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Hahajima-maru Izu Shoto Kaihatsu T 03-3455-3090

Call 118 for marine accidents.

Ogasawara Coast Guard Station T 04998-2-7118

※ The Ogasawara Ecotourism Council publishes this booklet with excerpts of rules of other organizations. Please contact the relevant organizations for further details.

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Welcome to Ogasawara!

The Ogasawara Islands are an exceptionally rich natural environment.

Please observe the local rules as well as national and municipal laws to protect Ogasawara's treasures. This booklet outlines the main rules and how to protect the environment.

It is our duty to preserve the environment for future generations.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness.



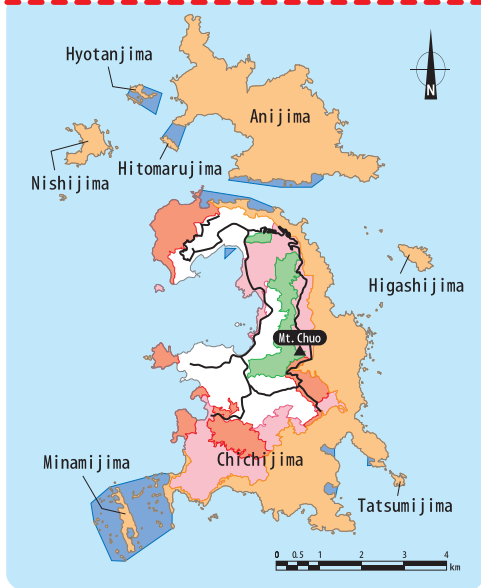
① Ogasawara National Park (Natural Parks Law)

The whole of the Ogasawara Islands except district areas on Chichijima and Hahajima is designated as a national park. Removal of animals and plants as well as development are highly restricted in national parks, both land and ocean.

■ Restricted Acts:

Removing or damaging wood, soil, stones, and designated animals and plants.

▶ Chichijima lies 1,000 km south of Tokyo. With an area of 24 km², it is twice as large as Chiyoda-ku. Enjoy 360-degree views from Mt. Chuo (319 m) in the center of Chichijima!



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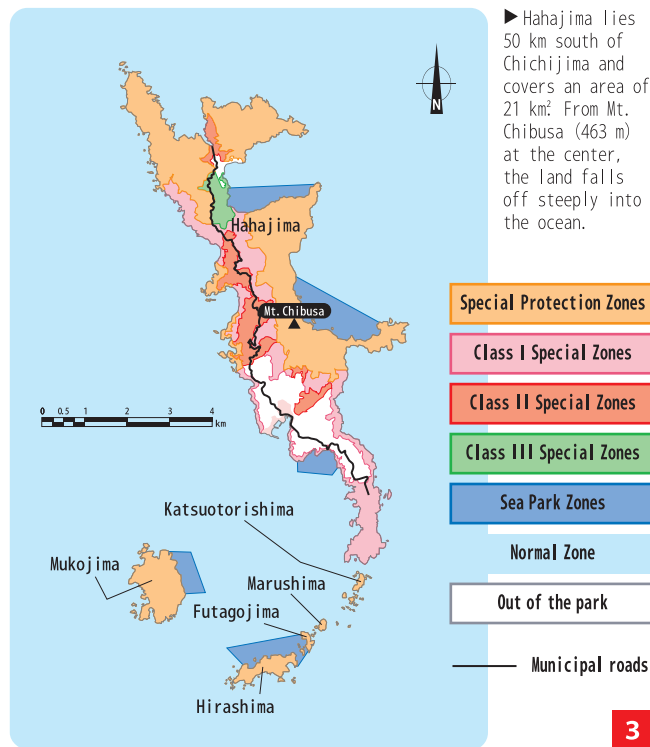
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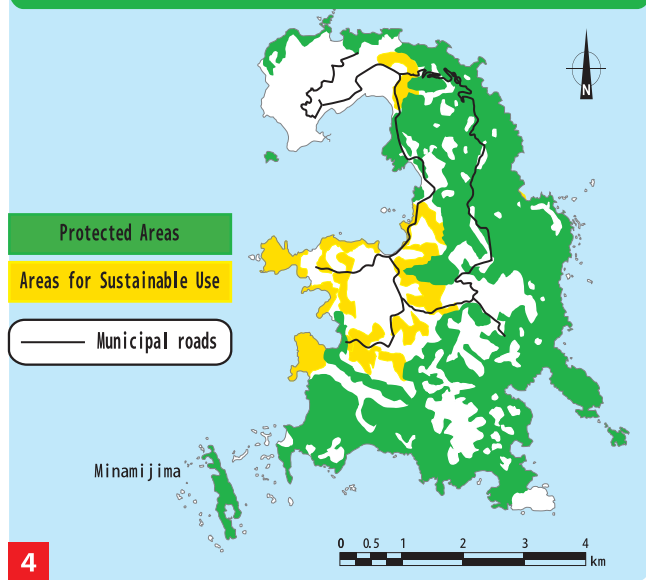
▶ Hahajima lies 50 km south of Chichijima and covers an area of 21 km². From Mt. Chibusa (463 m) at the center, the land falls off steeply into the ocean.

