FY2014 Radioactive Material Monitoring of Aquatic Organisms (August to September)

1. Survey Overview

Samples of aquatic organisms (algae, aquatic insects, crustaceans, shellfish, fish, and amphibians, etc.) were collected mainly in Fukushima Prefecture and concentrations of radioactive cesium and radioactive strontium in the samples were measured (survey period: August 5, 2014, to September 23, 2014).

In order to clarify the environment of the water areas where aquatic organisms live, surveys were also conducted on general items concerning water and sediments (COD, TOC, SS, and turbidity, etc. for water samples and TOC, ignition loss, and grain size distribution, etc. for sediment samples) and activity concentrations in these water areas.

The following water areas were selected based on the results of the past Radioactive Material Monitoring of Aquatic Organisms and Radioactive Material Monitoring in the Water Environment in and around Fukushima Prefecture, as well as the results of the measurement of radioactive materials in fisheries products conducted by other relevant organizations and interviews with local fishermen.

- (i) Rivers: Abukuma River, Uda River, Mano River, Niida River, and Ota River
- (ii) Lakes: Lake Hayama, Lake Akimoto, Lake Inawashiro
- (iii) Sea areas: Off the mouth of the Abukuma River, off Soma City, off Iwaki City

O Survey locations and dates

Area		Targeted water areas	Zone	Item	Survey dates	Remarks			
	A	Abukuma River	Shinfuna Bridge to the Iinoentei	Aquatic organisms sampling	August 28, 2014	Algae,flora, aquatic insects, crustaceans, shellfish, fish, amphibians, fallen leaves, etc., etc.			
	A		Dam; Harase River (a tributary)	Water/sediment sampling August 26, 2014		(Water sampling) A-1, A-2 (Sediment sampling) A-1, A-2			
	В		Confluence with the Matsukawa River (a tributary) to Taisho Bridge;	Aquatic organisms sampling	August 5, 7, 25, 29, September 4, 6, and 23, 2014	Algae, flora, aquatic insects, crustaceans, fish, amphibians, fallen leaves, etc., etc.			
			Sumikari River (a tributary)	Water/sediment sampling	August 26, 2014	(Water sampling) B-1—B-3 (Sediment sampling) B-1—B-3			
	С	III. Disse	Kawahira Bridge to Horiita Bridge;	Aquatic organisms sampling	September 2, 2014	Algae, flora, aquatic insects, crustaceans, fish, fallen leaves, etc., etc.			
		Uda River	Around Tamano Bridge	Water/sediment sampling	September 4, 2014	(Water sampling) C-1—C-6 (Sediment sampling) C-1, C-2, C-4 —C-6			
River area		Mano River		Aquatic organisms sampling	August 30, and September 14, 2014	Algae,flora, aquatic insects, crustaceans, shellfish, fish, amphibians, fallen leaves, etc., etc.			
ırea	D		Zennami Bridge to Ochiai Bridge	Water/sediment sampling	September 3, 2014	(Water sampling) D-1—D-5 (Sediment sampling) D-1—D-3, D-4a, D-5			
	Е		Kashiwagi Bridge to Sugauchi	Aquatic organisms sampling	August 31, 2014	Algae,flora, aquatic insects, spiders, crustaceans, shellfish, fish, amphibians, fallen leaves, etc., etc.			
			Bridge	Water/sediment sampling	September 2, 2014	(Water sampling) E-1—E-5 (Sediment sampling) E-1, E-2a, E-3—E-5			
	F	Ota River	Yaeyoneita Bridge to Memezawa	Aquatic organisms sampling	August 31, and September 1, 2014	Algae,flora, aquatic insects, crustaceans, shellfish, fish, fallen leaves, etc., etc.			
			district	Water/sediment sampling	September 1, 2014	(Water sampling) F-1—F-6 (Sediment sampling) F-1—F-5			
	G	Lake Hayama		Aquatic organisms sampling	September 1, and 2, 2014	Algae, flora, aquatic insects, crustaceans, fish, fallen leaves, etc., etc.			
		Zake Hayana		Water/sediment sampling	September 4, 2014	(Water sampling) G-1, G-3, G-5 (Sediment sampling) G-1—G-5			
	Н	Lake Akimoto		Aquatic organisms sampling	August 26, and 27, 2014	Algae,flora, aquatic insects, crustaceans, shellfish, fish, amphibians, fallen leaves, etc., etc.			
I	11	Lake Akinoto		Water/sediment sampling	August 26, 2014	(Water sampling) H-1, H-3, H-5 (Sediment sampling) H-1—H-5			
Lake area	I			Aquatic organisms sampling	August 27, September 3, 21, and 25, 2014	Fish, fallen leaves, etc., etc.			
area		Lake Inawashiro	North bank	Water/sediment sampling	August 27, 2014	(Water sampling) I-1, I-3 (Sediment sampling) I-1—I-4			
	J		South bank	Aquatic organisms sampling	August 27, and September 2, and 4—6, 2014	Algae,flora, crustaceans, shellfish, fish, amphibian			
				Water/sediment sampling	August 27, 2014	(Water sampling) J-1 (Sediment sampling) J-1			
	K	Off the Abukuma River Estuary		Aquatic organisms sampling	September 3, 2014	Crustaceans, fish			
			Sea area in front of the Abukuma River Estuary	Water/sediment sampling	September 16, 2014	(Water sampling) K-2 (Sediment sampling) K-1—K-3			
Sea area	_	Offshore of		Aquatic organisms sampling	September 2, 2014	Seaweed,algae, crustaceans, shellfish, fish			
ırea	L	Soma City	Matsukawaura	Water/sediment sampling	September 2, 2014	(Water sampling) L-2, L-3 (Sediment sampling) L-1—L-3			
	М	Offshore of	Offshore of Hisanohama	Aquatic organisms sampling	September 5, and 6, 2014	Seaweed,algae, echinoderm, crustaceans, shellfish, fish			
	IVI	Iwaki City	Offshore of Hisanonama	Water/sediment sampling	September 5, 2014	(Water sampling) M-2 (Sediment sampling) M-1—M-3			

