



Commissioned Research Report on Takeshima-related documents in Shimane Prefecture

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Cover Photo: TAKESHIMA (Photographed by Masasuke Ono,1906)

1. Foreword

In Japanese fiscal year 2014, Streamgraph Co., commissioned by the Office of Policy Planning and Coordination on Territory and Sovereignty, Cabinet Secretariat, conducted a project titled “Research on Takeshima-related documents in Shimane Prefecture” during the period of June 2014 to March 2015, with a view toward compiling and digitalizing Takeshima-related documents existing in Shimane Prefecture that can be utilized for further study on the subject. This project was conducted by the Research Team under the guidance of the Research Committee composed of the experts. This report is to summarize the outcome of the project.

The research should not be considered to be comprehensive, as it was conducted under a time constraint of less than a year. The contents of the report and the compilation and digitalization of the documents reflect the views of the Research Team and the Research Committee, not those of the Government of Japan.

2. Scope of Documents

In an effort to assist further study on Takeshima, documents made mainly during the period from 1905, when the incorporation of Takeshima into Japanese territory was made by the Cabinet decision, to the 1950s, were collected and compiled. Collected documents were mostly those indicating factual situations at that time. We tried our best to identify the location of the documents and compiled them as graphically digitalized data.

3. Project Processes

To date, Takeshima-related documents existing in Shimane Prefecture have been located and collected by “Takeshima Issue Research Group” of Shimane Prefectural Government and experts affiliated with the group. Under this project, an expert team mainly composed of local experts was organized in an effort to identify and graphically digitalize relevant documents archived in the public organizations and to conduct research centering on the Oki Islands with a view toward identifying documents under private possessions.

In the Oki Islands, on-site research included, among others, the research of official documents compiled in Okinoshima town government and the inquiring survey of residents in Dogo (Kumi, etc.) and Dozen (Nishinoshima town, etc.) districts. Documents related to fishing activities in and around Takeshima, maps, local documents, some of which are in possession of local residents, were collected.

Collected documents were categorized into official documents, press reports and other documents, systematically organized in catalogues with titles, authors/editors, excerpts, content summary and use methods, and graphically digitalized.

The Research Committee composed of the eminent experts was organized to provide guidance and counsel to the Research Team.

4. Membership of the Research Team

Under the guidance and counsel of the Research Committee, the Research Team engaged in such activities as compilation, identification, and digitalization. Members are as follows:

Members:

Senior researcher	Takashi Sugihara , Special Advisor, the Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room (also a member of the Research Committee)
Chief, on-site research	Yoshiko Yamazaki , Member, Takeshima Issue Research Group of Shimane Prefectural Government
Document research /compilation	Keiko Taniguchi , former temporary member, Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room
	Teruko Uchida , temporary member, Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room
Project manager	Hiroyuki Osaki , Director, streamgraph inc.

5. Summary of the Research Outcome

5-1. Outcome Overview

The locations of approximately 1,000 Takeshima-related documents (some 500 items are official documents; others are relevant press articles and other documents) existing in Shimane Prefecture were identified, and the documents were catalogued and graphically digitalized. The salient features of those documents include:

- (1) Documents which indicate the exercise of sovereignty over Takeshima by the Government of Japan, including the administrative research, regulations and control conducted by the governments of Shimane Prefecture and Okinoshima Town. (Examples are shown in the documents 1-1 ~ 1-11)
- (2) Documents which illustrate the situation after the Proclamation of Sovereignty over the Adjacent Sea (the so-called “Syngman Rhee Line”) by the Republic of Korea (Examples are shown in the documents 2-1 ~ 2-3.)
- (3) Documents which indicate economic activities by Japanese nationals prior to the incorporation of Takeshima into Japanese territory by the Government of Japan in 1905. Although the scope of the research does not cover the relevant documents made prior to 1905, some documents indicating pre-1905 economic activities by Japanese nationals were identified. (Examples are shown in the documents 3-1 ~ 3-2)

5-2. Research Chronology

Period	Subject	Research area, institutions, research items, etc.
June 2014 – March 2015	Documents research, compilation and graphic data digitalization Research scope includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Affairs Division, General Affairs Bureau, Shimane Prefectural Government - Shimane Prefectural Government Public Records Center - Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room - Shimane Nature Museum of Mt. Sanbe (Sahimel) - Shimane Aquarium AQUAS - Visits to private individual households (Hamada City, etc.)
2014 July 12	1 st meeting of the Research Committee	Research and compilation policy, research schedule and cataloguing method are confirmed.
August 18-21	Oki preparatory research	Cooperation was requested to Okinoshima Town Government, Library of Okinoshima Town, Oki Shizen-kan Nature Museum, Okinoshima Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives, etc. Hearing surveys were conducted to identify the situations of archived documents.
August 26-29	1 st Oki research	Research visits were made to the entities above as well as Shimane Prefectural Oki High School of Fisheries, and individual households.
September 15-17	2 nd Oki research	Research visits were made to Nishinoshima Town’s Board of Education, individual households of Nishinoshima Town, Ama Town’s Board of Education, etc. Documents were researched and collected.
October 1-2	3 rd Oki research	Research visits were made to individual households in Okinoshima Town and Nishinoshima Town. Documents were researched and collected.
October 9-12	4 th Oki research	Research visits to various entities in Oki Islands were made. Documents were collected and photographed.
November 7	2 nd meeting of the Research Committee	The Research Team reported its research progress status. Research progress was confirmed.
2015 January 26	3 rd meeting of the Research Committee	Researched documents were confirmed. Methods of publication were discussed.
March 13	4 th meeting of the Research Committee	Final outcome was confirmed.

