

# Troubles caused by the Takeshima problem

**1** ) Approaching Takeshima or its surrounding area (12 nautical miles) is obstructed. [Note: 1 nautical mile = 1,852 meters]

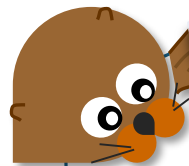
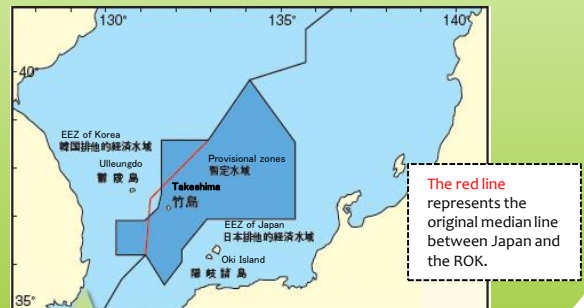
Not only has the ROK deployed a marine police force in the area, it has unilaterally built a lighthouse, loggings, a pier, etc., and run a liner to and from Takeshima, allowing tourists to come ashore; as such Japanese cannot approach the area.

The Japanese government continues to protest such actions.



**2** ) Fishing is hindered.

Since the Takeshima issue remains unresolved, the delimitation of EEZ (exclusive economic zone) has not completed. “Provisional waters” where both sides can fish were set up, But in reality Japanese fishing vessels can catch almost no seafood there.



**What are seabed and subsoil resources?**

They petroleum, natural gas and minerals (methane hydrates, etc.) from the seabed and subsoil thereof

**3** ) seabed and subsoil resources cannot be extracted.

In 2006, the Japan Coast Guard sought to survey the waters around Takeshima, but since the ROK interfered by deploying patrol vessels, it was unable to proceed.

but since then the ROK has carried out marine surveys related to its unilateral plan to establish an “Integrated Maritime Science Base.”

