

Economic Contribution of Marine Sector to Japanese Economy

Hiroyuki Nakahara

Managing Director

Research Institute for Ocean Economics

Member of Board of Directors

Ocean Policy Research Foundation

Professor

Yokohama National University

Japan is an Ocean State in the terms of both geographical and socio-economic perspectives. But few documents are available to learn about the size of ocean industries. Taking account of Basic Act and Basic Plan on Ocean Policy of Japan, the author focuses on the latest official research paper publicized by the government in March 2009 which discusses the definition of Ocean Industries and describes the size of Japanese ocean industries. With respect to the definition of Ocean Industries, the paper categorizes three types; Type A Industries which execute their business activities in the oceans like fishing industry, Type B Industries which supply Type A Industries with products and services like shipbuilding industry, and Type C Industries which receive output of Type A Industries and convert it to their own products and services like seafood producers. Regarding to the size of Japanese ocean industry, estimated size of the ocean industries is about 16.5 trillion yen and the number of employees is approximately 1.015 million. Added value of ocean industries is evaluated as 7.4 trillion yen, which is equivalent to about 1.48% of the GDP in the year, 2000.



23-27 November • Manila, Philippines