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ABSTRACT

This electronic catalog presents identification photographs of 150 western gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) collected between 1994 and 2005 off Sakhalin Island, Russia, by the joint Russia-U.S. research program. The overarching objectives of making this catalog freely available are twofold: (1) to facilitate international cooperation and collaboration between current and future research groups collecting data on the western gray whale population; and (2) to provide an individual numbering scheme and standardized images of western gray whales that can be used for comparison by other research groups and organizations. This CD-based catalog is available on request and utilization of such is predicated by the data use agreement provided therein.

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