

XI Fishery

Explanation

The statistics compiled in this part were prepared mostly by the Statistics Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (hereafter MAFF), including those on catch volumes for recreational fishing, registered fishing vessels, fishing ports, and whaling are from the results of surveys conducted by the Fisheries Agency of MAFF.

Brief explanations for respective statistics are as follows:

1 Structure of fishery production

Statistics such as the number of fishery management entities, fishery workers of marine fishery, and the number of fishery management entities and fishery workers of lake fishery and inland water aquaculture, were compiled from the results of the "Census of Fisheries" (conducted every five years; most recent census conducted on November 1, 2008), the "Survey on Marine Fishery Production" and the "Survey of Persons Engaged in Fishery" by the Statistics Department of MAFF.

Marine fishery enterprises refer to households and establishments that caught or cultivated fishes and aquatic plants at sea in order to gain profits or income by selling them during the one year prior to the date of the survey. However, individual enterprises that managed marine work for less than 30 days during the one year prior to the date of the survey are not included. Inland water fishery enterprises refer to households and establishments that caught fishes and aquatic plants in lakes and marshes with joint fishing rights or in other regionally important lakes and marshes, or those that operated aquaculture in inland water (excluding Lake Hamana), in order to gain profits or income by selling them during the one year prior to the date of the survey.

2 Fishery resource management, Multiple functions (:Multifunctionality) of fishery

There are the results of the "Census of Fisheries: Survey on Fishery Management Organizations, Survey on Marine Fishery Areas, Survey on Inland Water Fishery Areas" conducted by the Statistics Department of MAFF. The "Survey on Fishery Management Organizations" examines the overview of fishery management organizations and their management details as influenced by enforcement of activities concerning management of resources. The "Survey on Marine Fishery Areas" and "Survey on Inland Water Fishery Areas" cover fishing cooperatives and examine fishing production conditions and projects for regional revitalization.

Statistics on catch volumes for recreational fishing are derived from a Fishery Agency survey.

3 Means and facilities for fishery production

Statistics on registered fishing vessels are prepared from the results of surveys conducted since December 1947 by the Fisheries Agency of MAFF in accordance with the "Fishing Vessels Law". Statistics on fishing owned vessels in use are prepared from the results of the "Census of Fisheries". Statistics on fishing ports are prepared from the survey conducted by the Fisheries Agency of MAFF. Fishing vessels taken up in "Census of Fisheries" refer to vessels that fishery enterprises used for fishery production during the one year prior to the date of the survey and still owned as of the date of the survey .

4 Fishery and aquaculture production

The Statistics Department of MAFF compiled fishery production amounts and values. Values are estimated by multiplying production amounts by price.

(1) Marine Fishery and Aquaculture

The results of the "Survey on Marine Fishery Production" as regularly conducted by the Statistics Department of MAFF.

Data on whaling are prepared from the results of the survey conducted by the Fisheries Agency of MAFF.

(2) Inland Water Fishery and Aquaculture

Statistics are prepared from the results of the "Survey on Inland water Fishery Production" as regularly conducted by the Statistics Department of MAFF.

5 Fishery management

The results of the "Statistical Survey on Fishery Management," as regularly conducted by the Statistics Department of MAFF. The survey consists of "Survey on Individual Enterprises," the "Survey on Company Enterprises," and the "Survey on Joint-Operation Enterprises.

6 Division of Sea Regions

As for division of sea regions applied in the statistics on fishery management units, marine fishery and aquaculture production and fishery management, refer to the Sea Region and the map of Sea Region of Japan at the beginning of this volume.