5-3. Researched Organizations and Collected Documents

Shimane Prefectural Government Public Records Center / Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room

Official documents/public records, maps, charts, photos and others illustrating the incorporation of Takeshima, its effective control and its usage situations such as fishing are collected. Examples include:

- Documents covering the incorporation of Takeshima into Japanese territory, the establishment of Takeshima Fishing and Hunting Limited Partnership Company, request to grant lease of Takeshima, the visit of the Crown Prince (later Emperor Taisho) (1905-1911)
- Account books to record Takeshima usage charges to the people involved in fishing and hunting (1925-1935)
- Documents regarding Takeshima visit by a group led by Shimane Prefectural Governor and its preparation process (1905-1906)
- Documents regarding fishing in and around Takeshima including requests to lease Takeshima, requests to permit fishing and hunting activities, business conditions of Takeshima Fishing and Hunting Limited Partnership Company (1905-1907)
- Documents recorded by Shimane Prefectural Government regarding the incorporation of Takeshima, fishing, developments and correspondences regarding Takeshima.

Also included are the documents which were donated from the people involved in fishing and hunting in and around Takeshima

Shimane Prefectural Library

Surveys about conditions of the districts of Oki Islands (1909), official documents of Shimane

Prefectural Government regarding fishing (1915-1916), press articles (press reports about the incorporation of Takeshima in 1905, press reports about the illegal occupation of Takeshima by the Republic of Korea in the post-World War II, other reports about Takeshima), documents about the visit of Crown Prince, Guides (maps) about Shimane Prefecture, Local history documents, Documents about fishing research, Other documents and photos

Shimane Aquarium AQUAS / Shimane Nature Museum of Mt. Sanbe (Sahimel)

Exhibits and others in custody (Stuffed sea lion of Takeshima)

Okinoshima Town Government*

Official documents, license tag for fishing, diaries by people involved in fishing and hunting, fishing tools, charts, newspaper articles (Oki Kouron, Oki Times) and others. (*including Oki Kyodo Kan)

Library of Okinoshima Town

Newspaper articles (Oki Kouron, Oki Times), local history, industry chronicles, and others

Oki Shizen-kan Nature Museum

Exhibits (bags, leather and rings of Japanese sea lion)

Private Collections

Map collection (including modern Western maps), local documents of Shimane Prefecture, travel guides, materials regarding maps, photos overseas)

6. Holdings of the Research Committee



The Research Committee meetings were held four times during the project period. Membership and agenda of the meetings are as follows:

Members:

- Takashi Tsukamoto**, Professor, Tokai University
Susumu Takai, Director, Center for Island Studies
Tetsuya Nakano, Professor, Kansai University
Jyunya Nishino, Associate Professor, Keio University
Kenji Fujii, Advisor, Takeshima Issue Studies, Shimane Prefecture
Takashi Sugihara, Special Advisor, Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room

Research Committee Meetings	Overview
1st Meeting (July 12, 2014)	Research project policy and purposes were confirmed. Views were exchanged on the scope of research documents, research plan and implementation processes.
2nd Meeting (November 7, 2014)	Project implementation status and the outcome of the document research were reviewed. Views were exchanged on the compilation method of the relevant documents.
3rd Meeting (January 26, 2015)	The outcome of the document research was reviewed. Views were exchanged on issues relating to the presentation of the documents.
4th Meeting (March 13, 2015)	The final outcome of the project was confirmed. Views were exchanged on the remaining agenda and on the final assessment of the project.

7 - I Examples of Compiled Documents



1-1

Instruction No. 87 by the Minister of Home Affairs to Shimane Prefectural Governor

Date: February 15, 1905

Editor: Mr. (Count) Akimasa Yoshikawa, Minister of Home Affairs

Location: Shimane Prefectural Government Public Records Center

Access: Available to public

Content Summary: Shimane Prefectural Governor was instructed by the Minister of Home Affairs to make a public announcement about the name of the territory (Takeshima), and the fact that Takeshima was incorporated under the jurisdiction of the Oki Islands Branch Office, belonging to Shimane Prefecture.



Quote: “It is thus instructed that the announcement should be made that the islands at 131° 55' east longitude and 37°9'30" north latitude, 85 nautical miles northwest of Oki Island be termed “Takeshima”, and are put under the jurisdiction of the Oki Islands Branch Office”

1-3

Shimane Prefectural Ordinance (Fisheries Control Regulation) No.18

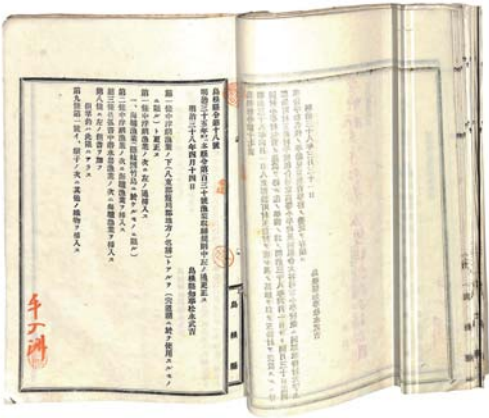
Date: April 14, 1905

Editor: Mr. Takekichi Matsunaga, Governor, Shimane Prefecture

Location: Shimane Prefectural Government Public Records Center

Access: Available to public

Content Summary: The fishing and hunting activities in and around Takeshima was added to the fishing activities which require governor’s permits.



Quote: “No. 130 fishing regulations of the prefectural ordinances of November 1902 shall be amended accordingly.”

