

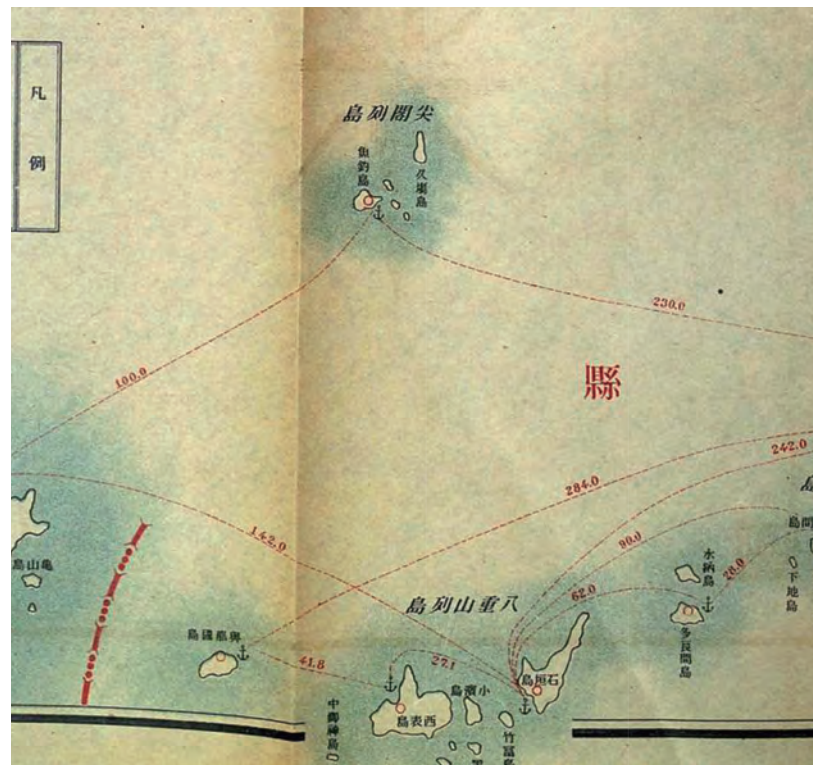
**Period III** (3) – i. Surveys by administrative agencies and administrative publications

**Publications by Okinawa Prefecture that describe the Senkaku Islands as being under its jurisdiction**
**No.35 Okinawa Kenchi Yorán [Handbook of Okinawa Prefectural Administration]**

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Okinawa Prefecture Shipping Route Map (Section)



Okinawa Prefecture Shipping Route Map (Section, enlarged)

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**Overview**

This Handbook of Okinawa Prefectural Administration was compiled in 1916.

The jurisdictional map of Okinawa shown above encompasses the Senkaku Islands (Uotsuri Island, Kuba Island, Minamikojima Island and Kitakojima Island.) The Shipping Route Map of Okinawa Prefecture in the Handbook describes the Naha—Uotsuri Island—Keelung route as one of its regular sea routes. From the main text of the Handbook, it is clear that the Senkaku Islands were recognized as a bonito/skipjack tuna fishing ground within Okinawa Prefecture at that time.

**Excerpt [English translation]**
**5: Fishing Grounds**
**Origin of bonito fishing grounds**

Although it must be recognized that shoals of bonito migrate to almost all coastal waters of this Prefecture, migrating shoals appear to be extremely rare in the seas east of Okinawa Main Island. The fishing grounds we have started to develop at present are in the seas near the Senkaku Islands, Yonaguni Island, the Ishigaki Islands and the Miyako Islands, and in the area of 1 ri (approx. 4 km) or 20 ri (approx. 80 km) from the western coast of Okinawa Main Island. Thus, in general, you can see that, when moving from north to south, the fishing grounds become closer to land and the shoals become bigger.

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