



## Fish and seashell sampling surveys around KIX seawalls

Kansai Airports today announces the launch of annual sampling surveys to gauge the abundance of fish around the seawalls of Kansai International Airport (KIX).

This survey will be carried out with support from fisheries stakeholders, aiming to measure the population of fish and shellfish in the habitat around KIX, as well as to enrich the marine resources in Osaka Bay. Samples caught for this survey will first be counted and measured. Then, if the fish are commercially highly valued species, they will be released into the sea near the coastal seawalls to help expand fisheries resources. If the caught samples are 30cm or smaller specimens of red-spotted grouper (*epinephelus akaara*)—the high class fish which Osaka prefecture has been striving to be identified with as its brand—they will be provided to Osaka prefecture’s organization for spawning with an aim to enhance the population of such fish in Osaka Bay.

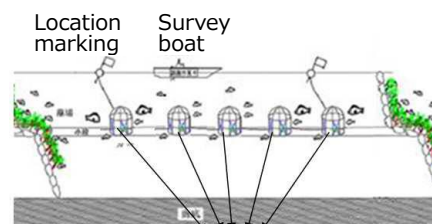
Aspiring to further develop as the airports that cohabit in greater harmony with their surroundings, Kansai Airports Group will continue to drive initiatives to improve the marine environment.

### [Survey overview]

- Objective: Measure fish abundance around KIX and enrich marine resources in Osaka Bay
- Method: Catch fish samples in the marine habitat around the airport island with fish baskets to measure size and numbers per type
- Schedule:
  - 1st survey: From September 28 to October 5
  - 2nd survey: From October 5 to October 12
  - 3rd survey: From October 12 to October 19
  - 4th survey: From October 19 to October 26\*The above schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions.
- Organizer: Kansai Airports
- Contractor: Osaka Prefectural Federation of Fisheries Co-operative Associations
- Sample recipient: Osaka Prefecture Fisheries Development Foundation



○○: Locations of fish basket (12 locations per survey)



Mid-size fish basket  
Diameter: 73cm  
Height: 69cm  
Mesh size: 35mm



Picking up the fish basket



Sorting and measuring



Releasing catches

All samples of commercially high-value fish other than red-spotted grouper such as rockfish, marbled rockfish, red sea bream, thread-sail filefish and octopus will be released into the coastal sea area. Most red-spotted groupers, if equal to or smaller than 30cm in size, will be sent to the fish cultivating center of Osaka Prefecture Fisheries Development Foundation as parent fish for its stock enhancement of Osaka Bay while the rest will be released back into the sea near the KIX seawalls.

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Kansai Airports was established by a consortium made up of VINCI Airports and ORIX Corporation as its core members. Kansai Airports took over the operations of Kansai International Airport (“KIX”) and Osaka International Airport (“ITAMI”) from New Kansai International Airport Company (“NKIAC”) and has been operating the two airports since April 1, 2016.

Kansai Airports Kobe, Kansai Airports’ wholly-owned subsidiary, took over the operations of Kobe Airport (“KOBE”) from Kobe City and started its business as an operating company on April 1, 2018.

Under the concept of “One Kansai Airports Group”, Kansai Airports group strives to continuously improve its services for all airport guests through appropriate investments and efficient operations, with safety and security being the top priority. Kansai Airports group aims to maximize the potential of the three airports, for the benefit of the communities they serve.

For more information, please visit : <http://www.kansai-airports.co.jp/en/>

### Kansai Airports

Location	1-banchi, Senshu-kuko kita, Izumisano-shi, Osaka	Shareholders	ORIX 40%, VINCI Airports 40%, Other investors 20% <sup>1</sup>
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO:Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Benoit Rulleau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kansai International Airport and Osaka International Airport		

### Kansai Airports Kobe

Location	1-ban, Kobe-kuko, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo	Shareholder	Kansai Airports 100%
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO: Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Benoit Rulleau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kobe Airport		



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