② Forest Reserve Program (Forest Ecosystem Protection Area)

60% of Chichijima and Hahajima are covered with national forests. In 2007, forest ecosystem protected areas were established on the Ogasawara Islands as well as a conservation program to protect the parkland and precious animals and plants in the forests.

Accompanied by a qualified guide, you must follow designated routes in these protected areas.

Chichijima



National Forest Div., Ogasawara General Office

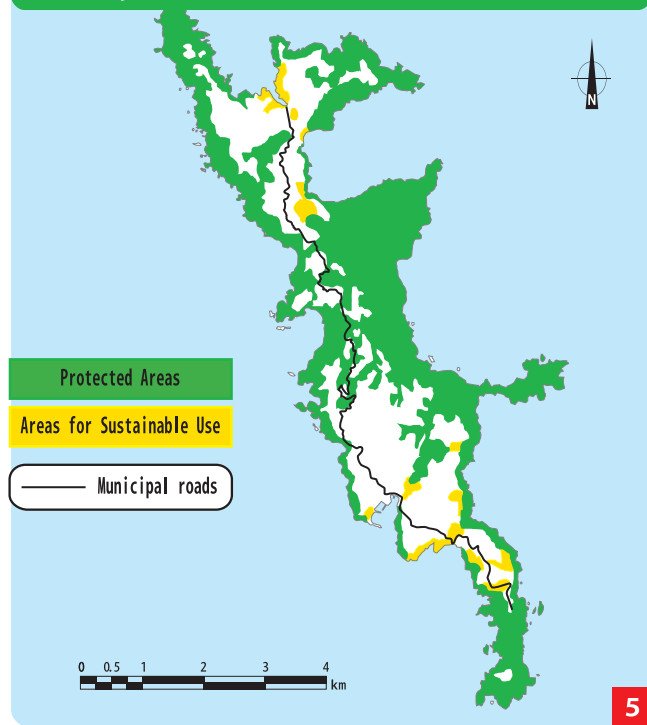
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Ogasawara Islands Forest Ecosystem Protection Center

TEL 04998-2-3403

Hahajima



③ Species Conservation Law (National Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)

The unique ecosystem of the Ogasawara Islands is home to various indigenous species, but their habitats and populations are endangered.

The Species Conservation Law prohibits the capture, harvesting, killing and wounding, damaging, trading, etc. of endangered wild animals and plants. The law also stipulates propagation programs to promote breeding and habitat maintenance.

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※Those shown in red are under propagation programs.

Mammals	Bonin flying foxes
Birds	Ogasawara islands honeyeater, Japanese woodpigeon Buzzard, Peregrine falcon Oriental greenfinch, Short-tailed albatross
Insects	Ogasawara Hedge Blue , Ogasawara dragonfly Indolestes boninensis , Rhinocypha ogasawarensis Cicindela bonina
Plants	Asplenium cardiophyllum , Crepidiastrum grandicollum Rhododendron boninense , Ajuga boninsimae , Melastoma tetramerum , Calanthe hattorii , Calanthe hoshii Malaxis boninensis , Piper postelsianum Pittosporum parvifolium , Symplocos kawakamii Callicarpa nishimurae

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④ Cultural Properties Protection Law (Natural Monuments of Japan)

Monuments, buildings, sites, scenic places, animals, and plants are designated as "Natural Monuments of Japan" under the Cultural Properties Protection Law. Permission from the Agency for Cultural Affairs is required before conducting any act that may affect Natural Monuments of Japan.

