

Conservation of ecosystems and biodiversity

Approach

GRI304-DMA

▶ Group Shared
Policy on
Environment

Performance

▶ Joint Skipjack
Tagging Survey
(Japanese)

Biodiversity Approach

The Ajinomoto Group expresses its approach to ecosystems and biodiversity in the Group Shared Policy on Environment and Ajinomoto Group Long-Term Environmental Vision, and works as a Group to achieve its goals based on these vision and policies.

Fishery

Ajinomoto Co., Inc. is committed to conserving resources and working toward sustainable use, as a company that uses skipjack as an ingredient in its major flavor seasoning product, *HON-DASHI*[®]. Since 2009, the Company has conducted the joint skipjack tagging survey with the National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries (NRIFSF) in Japan. In 2015 the Company began a joint survey with Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology and other universities, and in 2018 launched a consortium from the survey's parent organization.

In recent years, skipjack catches have fallen significantly in waters around Japan, resulting in difficult times for skipjack fishery. To contribute to sustainable regional development and the skipjack fishing industry which supports Japan's food culture, the Company has been actively sharing the knowledge of skipjack ecology gained from surveys with industry stakeholders.

In fiscal 2019, the Company will continue to advance the study of skipjack ecology, better resource management, and the establishment of international resource management rules.

Fiscal 2018 survey results

- Wide-area survey using archival electronic tags
Progress: Published paper on findings, including identification of three migration routes
- Coastal survey using ultrasonic waves
Progress: Continued skipjack behavior survey using pinger tags