

C.S.

WHALING (Reports)
No. 425/24

1924.

Whaling Officer
South Shetlands

SUBJECT.

192 4

20th June,

Previous Paper.

Forwards report respecting methods of hunting and killing of Humpback Whales.

MINUTES.

Report from Mr S. H. Ricks of 20th June 1924 - Encl ①

*Yr.
Submitted*

ttttt 23 June 24

H.C.S.

I have seen Mr Ricks today & I have explained to him the movement of Whales on African coast is receiving consideration of Discovery Committee & that Discovery will probably carry out investigations on African coast. Govt of Union of S. Africa also has matter under consideration.

BR

15 Oct 1924

PA. 17/5/26

Subsequent Paper.

Stanley, ①
Falkland Islands.

June 20th. 1924.

Sir,

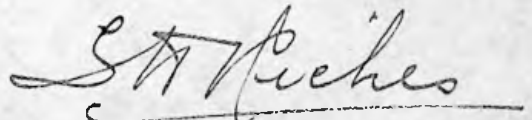
I have the honour to forward the following whaling information which serves to show the need for immediate protective measures in other lands, in regard to Humpbacks.

In the course of conversation with one of the whaling community during the last season, he informed me that he had recently spent a season on a Landstation at the French Congo, and that during this season they only took Humpbacks, numbering something like four hundred and sixty, because they were much closer to the land than the Blue species, and that the females, being ^{far} advanced in pregnancy, they were sluggish in their movements, and therefore fell an easy prey to the whaleboats, he also informed me that nearly all females were in this condition, and that he had known them to be killed whilst actually in the act of expelling the calf, and that they made no attempt to escape their hunters, this ruthless slaughter, I may add, only applies to one station, so far as the numbers given are concerned, and I am given to understand that there are a number of these stations springing up along the West African Coast.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Hon:- Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.


Whaling Officer.