

Splendid Alfosino fishery (Kinme fishery), Japan

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Ecosystem type	Marine
Main Gear	Hook & line
Target species	Splendid alfosino, turban shell
Vessel type	Power driven
No. of small-scale fishers	50
No. of small-scale fishing vessels	54



Type of justice: regulatory

The Splendid Alfonsino ("Kinme" in Japanese) is a symbol and the most important species of Inatori community in Izu Peninsular, Shizuoka, Japan. With its origin dating back to the Meiji Era (1868~1912), the Kinme fishery has a long history and has played a vital role in economic and social development of the community. The Kinme fishermen, known as "The Boss of Kinme", have always taken pride in their efforts of maintaining the resource through adopting a line of formal and informal rules among fishermen. However, there have been increasing numbers of pleasure-boat

owners fishing the Kinme in recent years. Though the amount of the catch by pleasure-boat owners hasn't been fully grasped, in Kinme fishermen's sense, it's quite huge. As a result, a strong sense of unfairness and injustice has been growing among fishermen, especially since the Kinme fish stock has declined and is still not in a stable condition. Currently, the fisher's organization of Inatori is working with cooperation of government officers to deal with the situation. However, the complexity of the fishery background, including regulatory deficiency, makes it hard to find a solution.