.   | NSBC             | BlueVoice.org<br>&<br>Elsa Nature Conservancy | Hunted off the coast of Taiji Purchased at "Okuwa" in Shingu City.   |
| July 13,2011 | goudou<br>(pilot whale)                       | 6.65           | 3.1            | 2.4            | A: 16.62 times higher than the m.a.l.<br>B: 10.3 times higher than the m.a.l.<br>C: 4.8 times higher than the m.a.l.                       | NSBC             | BlueVoice.org<br>&<br>Elsa Nature Conservancy | meat from Okinawa<br>(meat good to use for sauted dishes )   |
| July 13,2012 | goudou<br>(pilot whale)                       | 3.88           | 1.6            | 0.27           | A: 9.7 times higher than the m.a.l.<br>B: 5.3 times higher than the m.a.l.   | NSBC             | BlueVoice.org<br>&<br>Elsa Nature Conservancy | meat from Okinawa<br>(meat around bones)   |

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

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