

From Meiji to Showa (20th century)
Bonito Fishing Brings Prosperity

In the latter half of the Meiji era (1868–1912), bonito fishing boomed in the Keramas. The shavings of the dried fish made here were known as ***Kerama-bushi***, and were famous throughout Okinawa Prefecture and beyond. The popularity led to a step forward in the islanders' quality of life.