

Second Kyokuyo Group Marine Resources Survey

This survey was conducted to investigate the resource status of marine products procured by Kyokuyo Co., Ltd. and 16 domestic and overseas Group companies in FY2023.

1. Purpose

As demand for seafood grows due to more widespread seafood diets throughout the world, conservation of marine environment and sustainable use of marine resources are increasingly important. Under these circumstances, the Kyokuyo Group has strived to procure from properly managed fisheries and from aquaculture that is considerate of marine environment.

Based on this idea, the Second Kyokuyo Group Marine Resources Survey was conducted to understand the Group's procurement status at a regular interval, understand the issues, and take appropriate measures to address those issues.

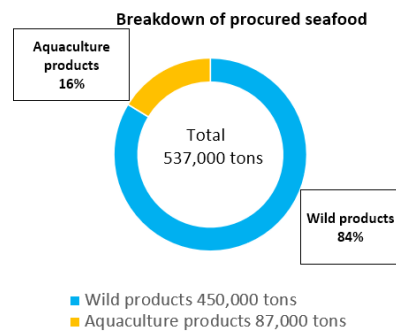
2. Results (Weights are based on raw material equivalent)

(1) Breakdown of marine products procured

Total: 537,000 tons

Wild products: 450,000 tons (84%)

Aquaculture products: 87,000 tons (16%)

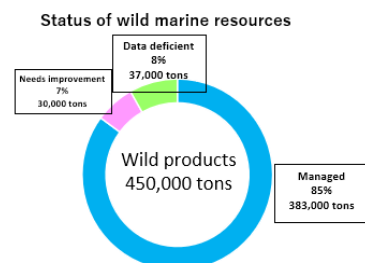


(2) Resource status of wild seafood

Managed: 383,000 tons (85%)

Needs improvement: 30,000 tons (7%)

Data deficient: 37,000 tons (8%)



“Managed” improved from 78% last time to 85%

3. Issues and the Next Steps

(1) Issues

What is necessary to increase the procurement ratio from “managed” ?

(2) Next Steps

(I) For “Needs improvement,” we will continuously check the information from sources such as fishery organizations while also expanding the applicable scope of dialogues which have already begun with suppliers about the resource status and check methods and other means of resource management, minimize the risk of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and find ways to carry more seafood that poses no risk of resource depletion.

(II) For “Data deficient,” it became possible to check the resource status updated in databases operated by investigative organizations such as the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) to learn the status of some resources. For further improvements, we will continue checking information from investigative organizations and others. As dialogues with suppliers proceed, we will also check their fishing methods and the areas they use among other factors to work toward ensuring traceability while also further improving the accuracy of in-house data management.

(III) For wild marine resources that are “managed,” we will work toward handling larger amounts of certified marine products.

While sharing the results of this Marine Resources Survey throughout the Group as a whole, we will also continue conducting surveys once every three years, learning the status, considering measures in response, and implementing those measures. Additionally, through initiatives such as international aquaculture certifications, we will handle larger volumes of seafood that is properly managed among aquaculture products in addition to wild products.

Detailed survey results are available [here](#).