Whaling in Japan: Conflicts and Controversies

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The IWC was founded in 1946 to conserve whale stocks.

What does the IWC do?
- Sets catch limits by whale species and area.
- Designates specific areas as whale sanctuaries.
- Protects calves and female whales accompanied by calves.
- Places restrictions on hunting methods.

1982 Moratorium.
**Whaling in Three Countries**

**Japan**
- Whales under the IWC’s aboriginal subsistence clause.
- Programs: JARPA, JARPA-II, and NEWREP-A.

**Norway**
- Whales under objection of the IWC.

**U.S.A.**
- No longer whales.
Double Standards

- Culinary practices in the West versus the East: foie gras, veal, and whale meat.
  - Though Western nations seem adverse to whale meat, the same cannot be said about foie gras and veal.
Orientalism

- Edward Said: “What is “European” is rational, virtuous, mature, and ‘normal’ while the Orient is irrational, depraved, child-like, and ‘different’.”