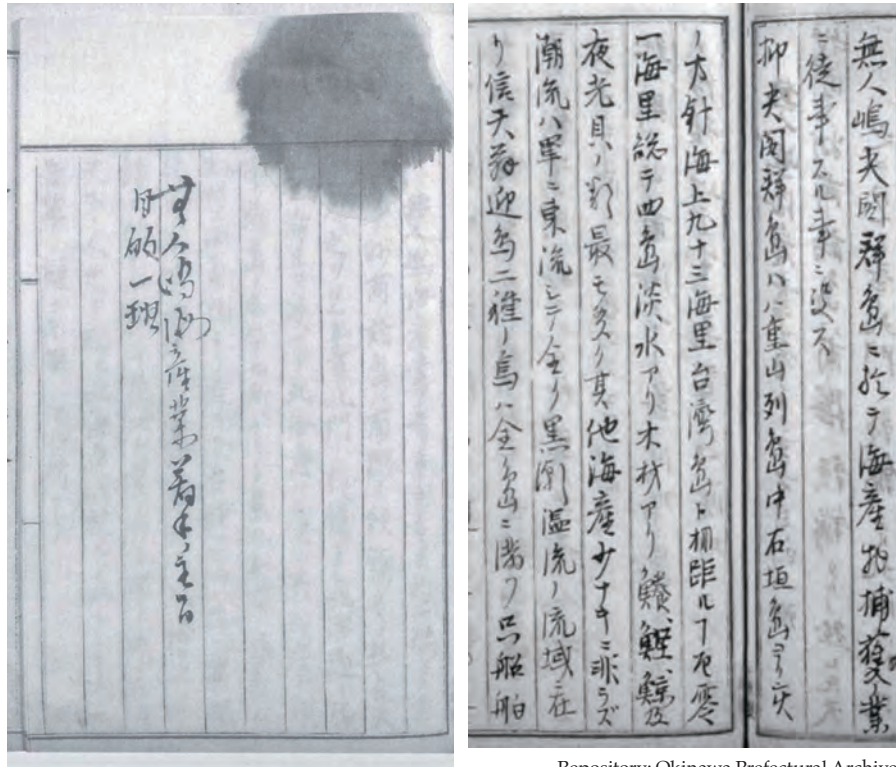


A fishing plan for the waters around the Senkaku Islands

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Overview

This is a fishing plan for the waters around the Senkaku Islands, prepared by a group of fishermen led by Tadashi NODA (a former samurai from Kumamoto Prefecture). It cites, the reasons for deciding to fish around the islands, the existence of freshwater areas on the islands, and the presence of many skipjacks and green turban shellfish, as well as a significant number of other marine products.

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Excerpt [English translation]

This spring, Tadashi NODA and Nobuo YAMAKUMA, accompanied by one fisherman, went to the Sakishima Islands to carry out exploration. Finally, they decided to engage in fishing operations around the Senkaku Islands, uninhabited islands lying between the Yaeyama Islands and Taiwan.

In the first place, the Senkaku Islands lie 93 nautical miles over sea to the north-northwest of Ishigaki Island in the Yaeyama Islands, and 101 nautical miles from Taiwan. There are four islands in all, with freshwater and timber available. Shark, bonito, whale and green turban shellfish are most numerous, but other marine species are also by no means small in quantity.

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