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Japanese jet ski from Okuma-machi, Fukushima Prefecture, washed ashore in Johnston atoll will be returned to the owner through the cooperation of International Coastal Cleanup.

Press Release

May 21, 2014: A member of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) found a jet ski at Johnston Atoll in western Hawaii.

(Photos and information at the time of discovery were provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.)



It was transferred to Honolulu, Hawaii and has been kept by FWS. Chris Woolaway who is the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) coordinator of Hawaii received the above information and asked whether JEAN could find the owner of the jet ski.

Sep. 18: As a result of tracing the number of the jet ski, JEAN found the owner (from Okuma-machi, Fukushima Prefecture / currently residing in Iwaki City).

Oct. 23: The owner expressed to JEAN that he would like to have the jet ski returned. Professor Shigeru Fujieda of Kagoshima University, Faculty of Fisheries, contacted Chris Woolaway. The next day, JEAN obtained information that the training ship "Fukushima-maru" of Kaisei High school would arrive at Honolulu Port.

Oct. 24: "Fukushima-maru" entered Honolulu Port. JEAN asked the principal of the high school and the captain of the training ship for their cooperation, and they agreed to carry the jet ski to Japan.

Oct. 27: Through the cooperation of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other local collaborators, the jet ski was loaded onto the “Fukushima-maru” and left Honolulu Port. (Oct. 26, afternoon, Hawaii Time)



(Photos were provided by Shigeru Kuwahara, captain of “Fukushima-maru”)

Nov. 10: The jet ski will arrive at Onahama Port, Iwaki-city.

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