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Fisheries Research Agency (FRA) was established as a new organization for research on fisheries on the 1st of April, 2001 consolidating then National Fisheries Research Institutes in complying with the central government reform program. Following the semi-government organizations reform program, FRA has reorganized its structure on the 1st of October, 2003, in order to take over the duties of the Japan Marine Fishery Resource Research Center (JAMARC) and the Japan Sea-Farming Association (JASFA).

Profiting from its structure reorganization and for assuring the attainment of the Mid-Term Objectives for operation and management of the FRA instructed by the Government, FRA has established seven priority research areas, and is addressing on them. They are;

1. Research and study for the sustainable utilization of the fisheries resources,
2. Elucidation of functions of the Aquatic organisms,
3. Elucidation of the structure and functions of the aquatic eco-system and the dynamics of fishing grounds, together with development of the technology for management and conservation of them,
4. Study on management to stable the fisheries industries and revitalization of the fishing communities,
5. Research for security of fish supply to accommodate the consumer's demand,
6. Development of the technology in stock enhancement, and
7. Researches on international arena.

FRA is also pursuing the studies related to the rationalization and development of marine fisheries resources.

FRA is, in parallel with proceeding with its research and development activities, to disseminate and spread the results of the researches and information, and to proceed international cooperation as well as collaboration and cooperation with universities, other research institutes and private firms.

FRA is endeavouring to effect its mission, with directors and staffs in unison, to be a mainstay addressing to research, study, technology improvement and development study for fisheries in the 21st century.

OUR MISSION



FRA shall be a mainstay addressing to researches "for securing the stable supply of fishery products" and "for sound development of fisheries industries" standing on international arena, in all respects from basic research and application through practical use of them, fundamental and application studies for fisheries oceanography, fisheries resources, aquaculture & resource enhancement, fisheries engineering, fishing ground & environment conservation, fish processing and fisheries management & economics.

FRA shall effect overall research and development ranging from development of technology for stock enhancement to research for exploring marine fisheries resources and rationalization of their usage, in promoting and facilitating researches and studies in depth to respond to exact needs in fields.

FRA Structure

