
A Catalogue of the Cephalopoda of Wakayama Prefecture

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Preface

The present catalogue is to list all the species of the Cephalopoda recorded from Wakayama Prefecture on (1) the literature and (2) my own examination of the specimens preserved at the Seto Marine Biological laboratory of Kyoto University.

I have been interested in the Cephalopoda fauna in the waters along the coast of Wakayama Prefecture since my student life. In 1949, a preliminary catalogue was mimeographed and appeared in Nanki Seibutsu, Vol. 1. Several times of my visits to the Seto Marine Biological Laboratory of Kyoto University to examine the cephalopod specimens preserved there yielded in 1963 a new species *Opisthoteuthis*

japonica that was collected at a depth of 152 m off Minabe in the southern part of the prefecture. This record is regarded at present as quite unique from the distributional point of view.

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