

## **ASA-IM Japan Successfully Conducts First Aquaculture Seminar Series**

ASA-IM Japan successfully conducted its first aquaculture nutrition seminars outside the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Kagoshima. Speakers featured during the seminars were Jennica Lowell, research manager of Kona Blue Water Farms, and Dr. Toshiro Masumoto, Professor at Kochi University. Lowell talked about the use of soy protein concentrate (SPC) and novel soybean oils in the diets of Kona Kampachi, while Masumoto discussed the utilization of soy meal as an alternative feed ingredient of fish meal. Seminar participants reported that the information was very informative, useful and interesting. Sean Lan, ASA-IM Asia aquaculture specialist, also participated in the seminar and took the opportunity to explain the processes of ocean cages in production of fishes. ASA-IM Japan Country Representative James Echle and consultant Mike Maekawa escorted the team to Kagoshima, where participants visited Kampachi Farms, the top producer in the Kagoshima area, and Yamada Suisan, the No. 2 eel farm in Japan, producing 5-6 million eels per year. At present, soy meal and SPC are not used for eel feeds, but ASA-IM Japan feels strongly that the opportunity exists to work with producers to develop a market for the soy products in the eel industry.



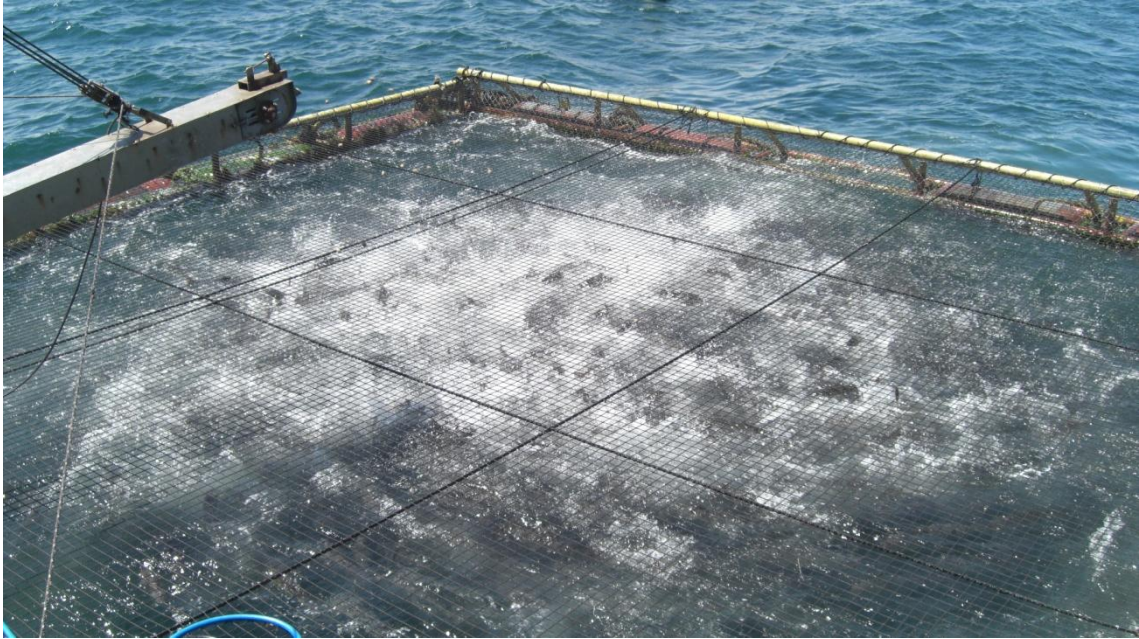
Seminar in Kagoshima



Dr. Masumoto discusses the utilization of soybean meal as an alternative feed ingredient of fish meal



Ms. Jennica Lowell talks about use of SPC and novel soy oil in the diets of Kona Kampachi.



Fish producing technology at Kampachi farms in Kagoshima



Eel is being fed at Yamada Suisan, Kagoshima.