## Investigation Report of Fish and Shellfish Sampled in the Ocean Area Within 20km Radius of Fukushima Daiichi NPS\* (Sampling period: April - June, 2013)

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\* Exclude the data obtained in the port of Fukushima Daiichi NPS

1. Purpose of the Investigation of Fish and Shellfish Sampled in the Ocean Area Within 20km Radius of Fukushima Daiichi NPS

## (1) To understand radioactive cesium density by fish species

- Comparison with the food standard value (total cesium amount: 100Bq/kg)

# (2) To understand the geographical distribution of radioactive cesium density of fish and shellfish

- Sampling at fixed measurement points (gill net fishing, trawl net fishing)

# (3) To understand the change of radioactive cesium density of fish and shellfish over time

- Accumulating basic data in order to forecast trends



### 2-1. Investigation Results (Radioactive Cesium Density by Fish Species)

• Approx. 80% of all the measurement results were below the standard value.

		Sampling period: April - June, 2013	Sampling period: January - March, 2013		
Number of fish species	37	[Top 3 Density Levels] (Unit: Bq/kg (Raw)	34	[Top 3 Density Levels] (Unit: Bq/kg (Raw) 1, Sea bass 880 2, Schlegel's black rockfish 780 3, Common skete 650 [Samples below the detection limit (measured more than once)]	
Fish species with cesium exceeding the standard value	10	<ul> <li>1, Schlegel's black rockfish</li> <li>670</li> <li>2, Sea bass</li> <li>3, Marbled sole430</li> </ul>	13		
Number of measurements	322	[Samples below the detection limit (measured more than once)]	253		
Number of measurement results exceeding the standard value	63	1, Loliginid 2, Octopus dofleini 3, Loligo bleekeri 4, Blue crab 5, Spotted halibut 6, Striped jewfish		<ol> <li>1, Octopus dofleini</li> <li>2, Loliginid</li> <li>3, Snailfish</li> <li>4, Crimson sea bream</li> <li>5, Andrea cuttlefish</li> <li>6, Loligo bleekeri</li> </ol>	

Standard value: 100 Bq/kg of total amount of radioactive cesium

(Remark) Sampling region of fish and octopuses (except for salangichthys ishikawae, sand eel and lophius litilon): Muscle, Others: Whole

- Samples with tendency to exceed the standard value: Common skete, Schlegel's black rockfish, Microstoms achne, etc.
- Samples with tendency to fall below the standard value: Pacific cod, Lophius litilon, Lepidotrigla microptera, Littlemouth flounder, etc.



## 2-2. Investigation Results

#### (Geographical Distribution of Radioactive Cesium Density of Fish and Shellfish)

• The proportion of samples obtained at the trawl net measurement points (offshore) exceeding the standard value was lower than that of samples obtained at the gill net measurement points (coast). However, there are some points at the gill net measurement points (coast) with the proportion exceeding the standard value is low, such as T-S1 and T-S2.

		Sampling period: April - June, 2013			Sampling period: January - March, 2013		
		Number of measurements	Number of measurement results exceeding the standard value	Proportion (%)	Number of measurements	Number of measurement results exceeding the standard value	Proportion (%)
Trawl Net	T-B1	29	1	3	35	4	11
	T-B2	37	0	0	37	3	8
	T-B3	30	4	13	34	5	15
	T-B4	37	3	8	33	4	12
Gill - Net -	T-S1	29	4	14	11	5	45
	T-S2	22	3	14	10	1	10
	T-S3	29	8	28	24	11	46
	T-S4	36	10	28	22	12	55
	T-S5	20	7	35	16	14	88
	T-S7	21	14	67	14	8	57
	T-S8	32	9	28	17	8	47

## 2-3. Investigation Results

(Change of Radioactive Cesium Density of Fish and Shellfish Over Time)

[Tendency of Radioactive Cesium Level of Fish and Shellfish Sampled within a 20km Radius of Fukushima Daiichi NPS]

 The radioactive cesium levels of fish and shellfish sampled in 20km radius of Fukushima Daiichi NPS were almost similar to those sampled outside of 20km radius (measurement performed by Fukushima Prefecture), however they tend to be slightly higher. Some of the radioactive cesium levels of samples have been decreasing.

#### [Tendency of Radioactive Cesium Density]

- Fish species whose radioactive cesium levels have been decreasing over time: Flatfish, Greenling, etc.
- \* Further accumulation of the measurement results of fish and shellfish sampled within a 20km radius of Fukushima Daiichi NPS is needed.
- \* Though the cause of change in the radioactive cesium levels of fish and shellfish over time is estimated to be related to food, environment (seawater, marine soil, etc.) and ecological characteristics, the mechanism of the change needs to be clarified.



### (Reference) Change of Radioactive Cesium Density of Flatfish and Microstoms Achne Over Time



(Remark) The measurement results of "Out of 20km radius of 1F" were obtained from the Japan Meteorological Agency website.

The measurement values below the detection limit are not plotted in these graphs.



## 2-4. Radioactive Density Measurement Results of Nuclide Other Than Cesium

Unit: Bq/kg (Raw)

Nuclide	Sampling April - Jur	•	Sampling period: January - March, 2013		
(Half-life)	Number of samples	Measurement results	Number of samples	Measurement results	
<sup>*1</sup> Ag-110m (Approx. 250 days)	9 (Blue crab: 1 Ovalipes unctatus: 8)	Maximum: 9.3 Minimum: 5.6 Average: 6.9	7 (Blue crab: 1 Ovalipes unctatus: 6)	Maximum: 14 Minimum: 6.6 Average: 11	
<sup>*2</sup> Sr-90 (Approx. 29 years)	2 (Sea bass: 1 Schlegel's black rockfish: 1)	Maximum: 0.48 Minimum: 0.33 Average: 0.41	2 (Sea bass: 1 Schlegel's black rockfish: 1)	Maximum: 1.0 Minimum: 0.87 Average: 0.94	

- The number of samples in which Ag-110m was detected and the density ratio of Ag-110m are on a stabilization trend.
- The density ratio of Sr-90 was extremely lower than that of Cs-137 (approx. one thousandth).
- \*1 Whole body measurement was done on the samples in which Ag-110m was detected, and all the results were below the food standard value (maximum radioactive cesium density: 9.4 Bq/kg (raw)).
- \*2 As for the samples with top 2 density levels, measurement was done after processing the whole fish into ash in the relevant sampling period.



## **3. Future Investigation Plans**

- Investigation will be continued in order to achieve the following 3 goals.
  - (1) Understanding of radioactive cesium density by fish species
  - (2) Understanding of the geographical distribution of radioactive cesium density of fish and shellfish
  - (3) Understanding of the change of radioactive cesium density of fish and shellfish over time
- Sampling and measurement of fish and shellfish will be conducted once a month at 11 sampling points for the time being.



Figure 3. Fish and Shellfish Measurement Points (As of June 2013)

