

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Japanese fisheries inspection vessel “MIHAMA” , which belongs to Fisheries Agency of Japanese Government is calling at Palau!



○ About “MIHAMA”

Length: 64.61 meters

Width: 9.30 meters

Maximum number of crew onboard: 20

Gross tonnage: 499 tons

International gross tonnage: 741 tons

Patrol period in Palau:

February 1<sup>st</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024



○ Purpose of the voyage

Japan, as a responsible fishing country, recognizes the importance of preventing IUU fishing activities for sustainable use of fishery resources and conducts high seas boarding and inspection for this purpose in accordance with the measure of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in the Pacific. In this context, Japan has actively engaged in patrolling fishing activities in order to combat IUU fishing in cooperation with relevant countries.

In this time, in cooperation with Palauan government officials, Japanese fisheries inspection vessel “MIHAMA” will render guidance to Japanese fishing vessels operating in the Domestic Fishing Zone of EEZ of Palau, as well as engage in information gathering activities of foreign fishing vessels operating in the EEZ of Palau. Based on the long enjoyed close and cooperative relationship with the Government of the Republic of Palau, the Government of Japan renders those activities as part of cooperation for the Government of the Republic of Palau to combat IUU fishing.

During the voyage, MIHAMA is calling at a port in Palau for changing crewmembers.

○ Last Year Event

Last year, fisheries enforcement officials from both countries further deepened exchanges by visiting each other's enforcement vessels.



Officials from the Fisheries Agency of Japan just visited the Palau patrol vessel “KEDAM” .

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If you need photos of MIHAMA, please contact the above Contact and he would provide you with some photos.