

March 1st, 2023

Notice: Suspension of Part of FMS Certification

We would like to inform you that MEL Japan Council has accepted the following decisions made by the certification body, Japan Fisheries Resource Conservation Association (JFRCA).

1. Matter

Suspension of Japanese round herring (Minoshima shirasu boat seine net fishery)

2. Certification Information

Certified Entity:	Kii Channel Central Boat Seine Cooperative
Certification Number:	JFRCA20F5700011
Scope of Certification:	Minoshima shirasu boat seine net fishery (Japanese sardine, Japanese anchovy), (Suspended: Japanese round herring)
Certification Expire date:	July 8th, 2025

3. Reasons

Japanese round herring was evaluated as “major non-conformity” in the annual surveillance audit. The major non-conformity was due to the stock status; thus, the certification of the concerned species is suspended. The suspension period is based on the MEL Council notice, and the deadline for providing additional information is until the next annual audit.

4. Other Matters

The certification for sardine and anchovy is maintained.

For more details, please visit JFRCA's website.

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