

# 1 Characteristics of Miyagi's Fisheries Industry

Miyagi Prefecture is considered to be one of the country's leading prefectures in the fisheries industry. With Oshika Peninsula jutting out from the center, a jagged rias coastline lining the north, and flat sandy coasts located in the south, Miyagi has a diverse range of geographical features. The fishing industry is also booming with cultivation of laver, oysters, seaweed, sea squirts, scallops, and coho salmon as well as gillnetting and trawling of salmon, cod, and flounder.

In addition, the coast of Miyagi is highly abundant due to the collision of the Oyashio and Kuroshio currents, and the Kinkasan-Sanriku fishing grounds are considered one of the three largest in the world.

Furthermore, there are 142 fishing ports and 9 wholesale seafood markets. In particular, Kesenuma, Minamisanriku (Shizugawa), Onagawa, and Shiogama are considered to be bases for coastal, offshore, and distant water fishing. These areas also play an important role in the fisheries industry as bases for distribution such as wholesale markets, as well as processing facilities.