Contact Info

Agency for Cultural Affairs

Contact: Ogasawara-mura school board

TEL 04998-2-3117

The Natural Monuments in the Ogasawara area are as follows:

One Special Natural Monument:

Meguro / honeyeater

※Meguro is the designated bird of the village and is shown on its emblem.



29 Natural Monuments:

Bonin flying foxes, **Japanese woodpigeon**, **buzzard**, **Ogasawara Hedge Blue**, **Boninthemis insularis**, **Ogasawara dragonfly**, **Boninagrion ezoin**, **Rhinocypha ogasawarensis**, **Chrysochroa holstii**, **C. ogasawarensis**, **Neogerris boninensis**, **Mesotrichia ogasawarensis**, **M. boninensis**, **12 Coenobitas on Ogasawara Islands**, **land snails**, **limpets**, **Minamijima's submerged karst topography**, **Minamio-tou**

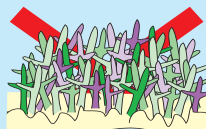
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5 Fishery Act, Orders of Marine Fisheries Coordination Committee, Fisheries Adjustment Regulations of Tokyo

The following activities are prohibited.
Enjoy yourself in Ogasawara while obeying the rules.



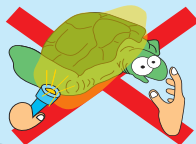
Do not capture water creatures using scuba or other diving equipment.



Do not take coral.



Do not hunt water creatures using a spear gun.



Do not capture green turtles or their eggs.

The following activities are allowed except in areas around Minamiji-ma, Anijima Seto, and Hirashima where hunting of water creatures is partially restricted. Please ask the local authorities for details.

- Angling (trolling and chumming are prohibited)
- Fishing with a dip or scoop net
- Hand-casting a net from land
- Fishing with a spear

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Other activities might be prohibited. Please ask the local authorities for details.

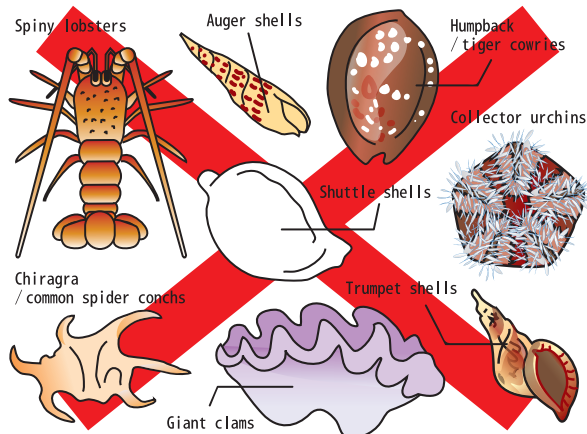
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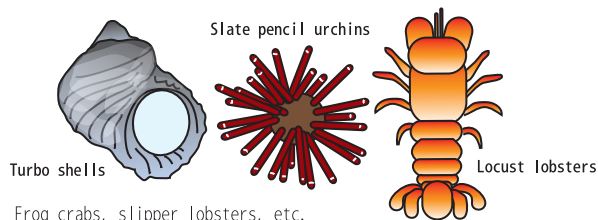
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▼ Fishing is prohibited for:



▼ Fishing is restricted (by season and size) for:



Frog crabs, slipper lobsters, etc.

※ Fishing for turbo shells in Iō-tou, Kitaio-tou, and Minamio-tou is prohibited.

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⑥ Common Rules for Minamijima and Sekimon area

You must go with a nature guide qualified by Tokyo Metropolitan Government when walking around Minamijima and Hahajima Sekimon. Tokyo and Ogasawara-mura set rules to protect the environment while allowing people to enjoy the unique area.

Rules

(1) Rules that apply to both Minamijima and Sekimon

① Follow the instructions of a qualified nature guide.



② Qualified guides wear a special armband.



③ Use only designated routes.



④ Do not touch plants, animals, wood, stones and other natural objects.



⑤ Take special care not to introduce animals, plants, seeds, insects, and other species.

⑥ Do not feed animals.



⑦ Do not surprise or scare away animals.