1-2

Public Notice No.40 by Shimane Prefectural Government

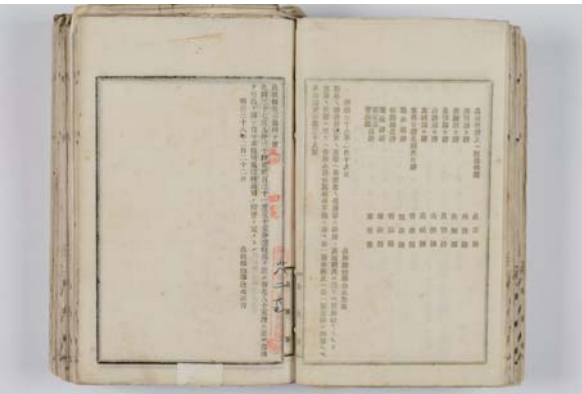
Editor: Mr. Takekichi Matsunaga, Governor, Shimane Prefecture

Date: February 22, 1905

Location: Shimane Prefectural Government Public Records Center

Access: Available to public

Content Summary: The name of Takeshima and its administrative affiliation was announced based on the instruction from the Minister of Home Affairs.



Quote: “It is proclaimed that the islands at 131°55' east longitude and 37° 9' 30" north latitude, 85 nautical miles in the northwest of Oki Islands are termed Takeshima, and are under the jurisdiction of the Oki Islands Branch Office”

1-4

Shimane Prefectural Document (Agriculture), No. 1926

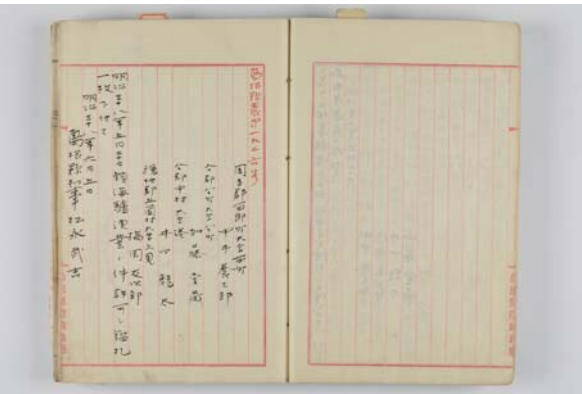
Editor: Mr. Takekichi Matsunaga, Governor, Shimane Prefecture

Date: June 5, 1905

Location: Shimane Prefectural Government Public Records Center

Access: Available to public

Content Summary: Notice of the issuance of the permit of fishing and hunting, with a license tag to local fishermen (Mr. Yozaburo Nakai, Mr. Shigezo Kato, Mr. Ryuta Iguchi, and Mr. Tomojiro Hashioka)



Quote: “dated May 20, 1905, a permit of fishing and hunting with a license tag is thus granted to Mr. Yozaburo Nakai of Nishi, Saigo town, Suki County, Mr. Shigezo Kato of Nishi, Saigo town, Suki County, Mr. Ryuta Iguchi of Minato, Naka Village, Suki County, and Mr. Tomojiro Hashioka of Kumi, Goka Village, Ochi County”

1-5

Notification/Registration of representatives of the Partnership Company

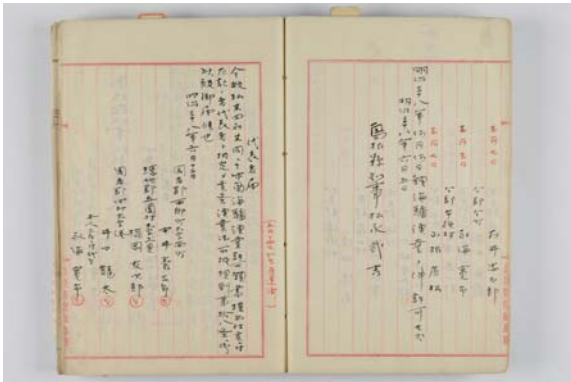
Date: June 12, 1905

Editor: Mr. Yozaburo Nakai, Mr. Tomojiro Hashioka, Mr. Ryuta Iguchi, and Mr. Shigezo Kato

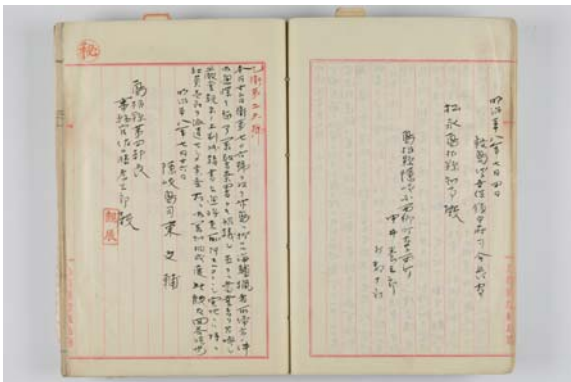
Location: Shimane Prefectural Government Public Records Center

Access: Available to public

Content Summary: to notify and register that Mr. Yozaburo Nakai is the representative of the Takeshima Fishing and Hunting Limited Partnership Company, with signatures of 4 individuals involved.



Quote: “As we, the four persons signed herewith, filed a request to engage in fishing and hunting activities together, we hereby establish and notify that the person listed on the left side is the company representative, according to Fisheries Act and regulations.”



1-6

Official Report No. 26

Date: July 26, 1905

Editor: Bunsuke Higashi (Island Governor of Oki Islands) Oki Islands Agency

Location: Shimane Prefectural Government Public Records Center

Access: Available to public

Content Summary: Oki Islands Branch Office’s official report to Shimane Prefectural Government that the Branch Office explained to the fishermen about the fishing and hunting control regulations and had them make a document in writing about the implementation of those regulations.

Quote: “Immediately after we received Official Report No. 706 dated 22nd of this month, in consultation with the local police authority, we summoned those involved in fishing and hunting activities, and strictly explained to them the details of the fishing and hunting control regulations in and around Takeshima. Attached, please see the document indicating their commitment to implement those regulations, and to dispatch a company staff to the area.”



