



# IS WHALING SUSTAINABLE IN NORWAY?



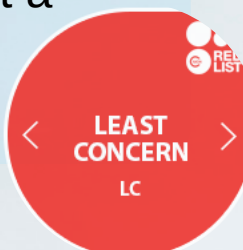
**Whaling:**  
The activity of hunting whales

**Sustainable harvesting:**

Harvesting that allows population numbers to be maintained or to increase over time. (4)

## 1) Which species are harvested?

**Minke Whale** (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*) is the only whale caught in Norway, and isn't a threatened species! (1)



## 2) What is the management procedure?

IWC's Scientific Committee estimates **sustainable catch limits** for commercial whaling of whales with the Revised Management Procedure.



## 3) How is the whaling monitored?

Vessels hunting whales in Norway must use a **tachograph** (2). The tachograph is a surveillance system, registering all the hunting.



## 4) What is the quota of catch?

In 2019, **429 out 1278** whales were caught (see Fig. 1). All of them were consumed in Norway (3).

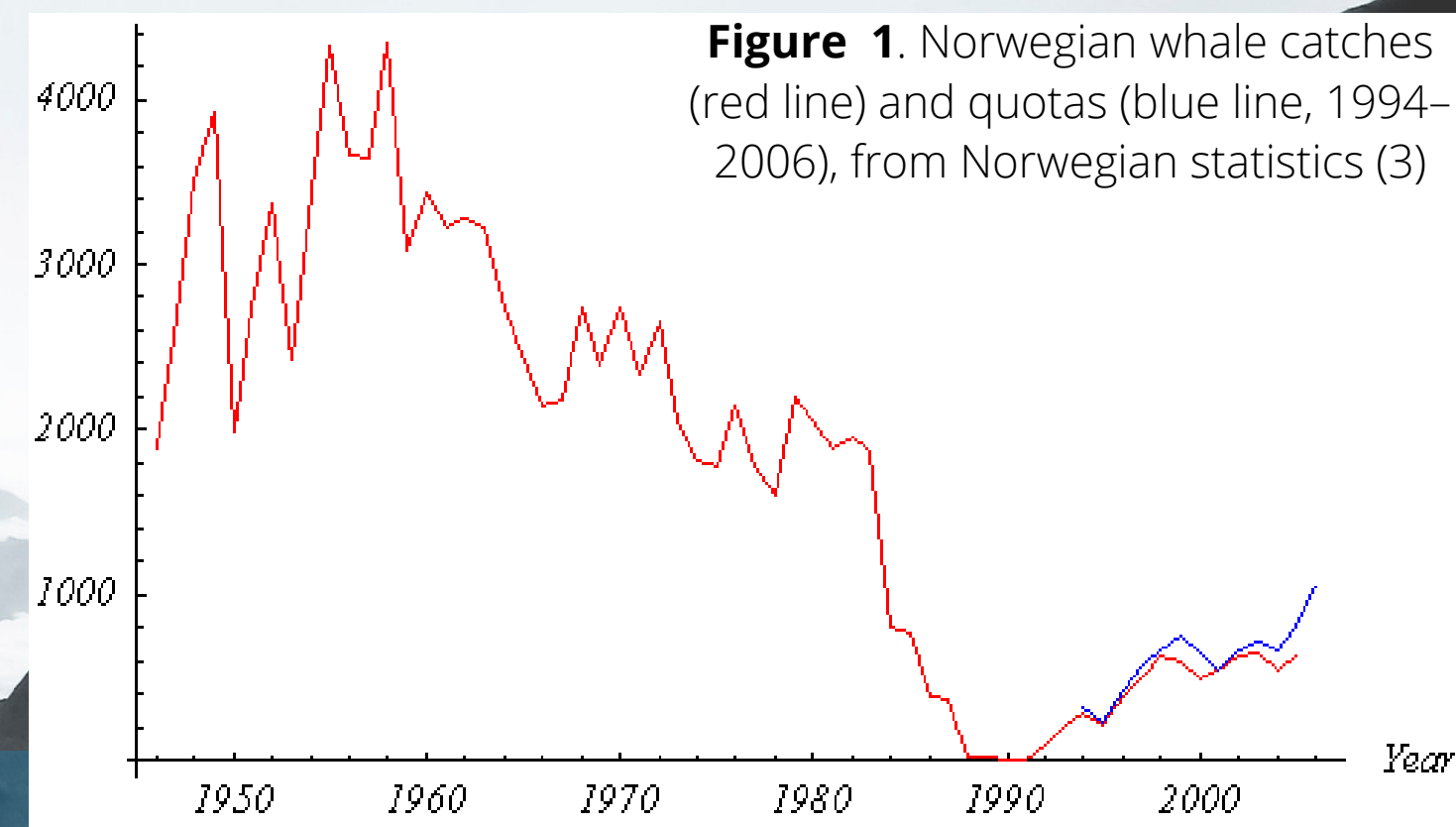


## 5) How is illegal catching avoided?

**DNA-register** of the whales in Norwegian waters. To make sure that none of the traded whale products are illegally caught (5).



**According to the definition, it's sustainable!**



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