

# Notification of Dredging Work in the Kanmon Passage [No. 1] [Oseto – Hayatomo Seto Area (Off Hiagari)]

The following underwater survey and dredging work will be conducted in the Off Hiagari area of the Kanmon Passage. Vessels navigating nearby are requested to exercise due caution.

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 This document can also be downloaded from the website below:  
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## 1. Work period

Area (Section)	Category	Workboat type	Max. number of boats	Expected duration	Working hours	Measures
Off Hiagari	Underwater survey	Diver boats	16	Late May 2026 – Late Oct. 2026	Sunrise to sunset	4 guard boats (max.) 2 communications vessels
	Grab dredging	Spud-type grab dredger	3	Late June 2026 – Late Dec. 2026		3 guard boats (max.) 2 communications vessels 9 hopper barges (max.)

\*As a general rule, work will not be conducted on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, but may be performed as progress permits.  
 \*The scheduled period of work is subject to change depending on the implementation status of each task. For the current status of work, please refer to "6. Work Information."

Work Period		FY2026 schedule							Remarks
		June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
Off Hiagari	First-half work	←→							
	Second-half work					←→	←→		
		←→ Underwater survey		←→ Dredging work					

## 2. Work Location

Kanmon Passage [Oseto – Hayatomo Seto Area (Off Hiagari)]. The work zones for underwater survey and grab dredging are as shown in Fig.-1.

## 3. Work Overview

- 3-1 Common Items
  - 1) Work flags shall be raised on the workboats used for this work to clearly indicate to general ships that they are engaged in the work.
- 3-2 Underwater Survey
  - 1) One diver from each diver boat (up to 16 boats) will dive and work while moving through the survey area using a simple magnetic detector.
- 3-3 Dredging Work
  - 1) Dredging will be conducted by spud-type grab dredgers (up to three vessels), and the dredged soil will be transported to Shimonoseki Artificial Island by hopper barges (up to nine vessels).
  - 2) Spud-type grab dredgers and hopper barges will be moored at a nearby quay at night and on days when work is not being performed.

## 4. Safety Measures

- 4-1 Common Items
  - 1) Guard boats flying warning signals (green, yellow, and green streamers) will be placed during the underwater survey and dredging work.
  - 2) Communications vessels with an electronic signboard will be deployed during the underwater survey and dredging work in addition to the guard boats.
  - 3) During underwater survey and dredging work, the work fleet will evacuate (outside the passage) when a vessel with a total length of 130 m or more enters or leaves the Hiagari Minami Anchorage.
- 4-2 Underwater Survey
  - 1) Diver boats will display the International Signal Flag (Flag A board) to clearly indicate to navigating vessels that diving work is in progress. The four corners of the work area will be marked with bale buoys.
- 4-3 Dredging Work
  - 1) Spud-type grab dredgers will display lights or shapes in accordance with the Act on Preventing Collisions at Sea.
  - 2) When waiting near the work area, hopper barges will be moored at a nearby quay. As a general rule, an interval of at least one mile will be maintained between hopper barges in transit.

## 5. Requests to Navigating Vessels

- 5-1 Common Items
  - 1) When navigating near the work area, vessels are requested to reduce speed to an extent that does not affect ship handling and to stay as far away from the work fleet as possible.
  - 2) Communications vessels will be deployed during the work. When these vessels are sighted, please recognize that work is in progress. (See Fig.-1)
  - 3) When navigating the Kanmon Passage, please make use of International VHF and, in particular, keep a continuous watch on Channel 16.
  - 4) Vessels equipped with AIS are requested to operate it correctly.
  - 5) Navigable width and vessel navigation routes during the work are as shown in Figures 2 and 3. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## 6. Work Information

Contact information regarding this work is provided below. To ensure an accurate understanding of the content, please make inquiries in Japanese whenever possible.  
 In addition, those who wish to receive daily work information by email are requested to send an email to the contact email address as follows:  
 Subject: Request for Kanmon Passage (Off Hiagari) Work Information Email  
 Body: Company name, person in charge, and the email address for delivery.  
 \*The information provided will be handled appropriately and completely deleted after the work is completed.

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