1-7

Takeshima Traveler Diary (part 3)

Date: April 8, 1906

Editor: A traveler

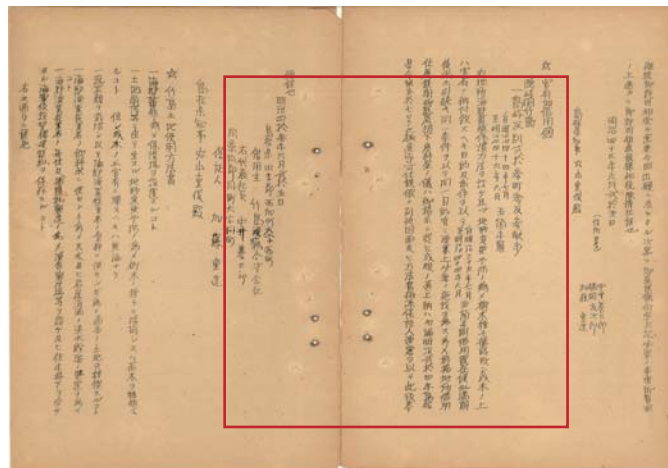
Publisher: Newspaper article (Sanin Shimbun)

Location: Shimane Prefectural Library

Access: Available to public

Content Summary: A traveler’s account who accompanied to Takeshima research trip. Part 3 described their trip from Saigo to Takeshima, their landing and about Takeshima’s situations. The diary includes traveler’s account about Mr. Nakai’s telling the traveler that a big creature that the traveler spotted was a sea lion, because Mr. Nakai had been engaged in sea lion hunting.

Quote: “As we spent three days after the departure, watching passing clouds in the sky, the wind this time was unfortunately whirlwind. On the 24th, there was rather a strong wind initially blowing from the west, and then from the northwest, and eventually from the northeast, with cloud passing from the east rapidly. Such a movement of clouds is usual, yet I felt that I could observe it more clearly, as I tended to be more captivated by the moon during my time in the Island. I told myself that “now the wind needs to be winding down; the weather is becoming fine; and there is no need for a cable from the observatory.” At 6:30 pm of the 26th, we departed from Saigo, and headed to Takeshima, in the northern direction.”



1-8

Filing a request for a lease of the land under the governmental ownership

Date: June 25, 1910

Editor: Yozaburo Nakai, the executive of Takeshima Fishing and Hunting Limited Partnership Company, Shigezo Kato, the guarantor

Location: Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room

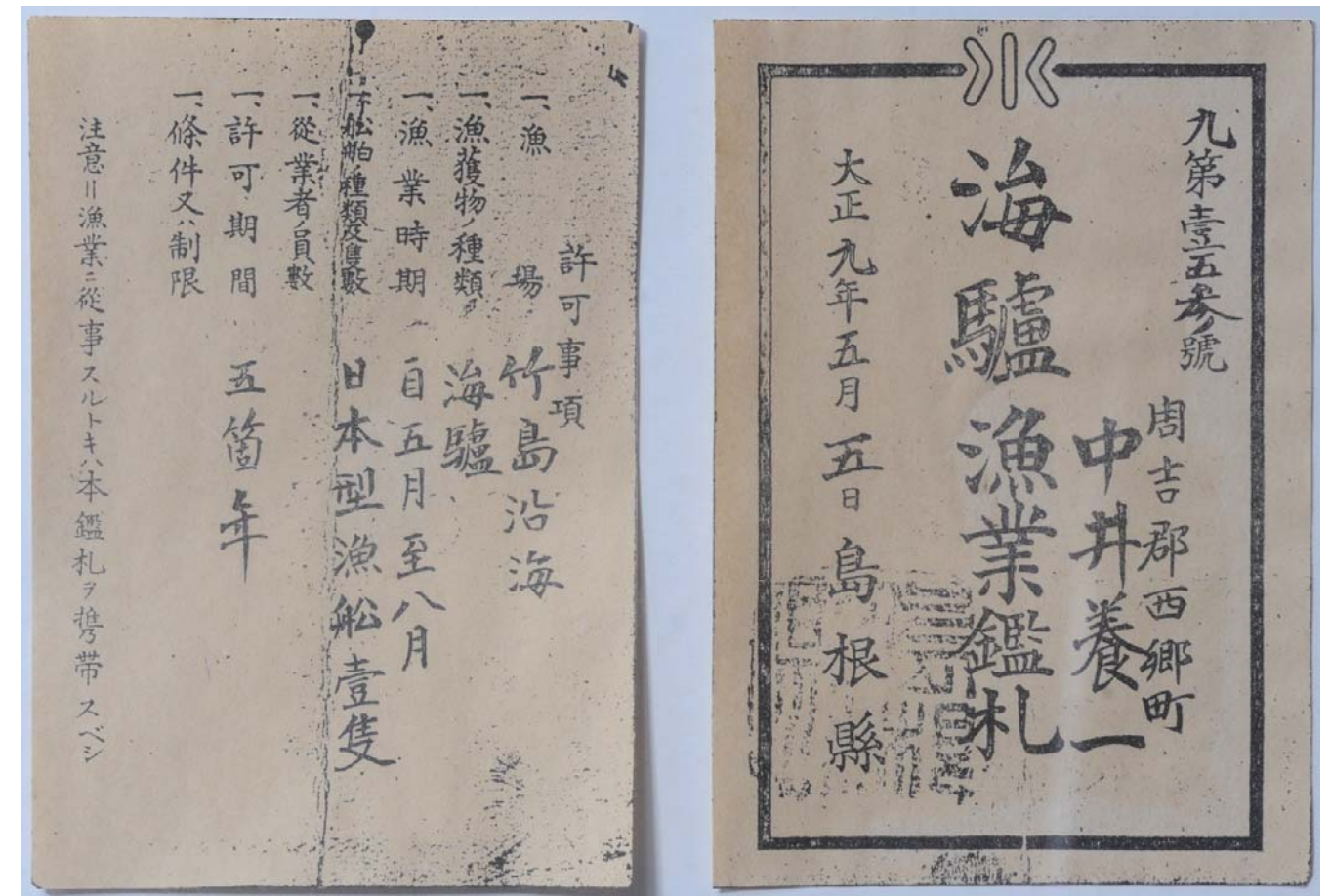
Access: Available to public

Content Summary: A request to lease the land under the governmental ownership, filed to Shimane Prefectural Governor, Mr. Shigetoshi Maruyama (lease period: 5 years from July of 1911 to June of 1916), manually copied.

