

Modern Whaling - December 15



Japanese whalers on deck of a whaling factory ship. In this type of operation, smaller "catch boats", equipped with exploding harpoons, kill the whale. The small boats tow the whale to this "mother ship" where it is pulled on deck through the tunnel-like opening seen in the center of the picture. A dead whale is shown being flensed.

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