2. Survey Items and Locations, etc.

2.1 Survey Items

For all samples of aquatic organisms, analysis of Cs-134 and Cs-137 was conducted. Additionally, for samples of large fish higher on the food chain, crustaceans, and organisms with structure (shellfish, etc.), analysis of Sr-90 was also conducted.

With regard to surveys of water and sediments, locations where aquatic organism samples were scheduled to be collected and where clay particles and coarse particulate organic matters (dead leaves at the bottom, etc.) are supposed to accumulate due to inflows from the surrounding environment, etc. were selected for the analysis of radioactive materials and general survey items.

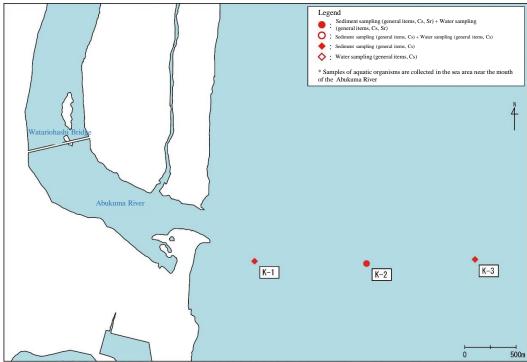
Survey items and samples for aquatic organisms, water, and sediments are as shown in the following table.

O Survey targets and items

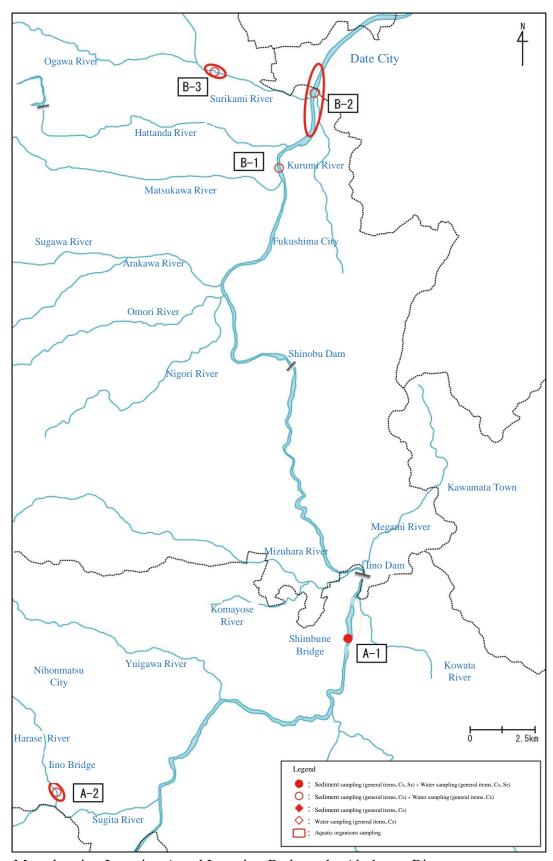
Target		Measurement item	Analyzed samples				
Aquatic	Radioactive	Radioactive cesium (Cs-134,Cs-137)	All samples				
Organisms	materials	Radioactive strontium (Sr-90)	Large fish, crustaceans, and shellfish, etc.				
	Radioactive	Radioactive cesium (Cs-134,Cs-137)	Samples collected at one to six locations for each water area				
	materials	Radioactive strontium (Sr-90)	Samples collected at one location for each water area				
		pН					
		BPD					
Water		COD					
	General items	DO	Samples collected at one to six locations for each water area				
		Electrical conductivity					
		Salinity					
		TOC					
		SS					
		Turbidity					
	Radioactive	Radioactive cesium (Cs-134,Cs-137)	Samples collected at three to five locations for each				
		Radioactive cesium (Cs-134,Cs-137)	water area				
	materials	Radioactive strontium (Sr-90)	Samples collected at one location for each water				
		Radioactive strollium (S1-90)	area				
		рН					
Sediments		Oxidation-reduction potential	Samples collected at three to five locations for each				
		Water content					
	General items	TOC	Samples collected at three to five locations for each water area				
		Ignition loss	water area				
		Soil particle density					
		Grainsize distribution					

