

## *National meetings*

# **Participation of scientists from the Institute of Cetacean Research in National Meetings in 2021**

### **The 2021 meeting of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Science (JSFS)**

The Japanese Society of Fisheries Science (JSFS) was established in 1932. It is a non-profit, registered society dedicated to the promotion of all aspects of fisheries science. The society fulfills its global commitment by promoting science, striving to achieve sustainable development in the field of fisheries, while recognizing the crucial need to preserve the natural aquatic resources. It also strives to forge relationships with the fishing industry, comprising both capture and culture fisheries. The main events organized by the society are the biannual meetings held in spring and autumn in one of the main cities of Japan. This forum is where members present their research activities, exchange information, and foster collaborative research in areas of common interest.

The 2021 spring meeting of the JSFS was held online from 26 to 29 March. Two scientists from the Institute of Cetacean Research (ICR) (Tamura and Wada) participated in the meeting. They presented the study entitled 'Results of krill sampling by IKMT and Maruchi nets in the Antarctic Ocean during the 2017/18 and 2018/19 austral summer seasons.' Tamura was also a co-author of another study presented at the meeting entitled 'Proposal of criteria for distinguishing sand lance using the acoustic data in Sendai Bay.'

### **The 2021 meeting of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Oceanography (JSFO)**

The Japanese Society of Fisheries Oceanography (JSFO) was established in 1962. Its aim is to identify scientific issues of local fisheries, and to promote studies in cooperation with local scientists and fishers in order to address such issues. Recent field research activities in JSFO include, for example, the study on the relationship between marine organism distribution and oceanographic conditions, acoustic assessment of fish abundance, oceanographic approach using satellite image, population dynamics and modeling approaches. The research activities of the JSFO are within the framework of the fisheries oceanography definition, which is 'the study of oceanic processes affecting marine ecosystems and the relationship of these ecosystems to the abundance and availability of fish.'

The 50<sup>th</sup> Symposium on North Pacific Studies was held on 13 March as part of the 2021 meeting of the JSFO. Tamura, Konishi, Isoda and Kato from the ICR participated in the meeting and presented their study 'The feeding habits and prey consumption by common minke whales around Hokkaido.'