**【MEETING NOTE】Japanese Sardine FIP**

**Date**：

January 20th 2023 (13:30-15:30)

**場所**：

　Meeting room in Kanematsu CO.,ltd (Tokyo office)

**Attend**：

| Company | Name |
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| Ikeshita Sangyou | Mr.Ikeshita |
| Kanematsu | Mr.Kihara, Mr.Tatsumi, Mr.Iwata |
| Hamahei Gyogyou | Mr.Yamada |
| FA | Mr.Umeda, Mr,Tamashiro |
| UMITO Partners | Murakami, Fukuyama, Mori, Okamoto, Iwamoto |

・We received a copy of the Fishery Performance Report (2020-2022) from Hamahei Gyogyou before this meeting.

・Hamahei Gyogyou started to record by-catch species and ETP species during the fishing season in 2022.

・Hamahei Gyogyou started to record times of bottom contact of fish gear and ghost gears during the fishing season in 2022.

・The aim of this meeting was to share these information among all of the parties involved and discuss next steps.

Result:

・There were no by-catch species except Japanese sardine (target stock).

・There were no examples of seabirds or ETP species being caught in fisheries and no one encountered these species in the fishery grounds.

・There were no bottom contact in operation.

・According to Hamahei Gyogyou, they have usually operated in areas where their fishing gear did not contact the bottom.

・Several points for improvement were identified on the FIP record sheets. We will implement it until the next fishing season.

Comment:

・According to the FA, VMS data has only ever been used as evidence during interrogations. However,they say that it will be impossible to provide VMS data for MSC assessment.

・Hamahei Gyogyou considers using electronic records such as by-catch, operation area, with/without the bottom contact.

・ The NPFC is not involved in the decision of the harvest strategy and stock assessment. According to FA, FA and FRA implement to assess the stock status and decision of the harvest strategy and TAC. Results of the stock assessment are discussed at the stakeholder meetings, and open to the public.