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Whaling was a very profitable profession until whale populations crashed. The global community came together to enact a ban on whaling. However, Japan and Norway have not agreed to stop whaling. Which of the following is the most likely consequence of their decision?

- A. The whale populations are bouncing back very successfully and are unaffected by Japan and Norway continuing to whale.**
- B. The whale populations are not rebounding as quickly as they might if all of the countries agreed not to hunt whales.**
- C. The whale populations have mutated into new kinds of organisms.**
- D. The whales are getting better at avoiding capture.**

Answer

B. The whale populations are not rebounding as quickly as they might if all of the countries agreed not to hunt whales.

All countries must work together to prevent major human impact on fragile ecosystems and populations of organisms.