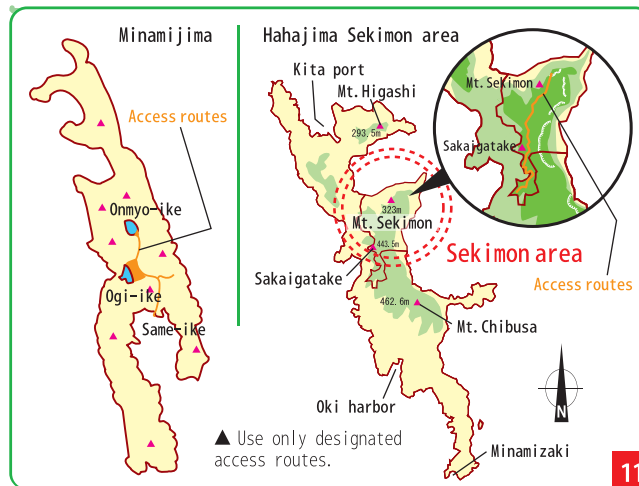
⑧ Do not leave graffiti.



⑨ Take all trash back home. Never throw anything into the ocean.

(2) Other Rules

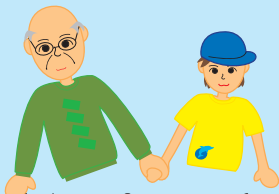
Rule	Minamijima	Hahajima Sekimon area
Access routes	Use only designated access routes shown in the following maps.	
Maximum stay	2 hours	No limitation
Maximum number of visitors	100 (15 people per landing)	50 (5 people per tour)
Other restrictions	No landing is allowed during 3 months of the year.	No entering limestone caves.



Rules

① The Ogasawara Country Code - 10 Rules for Coexistence of Humans and Nature -

In 1999, the Ministry of the Environment established the Ogasawara Country Code for every visitor to. All visitors to Ogasawara as well as national and local governments must cooperate in protecting and sustaining Ogasawara's rich natural environment of precious animals and plants for future generations.



1. Leave Ogasawara for future generations to enjoy.



2. Take all trash back home.



3. Always walk on designated walkways.



4. Never take in or out any animals or plants.

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Throwing away trash or leaving pet feces is an offence under the Ogasawara Environmental Preservation Ordinance.

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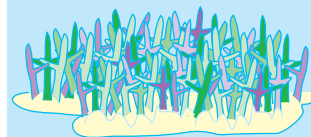
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5. Enjoy watching animals and plants, but be considerate.



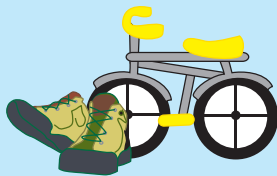
6. Do not damage coral reefs and other special features.



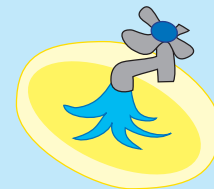
7. Do not leave graffiti.



8. Do not camp on the islands.



9. Avoid using a car; walk or cycle instead.



10. Save water and keep public facilities clean.

② Local Rules for Whale Watching

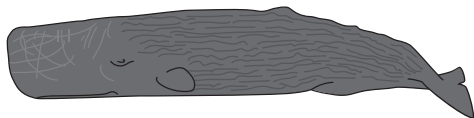
The following local rules for whale watching in Ogasawara were established in 1989 and have been revised several times. This pioneering example of ecotourism has been copied elsewhere in Japan.

Humpback Whales



Each winter, humpback whales return from the north and stay around Ogasawara from December to early May. The best season for watching is February to April. Enjoy the spectacular fin-slapping and breaching.

Sperm Whales



Sperm whales stay 10 to 20 km away from the Ogasawara Islands. Tours run mainly from May to November. These diving champions plunge 1000 m or deeper, raising their tail fin high into the air just before starting to dive.

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Ogasawara Whale Watching Association

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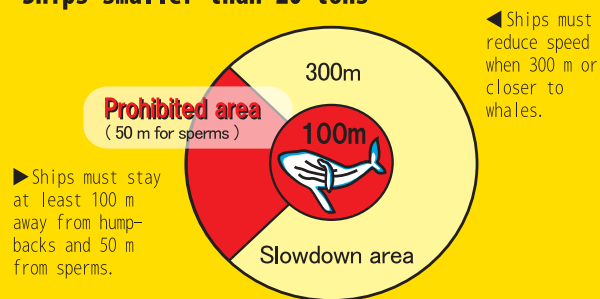
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Local Rules

Target Whales: humpback whales and other mysticetes; sperm whales

Target Water: within 20 nautical miles from the shore

Ships smaller than 20 tons



※ A red flag shows the ship is for research or reporting and thus exempted from local rules.



