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Abstract

We investigated radiocesium concentrations in sediments and in Manila clams Ruditapes philippinarum. The samples were taken from three points in Tokyo Bay on September 2014. The ranges of radiocesium concentration in sediments were <0.35 \sim 0.59 Bq/kg-dry of ¹³⁴Cs and 1.2 \sim 1.9 Bq/kg-dry of ¹³⁷Cs. Each highest value was obtained from the most inside point of the bay. The ranges of radiocesium concentration in Manila clams Ruditapes philippinarum were <0.091 Bq/kg-wet of ¹³⁴Cs and 0.13 \sim 0.16 Bq/kg-wet of ¹³⁷Cs. The highest value of ¹³⁷Cs in Manila clam also was obtained from the most inside point of the bay. Radiocesium concentrations in Manila clam living in Tokyo Bay are in safe level as a food. These data suggested that the level of radiocesium in the sediment affected that of Manila clam. In order to assess the risk of radiocesium in ecosystem of Tokyo Bay after the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (FDNPS) accident.

In order to assess the risk of radiocesium in ecosystem of Tokyo Bay after the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (FDNPS) accident, we need to know accurate concentration of radiocesium (134 Cs, 137 Cs) in Manila clam. We estimated 134 Cs concentrations of Manila clam by using 137 Cs concentrations of that and 134 Cs/ 137 Cs activity ratio of FDNPS in that time. The estimated concentrations of 134 Cs in Manila clam were in $0.042 \sim 0.051$ Bq/kg-wet. There was no discrepancy between the measured concentration value and the estimated one. It is considered that this estimation method is useful in case of low level radiocesium.