To All Recreational Fishermen

Poaching is a serious offense that negatively impacts fisheries resources.

Violators may face imprisonment for up to **three years or a fine up to 30 million yen**, depending on the severity of the offence (Fishery Act, Article 132).

1. Catching of designated aquatic animals and plants (abalones, sea cucumbers and glass eels smaller than 13 cm) is strictly prohibited. (※Fishery Act, Article 132)

2. In areas where fishing rights have been also established, no recreational fishing are allowed to take any of the aquatic animals or plants listed to the following.

Sea urchins, oysters, clams, mussels, octopuses, ascidians and seaweeds etc.

3. Fishing gear and fishing methods available to recreational fishing are limited to the following.

Handlines, fishing rods, hand nets, cast nets, rakes and hands.

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