Quote: “Takeshima, Oki no kuni Island area acreage (commonly used in Japan in the early 20th century and before) 23 cho 3 tan 3 se bu

From July of 1911 to June of 1916, 5 year period

We have leased the land from July of 1906 to June of 1911, having devised methods to propagate and protect sea lions and having planted seeds for trees for the purpose of the preservation of land features and under the condition that, when grown, we will render those trees to the government. As the lease period is expiring, we hereby request to lease the land in order to undertake the fishing facilities under the same purposes and conditions. It is to be mentioned that the lease fees will be paid, as instructed. The ordinance of Shimane Prefectural Government No. 57 of 1891 will be observed.”



1-10

License tags, amendments of fishery control and regulations, fishery permit

Dates: May 5, 1920, January 21, 1929, January 20, 1934, November 28, 1941, November 12, 1943, and June 10, 1953

Location: Oki Kyodo-Kan

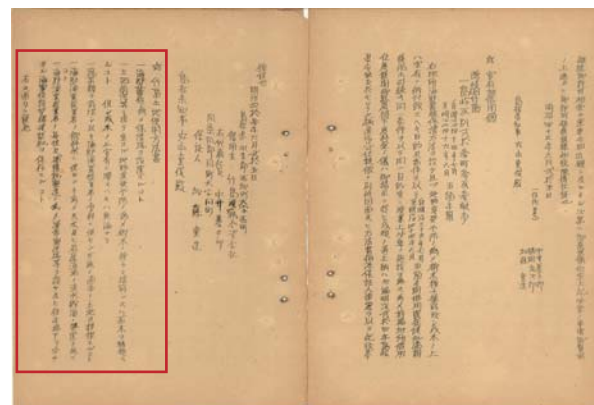
Access: Available to public

Content Summary: License tags and fishing permit for sea lion fisheries and hunting.

Quote: “9-No. 153 / Saigo town, Suki County / Mr. Yoichi Nakai / License tag for sea lions / May5, 1920 / Shimane Prefectural Government

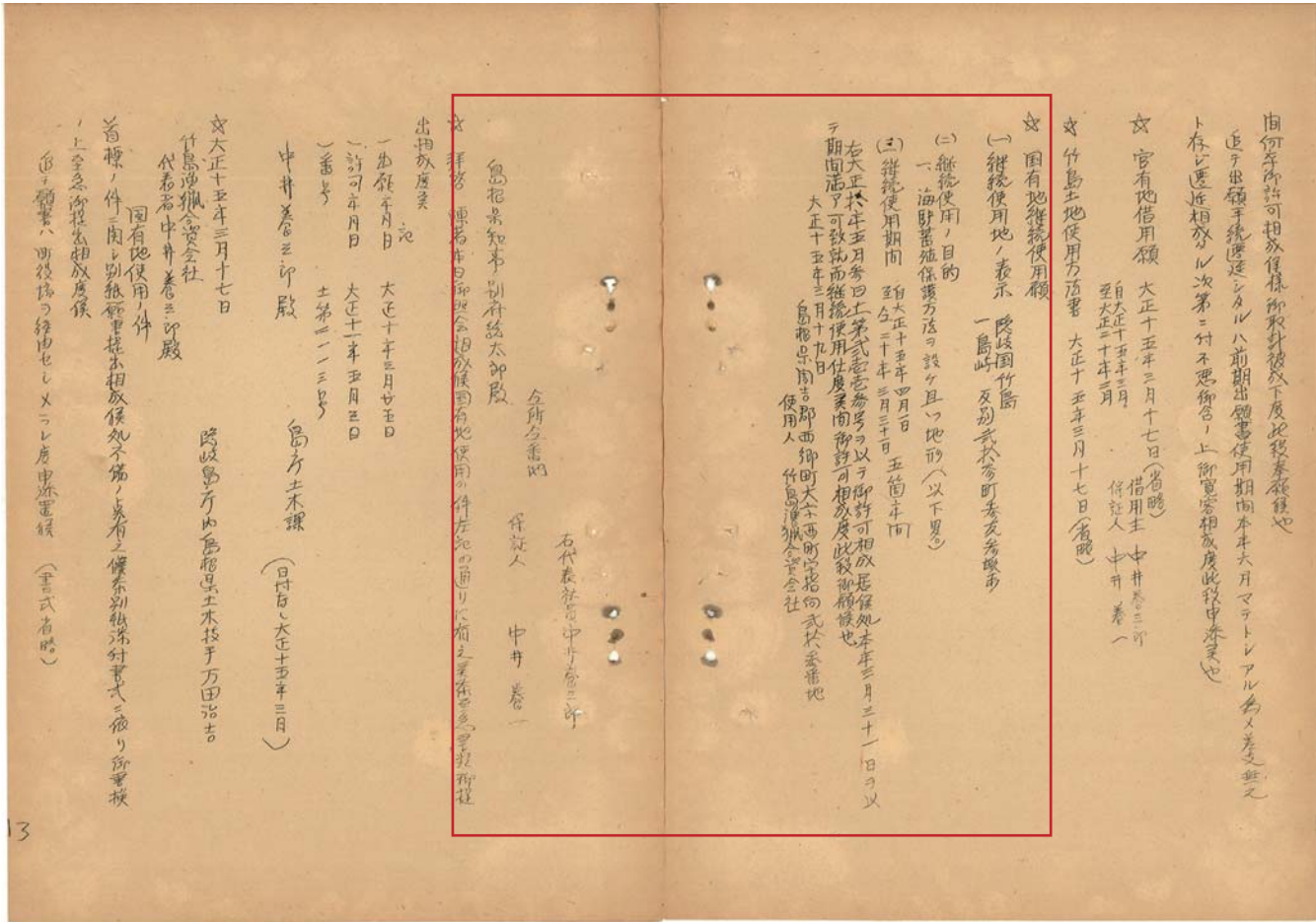
Subjects for Permission

- Fishing area: waters around Takeshima
- Subjects for fishing: sea lion
- Fishing period: May to August
- Types of fishing boats and its number: One, Japanese type boat
- Numbers of employees
- Period of permission: 5 years
- Conditions / restrictions: the license tag shall be carried when engaged in fishing”