- 2.2 Survey Locations at Respective Water Areas
- (1) Tributaries to the Abukuma River (Location A along the Abukuma River; Location B along the Abukuma River; Location K off the mouth of the Abukuma River)

As water areas where clay particles and CPOMs (dead leaves at the bottom, etc.) are supposed to accumulate topographically, Location A along the Abukuma River was set from the Harase River (a tributary to the Abukuma River) and Shinfuna Bridge (Nihonmatsu City, Fukushima Prefecture) to the Iinoentei Dam (Horai Dam), and Location B along the Abukuma River was set from the confluence with the Matsukawa River to Taisho Bridge (Date City, Fukushima Prefecture) as well as the zone where a tributary to the Surikami River inflows. Additionally, Location K was set off the mouth of the Abukuma River in order to survey the sea area in front of the mouth of the Abukuma River, where the outflow of radioactive materials through the Abukuma River is suspected.



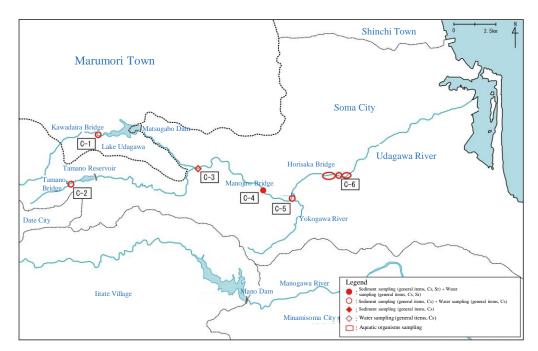
Detailed map showing Location K off the mouth of the Abukuma River



Map showing Location A and Location B along the Abukuma River

(2) Location C along the Uda River

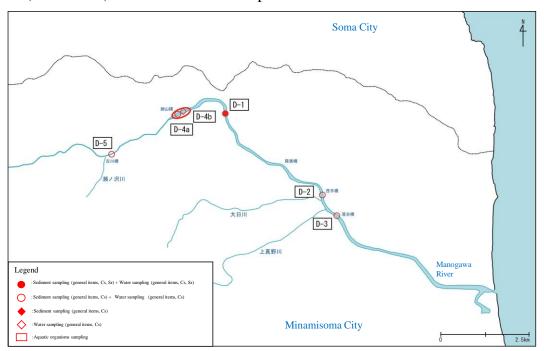
Surveys were started in the autumn term of FY2012 for the location from Kawahira Bridge to Horiita Bridge, where water flows into the Matsugafusa Dam (Lake Uda), and around Tamano Bridge, where water flows into the Tamano Reservoir (a tributary to the Tamano River).



