## National meetings

## Participation of scientists from the Institute of Cetacean Research in National Meetings in 2024

## The 38th International Symposium on the Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans

The Sea Ice Research Laboratory of Hokkaido University was established in 1965. This laboratory has been organizing the International Symposium on the Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans since 1986. Originally, the subjects of the symposium were related mainly to sea ice physics, engineering for oil development in the sea ice, and biology of marine resources and fishery. Recently the subjects covered marine environments, global warming, and the Arctic Sea Routes (northern passage into the Arctic Ocean).

The 38th International Symposium on the Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans was held from 21 to 28 February 2024 at several venues in Mombetsu, Hokkaido. Tamura and Bando from the Institute of Cetacean Research (ICR) participated in the symposium by presenting the study 'Stable isotope ratios in minke whale baleen in the Sea of Okhotsk'.



Mombetsu Municipal Museum, Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan.

## The 2024 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 2024 spring meeting of the JSFS was held from 27 to 30 March at Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (TUMSAT). Matsuoka, Hakamada and Katsumata from the ICR participated in the meeting as co-authors of the study titled 'Preliminary estimation of availability bias in North Pacific sei whale using satellite tagging data'.



The Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, Tokyo, Japan, venue of the 2024 spring meeting of the JSFS.