Quote: “To establish a protection site for the purpose of propagation and protection of sea lions”

7 - II Examples of Compiled Documents



1-11

Request for the continued lease of the land under the governmental ownership

Date: March 19, 1926

Editor: Yozaburo Nakai, the executive of Takeshima Fishing and Hunting Limited Partnership Company; Yoichi Nakai, the guarantor

Location: Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room

Access: Available to public

Content Summary: Request to lease the land under the governmental ownership, filed to Shimane Prefectural Governor, Mr. Sotaro Beppu (lease period: 5 years from April of 1926 to March of 1931), manually copied

Quote:

“(1) Designation for continued use of land: Takeshima, Oki no kuni, 23 cho 3 tan 3 se bu (Island area acreage commonly used in Japan in the early 20th century and before)

(2) Purpose of continued use
Formulating methods to propagate and protect sea lions and having planted seeds. (the rest omitted)

(3) Period for continued use: From April 1, 1926 to March 31, 1931, 5 year period”



2-1

Photos jointly taken by Shimane prefectural government and Japan Coast Guard

Date: June 27, 1953

Editor: Shimane Prefectural Government

Location: Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room

Access: Not available to public; please make inquiries to Shimane Prefectural Takeshima Reference Room

Content summary: Photos taken in June 1953 at the time of joint research by Shimane Prefectural Government and Japan Coast Guard.



Official Report of the Joint Survey Mission in
Takeshima conducted by Shimane Prefectural
Government and Japan Coast Guard

Quote: “We set up the official signpost (Takeshima, Gokasho Village, Ochi County, Shimane Prefecture) at the west of the stationed office/shack for fishermen in Higashi-jima”

Manuscript of a report of the chronology
of the exercise of Takeshima fishery right

Content summary: A report made by Mr. Satoshi Wakita, Head of Kumi Fishery Cooperatives, regarding fishing activities in and around Takeshima in May, 1954 describing that 11 fishermen from Kumi departed for Takeshima, on a fishery patrol boat “Shimakaze”, with three small boats inside. They collected wakame, a kind of seaweed, and abalones.

Quote: “While having granted joint fishing right to Takeshima, there have recently been few cases of the exercise of fishing rights. Prefectural Government will cooperate fully. Please proceed with taking wakame, a kind of seaweed, as an exercise of fishery rights.

We need 10 fishermen and three boats. For transportation to and from Takeshima, prefectural patrol boat will be used. Few risks, as the No.8 Regional Coast Guard headquarters will dispatch 5 patrol ships.”