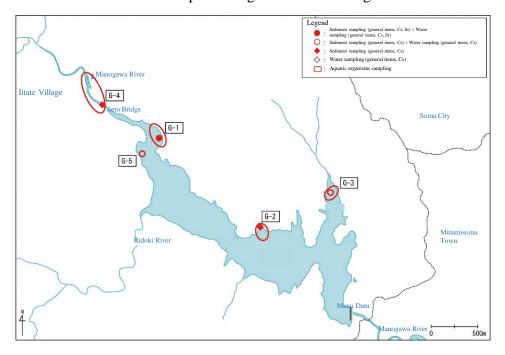
Detailed map showing Location C along the Uda River

(3) Tributaries to the Mano River (Location D along the Mano River; Location G in Lake Hayama)

Surveys were conducted at Location D along the Mano River, which covers from Yoshinami Bridge to Ochiai Bridge (Kashima Ward, Minamisoma City, Fukushima Prefecture), and at Location G in Lake Hayama, which covers the lake (Mano Dam) as a whole and inflow points.



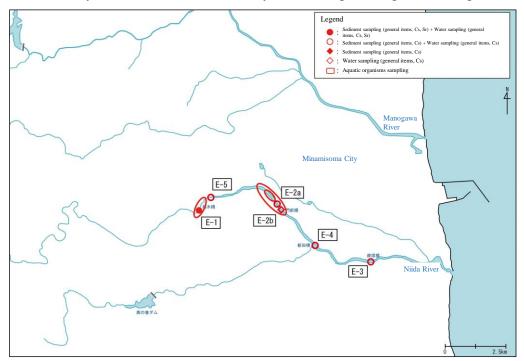
Detailed map showing Location D along the Mano River



Detailed map showing Location G in Lake Hayama (Mano Dam)

(4) Location E along the Niida River

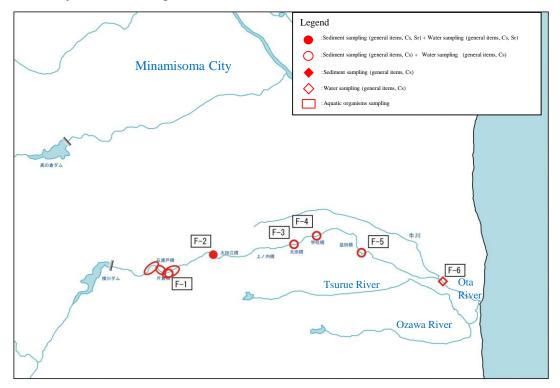
Surveys were conducted from Kayanoki Bridge to Sugauchi Bridge.



Detailed map showing Location E along the Niida River

(5) Location F along the Ota River

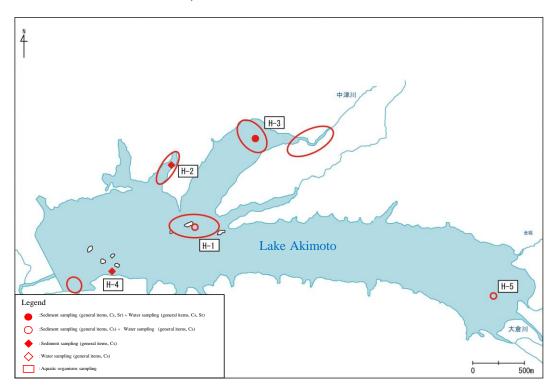
Surveys were started in the autumn term of FY2012 for the location from Yaeyonezawa Bridge to Memezawa District.



Detailed map showing Location F along the Ota River

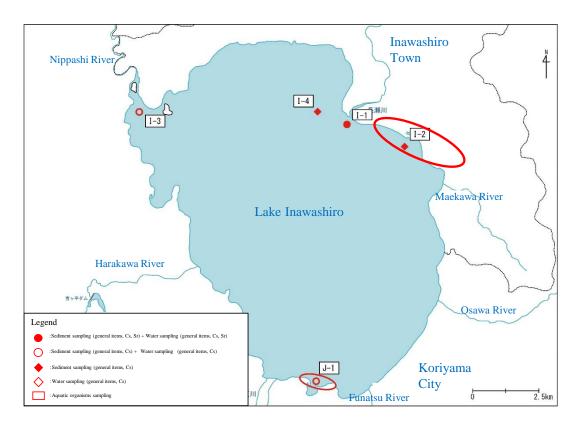
(6) Location H in Lake Akimoto

Surveys were conducted in the whole area of Lake Akimoto, the confluence with the Nakatsu River, and around Lake Akimoto.



