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VIDEO SHOWS TRUTH ABOUT WHO RAMMED WHO

A video recording of Sea Shepherd vessel Robert Hunter ramming the Japanese non-lethal research vessel Kaiko Maru shows the truth about the incident which occurred in the Antarctic on Monday 12 February 2007.

The recording has been placed on the website of the Institute of Cetacean Research and can be found using the link: <http://www.icrwhale.org/gpandsea.htm>

“The video clearly shows the Sea Shepherd vessel ramming the Kaiko Maru and any claims by Paul Watson that it was our fault is PR spin that was swallowed hook, line and sinker by Australian and New Zealand media,” Dr Hiroshi Hatanaka, the Director General of the Institute of Cetacean Research, said today.

The recording begins with the Kaiko Maru crew member filming the exact location of the vessel when it was attacked by Sea Shepherd. It then pans to starboard showing the Farley Mowat approaching nearby and moves to port to show the Robert Hunter immediately alongside.

The wake of the Robert Hunter clearly shows the Sea Shepherd vessel turning into the path of the Kaiko Maru and then colliding with our vessel, Dr Hatanaka said.

“Japanese research vessels have no reason to ram a vessel in the Antarctic – Greenpeace, Sea Shepherd or anyone else. It’s not what we, a scientific organization, do. Sea Shepherd is desperately trying to do as much damage to property and people as they can before they leave the Antarctic. It is not an environmental organisation – it’s a terrorist vigilante group,” Dr Hatanaka said.

“How many more incidents like this does it take for the world to take notice that Sea Shepherd is a dangerous and desperate organization,” he said.

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