

Japanese Cruise Proposal for the Tagging Program in 2003/2004 within a framework of SRP

Fisheries Agency of Japan

In 2003/2004, Japan will contribute a dedicated longline fishing vessel to the conventional tagging program within a framework of SRP under the CCSBT as stated in the Report of the Eighth Meeting of the Scientific Committee (held in Christchurch from 1 to 4 September, 2003). The outline of the cruise is as follows:

2003 / 2004 年において、日本は、第 8 回科学委員会（9 月 1-4 日、クライストチャーチで開催された）の報告書で述べているとおり、専用延縄船を CCSBT・SRP の枠組みの中での従来の標識放流計画に提供する。その航海の概要は次のとおり。

1 Objectives:

- To investigate mixing of small SBT
- To collect the information of migratory pattern of large SBT

2 Agency:

Participating organizations
Fisheries Agency of Japan
Fisheries Research Agency (FRA)

3 Research vessels and on board researchers:

- A dedicated longline fishing vessel (FUKURYU-MARU No21)
- 2 well-trained scientific technicians (FRA) on board

4 Research period :

Start	20 October in 2003
End	7 January in 2004

5 Main Research items:

- Conventional Tagging:
To deploy conventional tags on SBT which are caught in a vigorous condition. Species to be tagged includes bigeye tuna and sharks.
- Archival tagging:
Some of SBT mentioned above will be released with archival tags.

6 Research Area:

Off the coast of the Cape Town in the Indian Ocean (Fig.1).
(Excluding EEZ of other countries)

7 Number of SBT to be tagged:

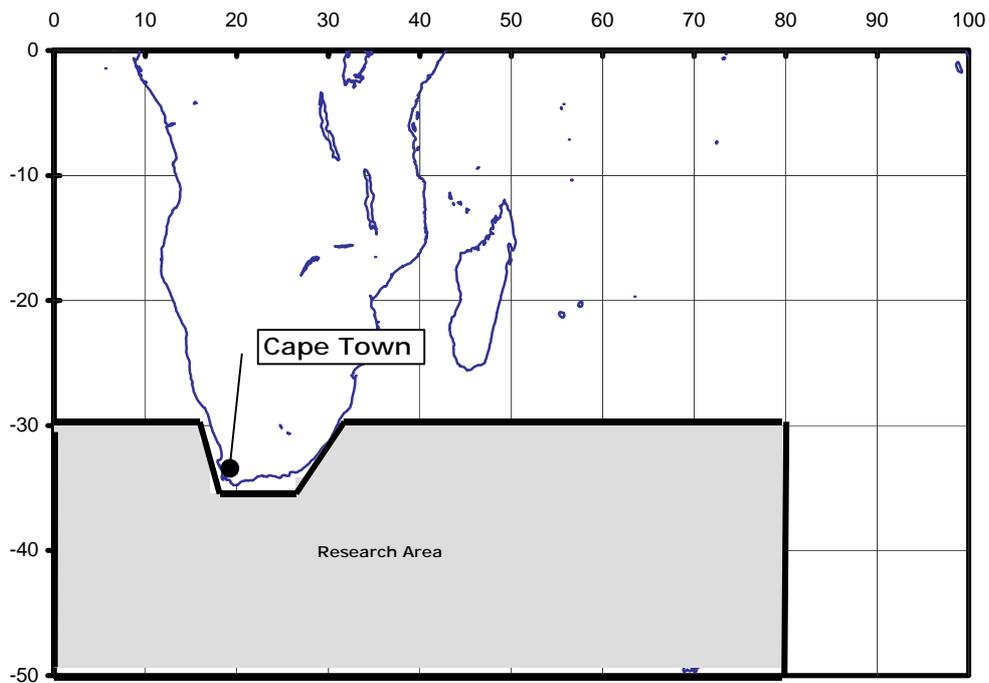
kind of tag	The expected number of SBT to be released with tags
<i>Conventional Tags</i>	350
<i>Archival tags</i>	40

8 Possibility of other participants:

No extra bed will be available because of the limited capacity of the vessel.

9 Quota assigned for the SRP:

Japan has reported that mortality of SBT during the 2002/2003 tagging survey was about 3.8 metric ton. With regard to the SRP quota assigned for the 2003/2004 survey, Japan would like to request 10 metric ton in maximum.



(Fig.1) Research Area