Detailed map showing Location H in Lake Akimoto

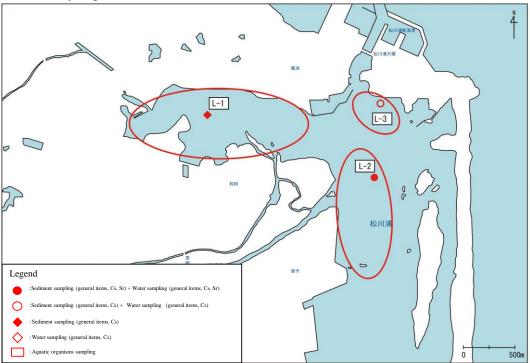
(7) Location I (North Lakeside) and Location J (South Lakeside) in Lake Inawashiro Surveys were conducted at around the point where the Nagase River inflows into Lake Inawashiro, and at around the point where lake water flows out into the Nippashi River (at the north lakeside), and at the south lakeside.



Detailed map showing Location I (north lakeside) and Location J (south lakeside) in Lake Inawashiro

(8) Location L off Soma City

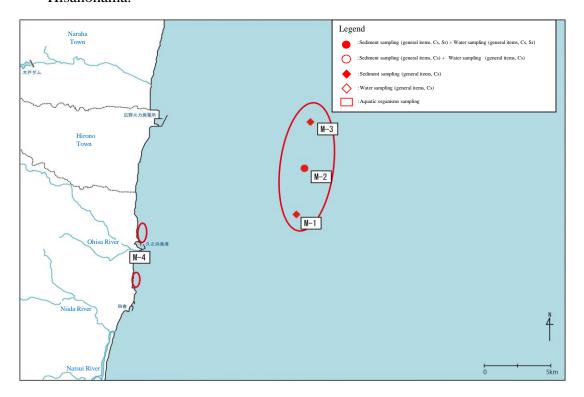
Surveys were conducted within the Matsukawaura Bay, centering on the estuary region of the Uda River.



Detailed map showing Location L off Soma City (Matsukawaura Bay)

(9) Location M off Iwaki City

Surveys were conducted off the Hisanohama Fishing Port and coastal areas in Hisanohama.



Detailed map showing Location M off Iwaki City

3. Results

Comparing concentrations of radioactive cesium in aquatic organisms in freshwater areas and seawater areas, aquatic organisms in freshwater areas showed relatively higher concentrations than those in seawater areas, as was observed in the past monitoring surveys.

Concentrations of radioactive cesium in sediment samples collected from the same river system tend to be higher for those collected at zones where water stalls (dams, etc.), and such tendency was especially notable for samples collected at points where water inflows into such zones, as was observed in the past monitoring surveys.

Concentrations of radioactive strontium in sediment samples were higher for those collected in freshwater areas, but no difference was observed between water samples collected in freshwater areas and those collected in seawater areas. This tendency was unchanged from the times of the past monitoring surveys.

• Outline of the measurement results of radioactive cesium (Cs-134 + Cs-137)

