# 7TH WORKING PARTY ON TEMPERATE TUNA (WPTmT07): ASSESSMENT MEETING 23-26 July 2019

# **Information Sheet**

#### **MEETING VENUE**

National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries (NRIFSF), Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency http://fsf.fra.affrc.go.jp/

Address: 5-7-1, Orido, Shimizu-Ward, Shizuoka-City, Shizuoka, Japan 424-8633

The venue is in the area called Miho in Shimizu ward, Shizuoka city, that is nearby Miho Beach and Miho no Matsubara, i.e. Japan's UNESCO world heritage sites. Miho is about 130 km south-west of Tokyo and the nearby train station is Shimizu Station on JR (Japan Rail) Tokaido Main line.



#### **TRANSPORTATION - from Airport to Shimizu**

The closest airport is Shizuoka Airport (FSZ). But this is a small airport and there are only a few flights from/to Asian countries (e.g. Shanghai, Seoul etc.), therefore, most of you may need to use either Haneda (HND) or Narita (NRT) in Tokyo area, or Centrair in Nagoya (NGO) (In terms of distance, Haneda and Centrair is closer than Narita).

There are several transportation options from each airport to Shimizu station, but the followings are the easiest and fastest ways:

# 1) From Haneda Airport (Cost: app.7000 yen per way / Duration: app.2hrs):

- a) Take a limousine bus to Shin-Yokohama >> take a JR Tokaido Shinkansen train to Shizuoka (by Limited express Kodama or some of Super express Hikari) >> take a JR Tokaido Main Line to Shimizu OR
- b) Take a Keikyu line train from Haneda to Shinagawa >> take a JR Tokaido Shinkansen train to Shizuoka >> take a JR Tokaido Main Line to Shimizu

# 2) From Narita Airport (Cost: app. 9000 yen per way / Duration: app.3hrs):

Take JR (Japan Railway) Narita Express (N'EX) to Shinagawa Station >> take a JR Tokaido Shinkansen train to Shizuoka (by Limited express Kodama or some of Super express Hikari) >> take a JR Tokaido Main Line to Shimizu

For more info visit: https://www.jreast.co.jp/e/pass/nex\_round.html

# 3) From Centrair Airport (Cost: app.7000 yen per way / Duration: app.2h30min):

Take a Meitetsu train to Nagoya >> take a JR Tokaido Shinkansen train to Shizuoka (by Limited express Kodama or some of Super express Hikari) >> take a JR Tokaido Main Line to Shimizu

# 4) From Shizuoka (Cost: app.1500 yen / Duration: app.90min):

Take a limousine bus from FSZ to Shizuoka Station >> Then take a JR Tokaido Main Line from Shizuoka to Shimizu station

#### LOCAL TRANSPORTATION - from Shimizu station to the venue

[By Taxi] Take a taxi at the west exit of Shimizu Station, which takes about 15 minutes.

[By Bus] From the west exit of Shimizu station, take the bus No.257 that leaves from bus stop 3 bound for Tokai Daigaku Miho Suizokukan(Tokai University Marine Science Museum), Miho Shako (Miho Bus Base) or Orido Shako (Miho Bus Base), and get off at "Tokai Daigaku Kaigi Dai Mae (Tokai Univ. Maritime Science College)" bus stop. 5 min walk from there.

The bus runs every 10 minutes during business hours on weekdays. Takes approx. 25min.

Bus fare JPY330/each way. It can be paid in cash or by prepaid IC card (e.g. Suica, PASMO, TOICA ※).

- To pay in cash, pick up a numbered ticket when boarding from a small machine at the door. When getting off, put your ticket and the exact fare into the box next to the driver. If you do not have the exact fare, use the change machine next to the driver in advance (it takes up to 1000 yen bills only).
- To use IC card, touch your card against the IC card reader when boarding and getting off. For more info about bus taking, visit: https://www.justline.co.jp/en-guide/

#### Shimizu Station -west exit

# Bus stop 3



# Tokai Daigaku Kaigi Dai Mae Bus stop

Get off at No 2/ Get on No. 1



\*\*Suica and PASMO are prepaid e-money card that are sold at JR East or Tokyo metro stations in Kanto (Tokyo, Kanagawa) area. Toica is another card system, sold at JR Tokai stations in Tokai (Shizuoka, Nagoya) area.

They can be used for most public transport in Japan (excl. limited express trains /shinkansen, continuous travel between areas, long distance busses etc.) and shopping at convenience stores, some major chain stores/restaurants, etc.

In Shizuoka/Shimizu area, they can be recharged at JR stations and convenience stores (i.e. Seven Eleven, Family Mart, Lawson) with cash but not on busses.

# **ACCOMMODATION**

We recommend the following hotels in Shimizu which are closer to the venue and the ones near Shizuoka station if you don't mind longer commute. There are many more hotel options available too, especially in Shizuoka area which is a bigger city. If interested, there are some in Miho area as well but most of them are Ryokan type (Japanese style inns). <u>Please book hotels by yourself.</u>

Area	Hotel Names	URL	Room Rates
Near SHIMIZU Station	Hotel Quest Shimizu	http://hotelquest.co.jp/en/	from 6400 yen
	Hotel Mystays Shimizu	https://www.mystays.com/en- us/hotel-mystays-shimizu- shizuoka/	from 6000 yen
	Toyoko Inn Shizuoka Shimizu Ekimae	https://www.toyoko- inn.com/eng/search/detail/00293	from 5500 yen
	Seagrande Shimizu Station Hotel	https://seagrande-shimizu-station- jp.book.direct/en-gb	from 5700 yen
Near SHISUZOKA Station	Hotel Associa Shizuoka	https://www.associa.com/sth/multi -lingual/?wovn=en	From 12,500 yen
	Hotel Century Shizuoka	https://www.centuryshizuoka.co.jp /english/	From 12,000 yen
	Hotel Garden Square	http://gardensquare.co.jp/english/	From 10,500 yen
	Hotel Prezio Shizuoka-Ekinan	https://hpdsp.jp/hotel- prezioekinan/en	From 8000 yen
	Toyoko Inn Shizuoka-eki Minami-guchi	https://www.toyoko- inn.com/eng/search/detail/00290	From 6200 yen

# **VISA REQUIREMENT (VERY IMPORTANT)**

Please check your visa requirements through the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (<a href="https://www.mofa.go.jp/j">https://www.mofa.go.jp/j</a> info/visit/visa/index.html) and contact the Consular Section of the Embassy or Consulate General of Japan nearest you (<a href="https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb">https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb</a> cons/mofaserv.html) for more information and advice.

If you need visa, please act urgently as it will take 1-2 months to obtain.

#### **CURRENCY**

The currency in Japan is the Yen (¥ or JPY). Its equivalence to other currencies changes daily, so it is advisable to check its value before travelling.

#### **ELECTRICITY**

The electrical current in Japan is 100V. We recommend that you bring a Type A adaptor or a universal adapter.



#### **WEATHER**

Shimizu-ward in Shizuoka City experiences hot and humid weather in July between 24 and 31°C.

# **LOCAL CONTACT PERSONS**

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If you have questions and/or help, please do not hesitate to contact us any time.