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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 Spanish mackerel (Osaka Iwashi Purse Seine Fisheries Cooperative Association)

2. Certification Information

Certified Entity: Osaka Iwashi Purse Seine Fisheries Cooperative Association

Certification Number: MEL-JFR-F270002

Scope of Certification: Medium purse seine net fishery (sardine, anchovy, jack mackerel, chub mackerel, and Japanese Spanish mackerel)

*Only Japanese Spanish mackerel is suspended

3. Reasons

During the annual audit, it was evaluated that the stock status is below its limit reference point and in an overfished condition based on 2023 stock assessment of Seto Inland Sea Japanese Spanish mackerel, resulting in a major non-conformity in Item 2.7(ii).

Therefore, the certification was suspended for Japanese Spanish mackerel.

For more details, please visit JFRCA's website.

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