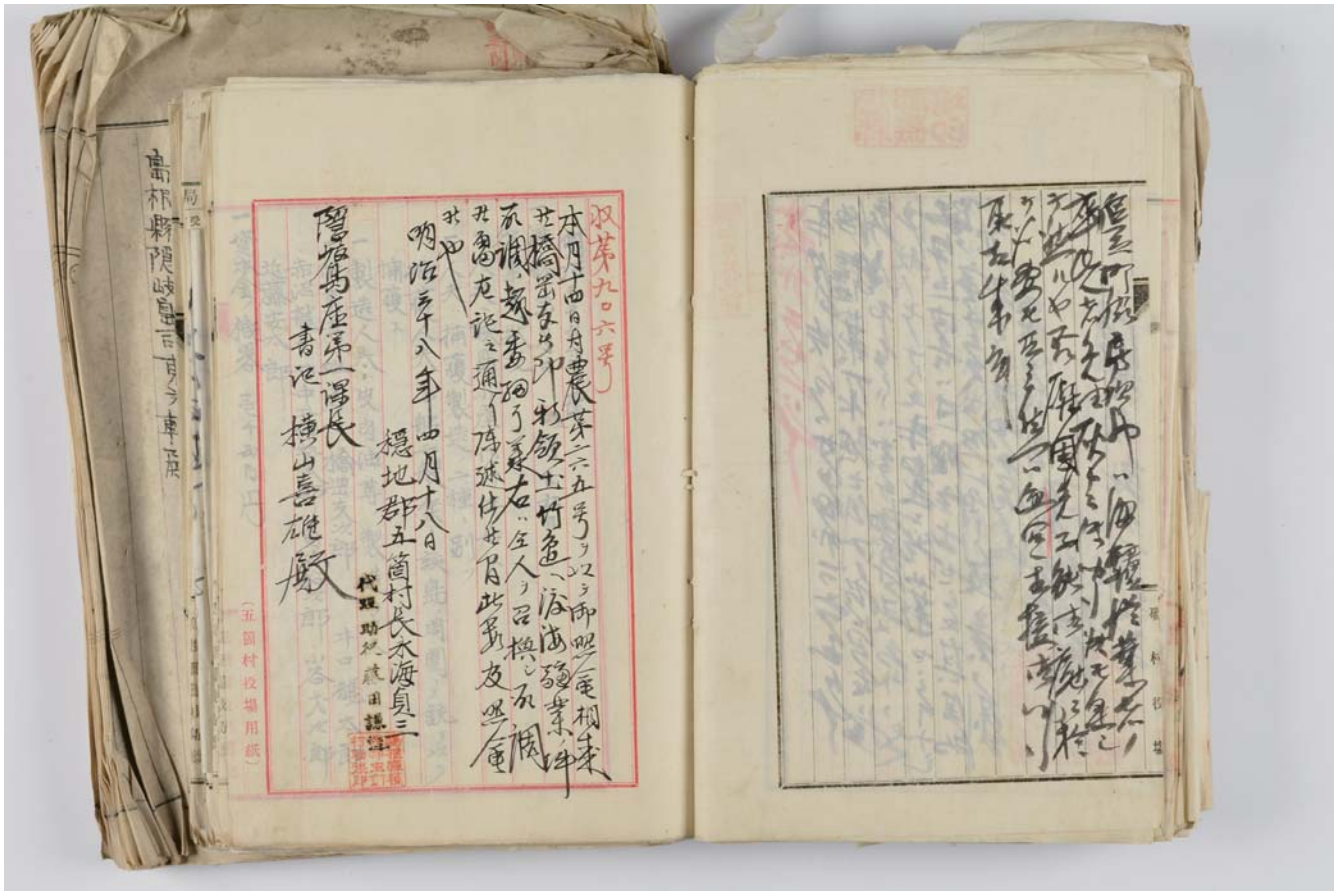


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協同組合役であった 服田 敏に電話があり、
4. 5 日以内に是非面談したいことがあるので、
其の時又見漁港に居てほしい。来訪の時期
は定つて連絡すると
同件と兼ねて詳細面談の上からと
す

昭和4.25
漁政課 井川技師より4月27日午後 久見漁港へ
何うかとよろしく頼むと 電話あり

昭和29. 4. 27
井川漁師漁協へ来るもの 又人により言をふる
用件。
竹島に対し共同漁業権の免許を出しているが
漁業権行使の実績がないうて、県が全面的に
協力をするもの、又見漁協として漁業権行使の
和布川にも実施してほしい
その為、漁業者10名と漁船3隻が必要である
竹島への往復には県の漁業取締船「島風」を
使用すると、護衛のため第八管区保安本部
から巡視船5隻の派遣があるという危険は
先づないと思う。
出発は5月1日 帰還は5月3日の予定であるが
協力してほしい。
ミル村は全面的に協力を約束する。
但し竹島へ行くことについては秋察のうちに
行いたい。家の人と誰かに話をしたい。

7 - III Examples of Compiled Documents



3-1

Official document No. 906,

Date: April 18, 1905

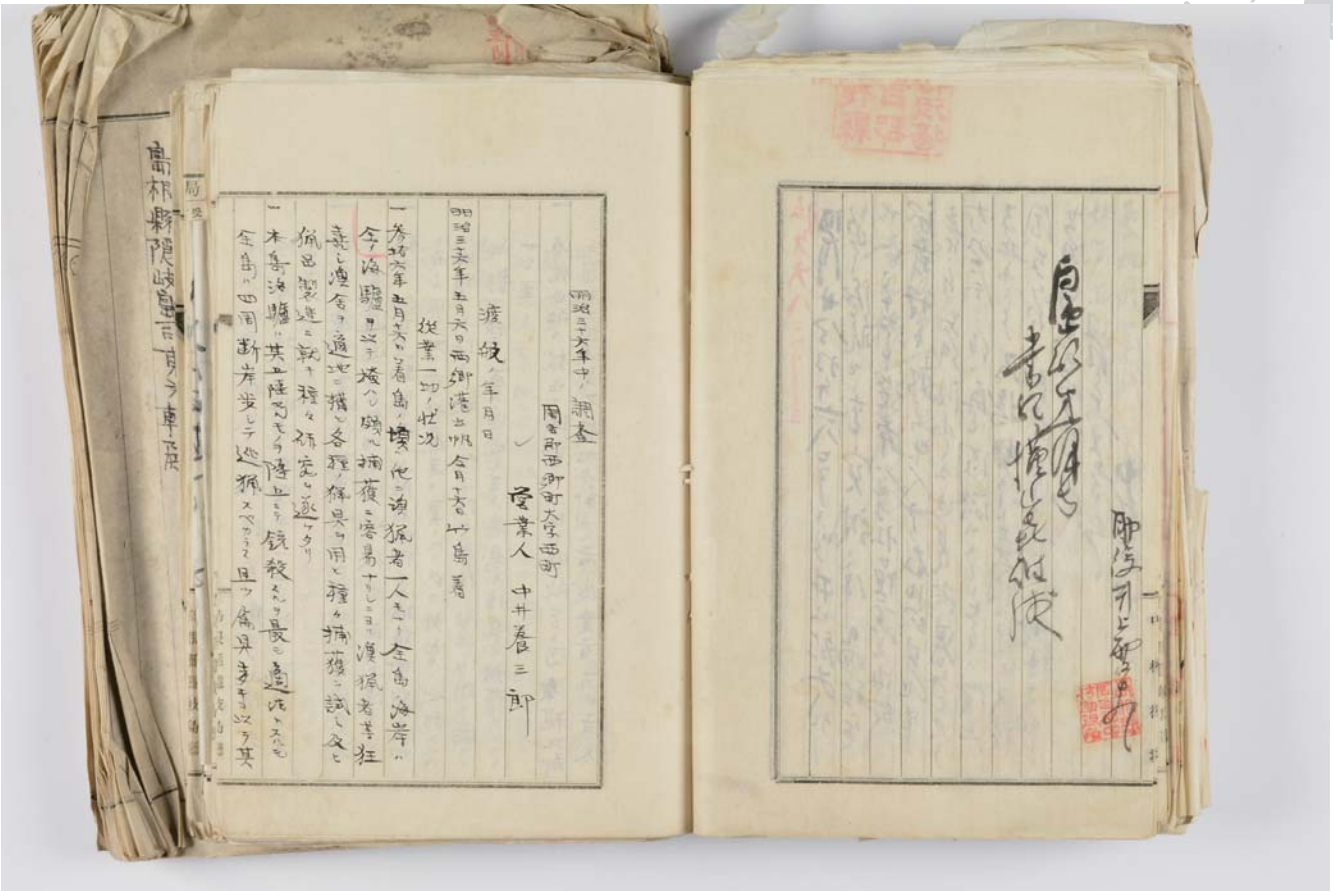
Editor: Kenzo Fujita (Assistant Village master)