◀ Take special care not to disturb the whales.

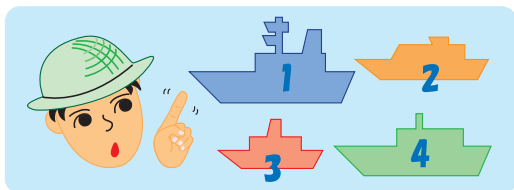
Thank you for helping to keep Ogasawara a paradise for whales.

③ Swimming with Dolphins

Ogasawara is one of the best places in the world to watch dolphins. The Ogasawaramura Tourist Association set rules in July 2005 in consultation with the Ogasawara Whale Watching Association.

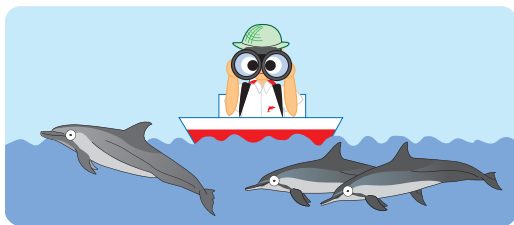
Rules

(1) The maximum number of ships that may approach a group of dolphins is four, regardless of the ships' size and purpose.



(2) The maximum number of persons entering the water from a ship is five when more than one ship approaches a group of dolphins.

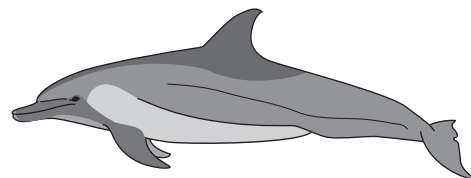
The maximum permitted number of people may be less than five depending on the conditions of dolphins and other ships.



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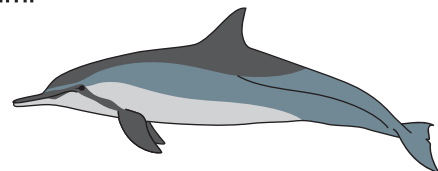
Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin



Body length is typically 2.5 m. They live in warm coastal waters from the western Pacific Ocean to the Indian Ocean and can be seen year-round near Mukojima, Chichijima, and Hahajima.

Indian ocean bottlenose dolphins are slightly smaller than bottlenose dolphins with slim beaks. Adults have a mottled abdomen.

Spinner Dolphin



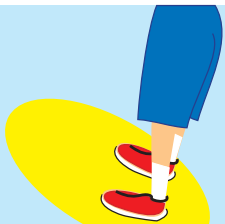
Body length is typically 2 m. Spinner dolphins live in tropical to subtropical seas and can be seen year-round near Mukojima, Chichijima, and Hahajima. They relax in bays or near the shore in the daytime, and become active in the morning and evening.

A group is usually 20 to 30 dolphins, but may be up to 200 to 300. They do acrobatic tricks like somersaults and spinning jumps.

④ Sea Turtles

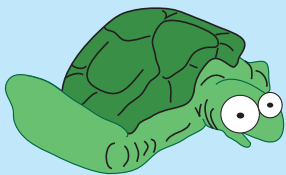
From May to August, you may see sea turtles laying eggs on the beaches at night. Observe the local rules to allow baby turtles to safely set off to the ocean. The rules were set up by tourist associations, tour guides, and the Ogasawara Marine Center, which is researching the sea turtles of Ogasawara.

If you spot sea turtles during a night tour, observe the following:



Shine your flashlight only around your feet.

◀ Never shine the light toward the ocean; the turtles may be surprised and avoid landing.



Stay still when you notice a sea turtle so as not to surprise it.

◀ Stay still until the sea turtle moves to where it cannot see you. Speak in whispers.

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Sea Turtles



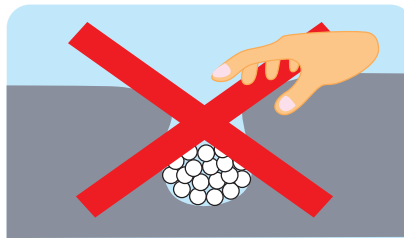
Mainly green turtles, but also loggerhead and hawks-bill turtles, come to the Ogasawara Islands and lay eggs in the sand at night from May to August. A female lays 400-500 eggs in one season and baby turtles set off to the ocean from July to October.



