

Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the Technical Reports of the Institute of Cetacean Research (TEREP-ICR). TEREP-ICR is a non-peer reviewed journal and therefore the contents of the articles published here will be primarily the responsibility of the respective authors. Work by the ICR's editorial team is limited to making suggestions of topics for articles and to keeping editorial consistency among the different articles. This first issue contains eight research articles and one commentary article. The first research article is an overview of the research programs conducted at the ICR, which provides a general background for the subsequent technical research articles focused this time on ICR's main research topics including stock structure, abundance, biological parameters, feeding ecology and environmental pollutants, in both the Antarctic and western North Pacific. This first issue also includes routine sections to outline the contribution of ICR scientists to international meetings in 2017 as well as their contribution in terms of peer reviewed publications up to 2017.

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