Location: Shimane Prefectural Government Public Records Center

Access: Available to public

Content summary: Official documents by Goka Village government made in response to the inquiry from Oki Islands Agency. In this document, the records of Mr. Tomojiro Hashioka's travels to Takeshima and sea-lion hunting activities there in 1903 and 1904 were reported. Reported items included were the dates of his travels, business activities, capital, disposal situation of fishery products, and total prices.

Quote:
"In response to your inquiry No.265 (Agriculture) dated 14th of this month, we summoned and inquired Mr. Tomojiro Hashioka about his travels to Takeshima and sea lions activities: Following are his statements....."



3-2

Official document about sea lion fishermen's activities in 1903

Date: 1905

Location: Shimane Prefectural Government Public Records Center

Access: Available to public

Content summary: Official inquiry by Saigo town government. Inquired items are: dates of travels to Takeshima, business activities, names of employees, capital, disposal situation of fishery products and total prices

Quote:
"Mr. Yozaburo Nakai, Nishi, Saigo, Suki County
Travel date:
Departure date from Saigo port: May 6, 1903
Arrival date at Takeshima: May 16
Activities:
- We arrived in Takeshima on May 16, 1903. We found no one there. Sea lions were found everywhere on the island and seemed easy to catch. Every fisherman was happy. We installed a makeshift site for fishing and attempted to catch sea lions using various fishing equipment's. We also made a research about how to manufacture equipment for catch."

8. Afterword (from the Research Team)

Eight months have passed since we undertook the project of Research on Takeshima-related documents in Shimane Prefecture. We are now pleased to issue a report, with the completion of the research and compilation of the documents. Under the project, we have searched and identified a vast amount of relevant documents including official archives of the Shimane Prefectural Government and other entities in Shimane Prefecture, and other documents collected and kept by the public organizations (Shimane Prefectural Library, Takeshima Reference Room, etc.), and private individuals of Shimane Prefecture. Major documents have been graphically digitalized. At the same time, we have conducted on-site research on the fishing activities in the surrounding waters of Takeshima at some locations in Shimane prefecture centering on Oki islands, where fishing rights in the surrounding waters of Takeshima had been granted since the incorporation of Takeshima into Shimane Prefecture in 1905. We have identified and digitalized the documents which have not been well-known to the public to date.

The project has been undertaken by the Research Team, mainly composed of researchers and working-level individuals who have addressed Takeshima-related issue in Shimane Prefectural “Takeshima Issue Research Group” for the last ten years. It is greatly appreciated that, this time, the Japanese governmental organizations, through its commissioned project, have widely undertaken the documents research. The Research Team has addressed the project in earnest, always having a sense of gratitude. We have shared that feeling with

the people of Shimane prefecture, such as those who have devoted their private financial and other resources to collecting relevant documents, descendants of those involved in fishing in and around Takeshima, in addition to the officials and others in the relevant organizations.

While public documents kept by the relevant organizations in Shimane Prefecture have been collected and arranged in order by library catalogue and are made available to general public, it is expected that the access by the general public will be further facilitated as many relevant documents are to be preserved and organized as digitalized data under this project. Furthermore, it is also expected that the collection, compilation and digitalization of all the documents even encompassing the relevant newspaper articles, private documents and documents in private collections, will greatly contribute to future studies on Takeshima.

In particular, it is significant that the contents of private collections have been identified and collected as graphically digitalized data, as it is often pointed out that the private collection entails a risk of being scattered and ultimately lost.

Furthermore, it is a landmark undertaking that the Research Team conducted on-site survey and research on the people involved in fishing in Dozen district centering on Nishinoshima, where its residents had reportedly engaged in fishing activities in and around Takeshima before the people of Dogo-district entered into those activities. Fishing activities of the people of Dogo-district in and around Takeshima after its incorporation into Japanese territory have

been researched by Shimane Prefecture and Okinoshima Town. Many documents have been identified and located, as a result of the interview survey with the descendants of the people involved in Takeshima during the period from the end of the 19th Century to the incorporation of Takeshima.

In addition, it is noteworthy that the research in Dozen-district has helped give an added impetus to the perspective, on a part of the people involved, that Takeshima history should be seen in the context of the whole Oki islands regional history through generating an interest in Takeshima. Also, we have collected many relevant documents about fishing activities in Iwami region, the western part of Shimane centering on Hamada city, the major fishing port of Shimane prefecture.

As the project scope is limited to those documents dated after the incorporation of Takeshima and those existing in Shimane Prefecture, there are quite a few documents which we have identified, yet chose not to compile. As our history with Takeshima dates as far back as to the Edo period (1603-1868), it has been well known that documents exist in a vast number. Thus, not a few of agenda remain, including a research in other parts of Shimane prefecture where we did not conduct the research, and documents collection in wider regions beyond Shimane prefecture such as Tottori prefecture. Other remaining agenda include, but not limited to, a widening of project scope period, the recording of oral history of those elderly people involved in Takeshima, and the digitalization of large sized maps. Last but not least, we would like to take this

opportunity to express our sense of gratitude by listing those people/entities below who provided a valuable cooperation to the project.

(Entities)

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