

## ***14 Minamata Bay after the restoration***

### **【How is the condition of Minamata Bay now?】**

Methyl mercury in the fishes has decreased gradually after the construction had finished. In 1997 the governor declared that the bay was already safe and clean to catch and eat fishes, and the dividing nets were taken away.

And the fishermen started fishing again. The bay became as clean and safe as before it had been polluted. You can fish, eat them, and also see coral in the sea.

Methyl mercury in the fishes and water in Minamata Bay have been examined continuously, and the fishes are identified as safe to eat.

