

INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS, AND RECORDING/REPRODUCING METHOD WITH WRITE-PROTECTION FUNCTION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information recording medium for use in a recording/reproducing apparatus and a recording/reproducing method includes a first area having a write-protection information for preventing writing of data to the information recording medium, and a second area having a status information field including status information of the first area, wherein recording the status information field for updating status information of the first area in the second area is permitted even when information for preventing the writing of data to the whole information recording medium is set in the write-protection information.

Figure 2