

**Period III** (2) – i. Jurisdiction (Documents showing that the Senkaku Islands had been incorporated into an administrative district in Japan)

**Documents showing that Uotsuri Island and Kuba Island belong to Ishigaki Island of Yaeyama County**

**No.21 The Land: Table10 “Location, Circumference, and Area of Islands”**

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**Overview**

This shows the names of the islands, their affiliation, place names, location, circumference, surface area, and distances that were recorded in 1895 and 1896 Okinawa-ken Tokeisho (Annual Report of the Statistics of Okinawa Prefecture.) There are descriptions of Uotsuri Island and Kuba Island. They are both recorded as belonging to Yaeyama County, with Ishigaki Island as their place names.

In 1896, the year after their incorporation into Japanese territory, the promulgation of Imperial Edict No.13 “On the matter of administrative districts in Okinawa Prefecture” placed the Senkaku Islands under Yaeyama County. This document clearly reflects the Edict.

**Excerpt [English translation]**

Name	: Uotsuri Island (uninhabited)	Kuba Island (uninhabited)
Affiliation	: Yaeyama County	<i>ibid.</i>
Place name	: Ishigaki Island	Ishigaki Island
(text omitted)		
Circumference	: 2.13*	3.11*
(text omitted)		

\* as appeared in the chart

名	稱	所	屬	地	名	位		周	圍	面	積	本	島	ノ	距	離		
						附	点											
久	場	島	(無	人)	全	石	垣	島	?	?	?	全	登	野	城	村	三・〇〇	
北	大	東	島	(無	人)	全	?	?	?	?	?	全	山	八	重	石	垣	三・〇〇
魚	釣	島	(無	人)	全	八	重	山	?	?	?	山	八	重	石	垣	間	九・〇〇

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