

## Activists patrol for Japanese whalers

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SYDNEY -- Activists patrolled waters looking for Japanese fishing fleets while Australia awaited a court rule on enforcing a whaling ban in an Antarctic sanctuary. "What we want to do is find the fleet and enforce international conservation law against their illegal activities," Paul Watson, captain of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society's boat, told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. "That means obstruct, interfere, disable, do anything that we can, short of causing any injury to any of their personnel of course, but anything that we can to stop their illegal operations." Australia's federal court was expected to soon issue a decision on enforcing the whaling ban in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary.

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