

March 5th, 2023

Notice: Suspension of Part of 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 spotted mackerel (Fukushima purse seine fishery)

2. Certification Information

Certified Entity:	Fukushima Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations
Certification Number:	JFRCA20F2800011
Scope of Certification:	Purse seine fishery (chub mackerel), (Suspended: spotted mackerel)
Certification Expire date:	March 24th, 2024

3. Reasons

Spotted mackerel was evaluated as “major non-conformity” in the annual surveillance audit. The major non-conformity was due to the stock status. Upon the request from the certified entity to exclude the stock from the certified species, the certification body is taking the process of suspension, and if no additional information is submitted within the suspension period, the spotted mackerel will be excluded from the scope of certification.

4. Other Matters

The certification for chub mackerel is maintained.

For more details, please visit JFRCA's website.

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