

## **The Kuroshio and Local Culture**

Life in Tosashimizu is inseparable from the sea. Historically a shipping hub, the city is now a major destination for marine tourism and remains one of the best places for fishing in all of Japan. All this is made possible by the warm Kuroshio (Japan Current), which flows north along the Pacific coast of Japan. Its presence has allowed the local people to develop not only a diverse food culture but also a lifestyle in which coexistence with and gratitude toward the sea play a central part. These principles have been passed down from generation to generation, and continue to influence daily life in the area.