# Japan

# International Symposium
## "Protecting Fisheries Resources and Fisheries Industry from Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing"

Thursday, 10 November, 2016
First Building of the Members of the House of Representatives

Theme

Due to the increasing global consumption of seafood, over 80% of fisheries resources are over utilized or have reached the limits of their capacity and have no room to expand production, increasing the importance of appropriate fisheries resource management.

In light of this, an estimated 13-31% of the world's seafood is presumed likely to constitute illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) catch. IUU fishing operations not only pose a serious threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources, they are also linked to socio-economic problems such as human rights abuses. Moreover, IUU fishing threatens the fisheries industries of countries like Japan where resources are managed appropriately.

Japan is a major player in the global fisheries industry and a major consumer of seafood products. Hosting the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games provides an opportunity to tell the world about our framework for the development of sustainable fisheries resources and establish the importance of countermeasures for IUU fishery operations. In this symposium, measures by the EU and the US such as import regulation and providing appropriate information to consumers will be introduced, and consideration will be given to a system for protecting fisheries resources and the fisheries industry in our country and around the world.

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| Date/Time | 16:00-17:45 Thursday 10 November 2016 (Doors open at 15:30) |
| Organizer | GR Japan K.K. |
| Venue | Main conference room, B1, First Building of the Members of the House of Representatives (2-2-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) |
| Fee | Free (Pre-registration is required) |
| Registration | Please send an e-mail titled "registration for IUU symposium" with your name, organization and your e-mail address to seminar@grjapan.com |

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* English-Japanese simultaneous interpretation will be provided.
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# Program

Moderator: Tetsuji Ida, Kyodo Press

1.  **Opening Remarks**

2.  **U.S. initiative to combat IUU fishing and promote sustainable seafood consumption**

    Introducing video of John Kerry at Our Ocean Conference (TBD)

    Presentation : Ms. Margaret Spring, Vice President of Monterey Bay Aquarium

    ➢ Background of the Presidential Task Force to combat IUU fishing and contents of the Action Plan for Implementing the Task Force Recommendations, how they are expected to influence domestic industry
    ➢ Introduction of Monterey Bay Aquarium's initiative for sustainable seafood consumption (Seafood Watch) and how that will contribute to reduce IUU fishing

3.  **International Coordination against IUU fishing**

    Video message: Ms. Maria Damanaki, Former EU Commissioner for Maritime Affaires and Fisheries

    ➢ Background of strengthening cooperation between USA, Japan and EU against IUU fishing
    ➢ Introduction of how IUU fishing is not only about the fisheries resource management and environment, but also about the human rights of workers and socio-economic problem

4.  **Effect of EU IUU regulation and how it is consistent with WTO rules**

    Presentation : Ms. Mervi Kahlos, Counsellor, Trade and Economic Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan

    ➢ Impact of EU IUU regulations implemented in 2010 to prevent illegally caught fish from entering the EU changed fisheries management in third countries
    ➢ Rules of governing the EU's distant water fishing fleet and how EU IUU regulation is consistent with WTO rules

5.  **Risk of IUU products entering into Japan and current measures**

    Report: Dr. Yasuhiro Sanada, Visiting Assistant Professor, Organization for Regional and Inter-regional Studies Waseda University
    Dr. Jun Tsuruta, Associate Professor of International Law, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

6.  **Comments from Participants**