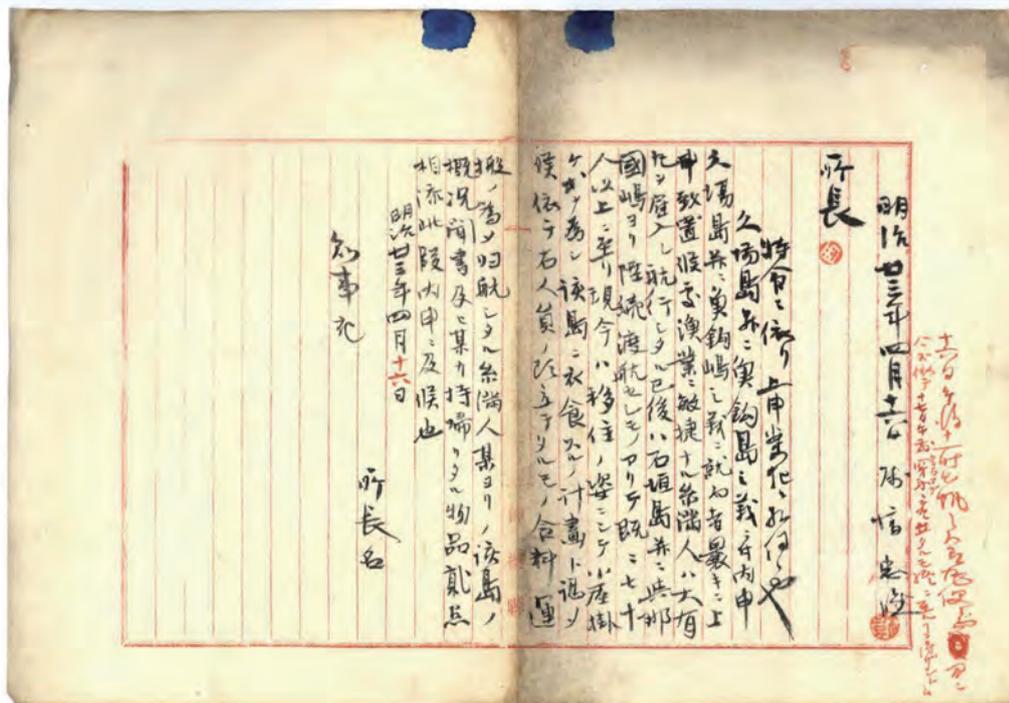


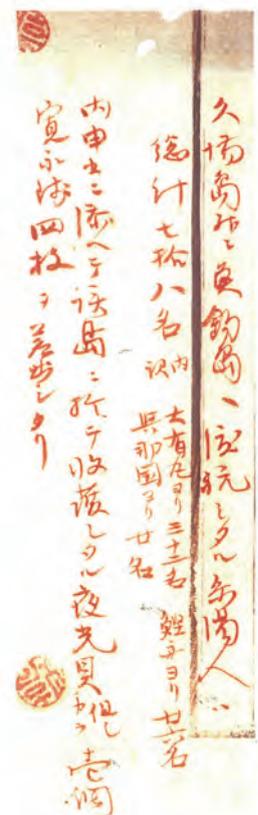
Period II (2) – ii. Documents showing growing activities by Japanese fishermen around the Senkaku Islands

A document showing that many fishermen were conducting fishing in the waters around the Senkaku Islands
No.8 Documents concerning the Yaeyama Islands: Kuba Island

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Overview

This is a part of administrative documents kept by Tadao HANAWA, who worked for the former Yaeyama Islands Public Office (currently Ishigaki City Hall) as an Okinawa Prefectural Government official in 1890. It includes an interview survey that shows that a total of 78 people traveled to Kuba Island and Uotsuri Island from Itoman, a fishing harbor in the southern part of the Main Island of Okinawa.

The attachments of this document include a letter from the head of the Yaeyama Islands Public Office to the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture requesting the incorporation of the Senkaku Islands under the jurisdiction of the Yaeyama Islands Public Office, and correspondence between the Yaeyama Islands Public Office and the Okinawa Prefectural Government.

Excerpt [English translation]

Documents concerning the Yaeyama Islands: Kuba Island (text omitted)

A total of 78 Itoman residents traveled to the islands of Kuba and Uotsuri.

They consisted of 32 persons traveling on the *Daiyu Maru*, 26 on bonito ships, and 20 from Yonaguni.

I have enclosed in this report a green turban shell harvested on the said islands, for which I disbursed four Kan'ei coins.

(HANAWA's name seal)

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