

## Dolphin Fishing and Utilization of Dolphins (Whales) in Iwate Prefecture

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We can see the dolphin (whale) meat that sold at the supermarket in Iwate prefecture. Dolphin (Whale) meat is transported not only from Aomori prefecture and foreign countries, but also from Iwate prefecture. The dolphin (whale) meat that are sold from November to April is Dall's Porpoise (Dalli Type and Truei Type) which is unloaded at mainly Yamada town. People who lived in Ooura area, Yamada town, had captured dolphin, taking advantage of special topography (ria cost). In the Meiji era (1868–1912) dolphins were captured by drive fishing (Oikomi-ryo), and in the Taisho era (1913-1926), spear fishery (Tsukinbo-ryo) developed, which became mainstream current. And people lived at coastal area had used stranded whale. Therefore, some monuments about dolphin (whale) were built. Kamaishi city had started attracted whaling company since 1904, later some whaling bases were established. Thus, in Iwate Prefecture, like whaling (drive fishing and spear fishing), stranded whale and whaling company, it can be categorized into three types whale history. In this presentation, I will make a presentation about utilization of dolphin (whale) in Iwate prefecture.