

Japanese whaling: Hunting for what?



For Japan, the world's third largest economic power, whaling is neither an important economic issue, nor a matter of public health or nutrition. Despite all the damage it has caused to Japan's international reputation, the pursuit of whaling has taken on a magnitude far beyond its actual significance, and its continuation became a declared political goal. Whaling is now a symbol of Japan's national identity and pride, and has recently become a matter of national sovereignty for certain domestic groups.

Why is whaling so important to Japan? The talk will provide some insights into the rich cultural history of whales and the present Japanese domestic political dynamics of whaling.

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