

Information on Whaling

In the months of Dec Jan and Feb it is good ground Sperm whale ground from the Long 160 on 158 E Lat 35 and 34 S into the North Cape of New Zealand the North Cape of New Zealand bearing NE on ENE just in sight and out of sight great numbers of whales have been seen and taken the whaling is also good in March April and May up on the same ground in April May and June the whales are most numerous between the three Kings and the French Rock and about the Kings and Rock. May and June Capt Shearman found good whaling on the Lat 25° & 26° S Long 175° & 176° W South of the Island of Cook is said to be a most excellent place to obtain recruits and where men cannot desert from thence stand to the North and set off as far E when on the line as Sturges Island or R off to the westward on the Lat 3° and 4° S cross through the Kingsmill's track of Islands and if time will call on and back again on the line if not proceed South return New Ireland and Bougainville and as we on the Long 155 and 160 E Lat 25 and 26 S where Sperm whales are said to found all the year round particularly in Aug Sept Oct Nov.