(i) Rivers and lakes

Unit: Bq/kg-wet

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							Shellfish				CPOMs	
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Water area		Time	Algae, Flora	insects	ers	Crustaceans			Fish	Amphibia	(,	
							an body	ell			etc)	
	Abuku	FY2014	214	21.7; 57	_	34.1	25.4	_	12.9-32.6	19.1-257	176	
Abuku		AugSep.	217	(2 species)	_	34.1	25.4	_	(7 species)	(3 species)	170	
	ma	FY2014 JunJul.	600	16; 109	_	26	20	_	7.0-66	16-274	212	
ma	River A		600	(2 species)	_	36	30	_	(11 species)	(3 species)	313	
River	A1 1	FY2014	30.3; 149	5 3-161		- 27.6	-	ı	9.5-117	28.7-268	120	
Syste	Abuku	AugSep.	(2 species)	(6 species)	_				(22 species)	(3 species)	120	
m	ma	FY2014	16; 202	7.8-132	3-132	32	_	_	6.5-51	11-254		
	River B	JunJul.	(2 species)	(5 species)	_				(19 species)	(3 species)	132	
	l.	FY2014		13.9-52		22.1-49			19.4-57	` *	4.60	
		AugSep.	203	(3 species)	(3 species)	_	_	(4 species)	_	168		
Uda I	River C	FY2014		16-147		19-40			15-69			
		JunJul.	313	(3 species)	_	(3 species)	14	_	(8 species)	174	206	
	Lake	FY2014	27.4; 1,480	53; 74					37.9-147			
	1	AugSep.	(2 species)	(2 species)	_	160	-	_	(4 species)	_	810	
	Hayama	Augsep.	(2 species)	(2 species)					(4 зрестез)			
Mano	G	FY2014	104; 550	63; 80		_	111	-	179-1,200		640	
River	(Mano	JunJul.	(2 species)	(2 species)	_				(7 species)	_		
Syste	Dam)	Juli. Juli.	(2 species)	(2 species)					(7 species)			
-		FY2014	12.8; 390	36.4-189	_		120	_	53; 94	110	317; 386	
m	Mano River D	AugSep.			77	138	_	(2 species)	113	(2 species)		
		FY2014	25: 221	39: 242		150-272	114: 202		44-293	50: 950		
		JunJul.	(2 species)	(2 species)	_	(3 species)	(2 species)	_	(6 species)	(2 species)	390	
	l.	FY2014	` •	111-970		229: 244	•	_	110-254		1,150	
		AugSep.	470	(5 species)	33	(2 species)	89		(7 species)	1,880		
Niida	River E											
		FY2014 JunJul.	245	72-900	_	188-271	136	14	131-356	1,490	1,080	
			-11.1100	(4 species)		(3 species)			(6 species)		·	
		FY2014	314-4,400	243-820	_	660; 850	266	l –	283-1,470	_	550	
Ota F	River F	AugSep. FY2014	(3 species)	(3 species)		(2 species)	200		(6 species)		330	
Otal	Ota River F		690; 1,330	404	_	770-1,160	212	_	480-2,200	269	_	
			(2 species)	404		(4 species)	212		(5 species)	209		
			9.7; 94			50			8.5-107	6.2; 46		
		AugSep	(2 species)	13.5	_	53	54	_	(13 species)	(2 species)	61	
Lake Akimoto H		FY2014	13: 149	4.4; 14				14-176	19-232			
		JunJul.	(2 species)	(2 species)	_	50	59	_	(13 species)	(3 species)	86	
	Lake	FY2014	(2 species)	<u> </u>					8.5-101			
	Inawash	AugSep.	_	_	_	_	_	_	(9 species)	_	31.0	
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	iro I								17.110	1	1	
	(north	FY2014	_	- -	_	- -	_	-	17-148	l –	21	
Lake	lakeside	JunJul.							(10 species)			
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Inawas	Lake	FY2014	0.73-7.8			22.6	20.2		N.D68	1.9; 39		
hiro	Inawash	AugSep.	(3 species)	_	_	22.6	28.2	_	(12 species)	(2 species)	_	
	iro J											
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	(south	FY2014		_	- 16	12	-			-		
		JunJul. (3 specie		' L					(10 species)	(4 species)		
	lakeside	JunJul.	(3 species)						(10 species)	(4 species)		

^{*} ND means to be below the detection limit.

^{*} Organisms were collected in or around the targeted water areas.

^{*} Basically, measurement was conducted for all targeted samples.

^{*} Since the autumn term of FY2012, sampling and analysis of aquatic insects had been conducted separately for four categories (Plecoptera, Trichoptera, Odonata, and Megaloptera) (by feeding habit and type). Since the FY2014 June-July Survey, Ephemeroptera was added and sampling and analysis were conducted for five categories.

(ii) Sea areas

Unit: Bq/kg-wet

Water area	Time	Seaweed,alga e	Polychaet a	Sea urchin, starfish, trepang	Crustacean s	Shellfis Molluscan body	sh Shell	Squid, octopus	Fish
Location K off the mouth of	FY2014 AugSep.	_	_	_	0.43	_	_	_	1.91-2.89 (3 species)
the Abukuma River	FY2014 JunJul.	_	-	-	3.2	_	-	0.30	2.2-3.5 (4 species)
Location L off Soma City	FY2014 AugSep.	0.63-105 (3 species)	-	-	N.D8.0 (5 species)	2.51; 3.53 (2 species)	ı	_	N.D58 (6 species)
(Matsukawaura Bay)	FY2014 JunJul.	1.7-288 (3 species)	38	-	N.D15 (4 species)	0.85; 2.9 (2 species)	-	_	2.1-73 (3 species)
Location M off Iwaki City	FY2014 AugSep.	0.50	_	0.44; 3.08 (2 species)	0.93	0.57	ı	_	1.1-30.4 (13 species)
(Hisanohama)	FY2014 JunJul.	0.71; 8.2 (2 species)	_	N.D10 (4 species)	_	3.0	_	_	0.92-55 (14 species)

^{*} ND means to be below the detection limit.
* Basically, measurement was conducted for all targeted samples.