Inform (at any time, 24/7) the Ogasawara Marine Center whenever you see a sea turtle.

Chichijima:
Ogasawara Marine Center
TEL: 04998-2-2830
Night patrol phone:
090-1461-3171

Hahajima:
Club Noah Hahajima
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Night patrol phone:
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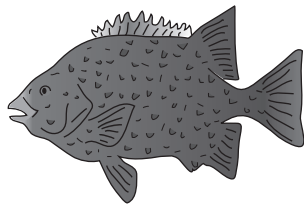
Stay away from sea turtles' nests.

◀ Digging the sand to look at the eggs may stop the baby turtles from hatching and leaving the sands. You might as well stamp out a nest along with many baby turtles that are about to get out.

⑤ Spotted and Barred Knifejaws

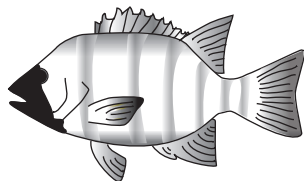
In 2000, the Ogasawara Hahajima Fishermen's Association set up a local rule stipulating catch & release of spotted and barred knifejaws, to create a paradise for fish around Ogasawara and ensure enjoyment for anglers for many years to come.

Spotted knifejaws



Spotted knifejaws are similar to barred knifejaws in appearance and behavior except that they are spotted. Anglers now highly prize both species.

Barred knifejaws



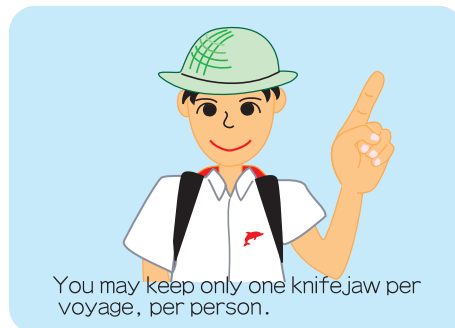
Barred knifejaws live in coastal areas of the Kuroshio current. They have characteristic seven black bars and may grow over 80 cm long and 10 kg in weight. Anglers call them "Dream Fish" due to their powerful fight.

Ogasawara Hahajima Fishermen's Association

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Catch & release of spotted and barred knifejaws



You may keep only one knifejaw, spotted or barred, per person per round-trip from Tokyo. All others must be released.

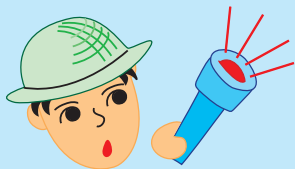
Rules

⑥ Bonin flying foxes (Ogasawara Fruit Bats)

In May 2004, the Ogasawaramura Tourist Association set a code of conduct for night tours to protect Bonin flying foxes, a Natural Monument of Japan.

Only guides can apply for night use of the Subtropical Agricultural Center.

Guideline for flying foxes Watching



Let the guide look for flying foxes. Use weak or red light.



Only one camera picture is allowed. Follow the guide's instructions.



No feeding.



Keep silent while searching for or watching the flying foxes. Take special care near residential areas.

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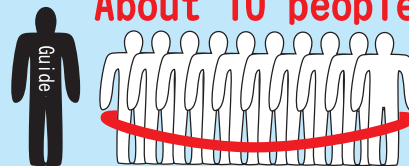
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Bonin flying foxes



Bonin flying foxes are Ogasawara's only indigenous mammal and are registered as a Natural Monument of Japan as well as an endangered species. They fly using the soft skin stretching from their forelegs. They eat fruits and honey and thus called "fruit bats."

About 10 people



One guide may take about 10 people. Use only one light even if two or more tour groups meet each other.



Do not go into and disturb a flying foxes' roost, especially in winter.

⑦ Japanese Wood pigeons

The Higashidaira Japanese woodpigeon sanctuary was established in April 2003 as a habitat for the Japanese woodpigeon, an endangered species.

The Ogasawara General Office, the Ogasawara Islands Forest Ecosystem Protection Center, and the Ogasawara Nature Guide Council set the following local rules.

Site:

Mt. Kuwanoki national forest, Chichijima
Mt. Chuo Higashidaira, Chichijima

Rules of the Higashidaira Japanese Woodpigeon Sanctuary

A. Nature trails → You must be accompanied by a registered guide or other qualified person.

B. Forest trails → You must be accompanied by a registered guide or other specially qualified person.

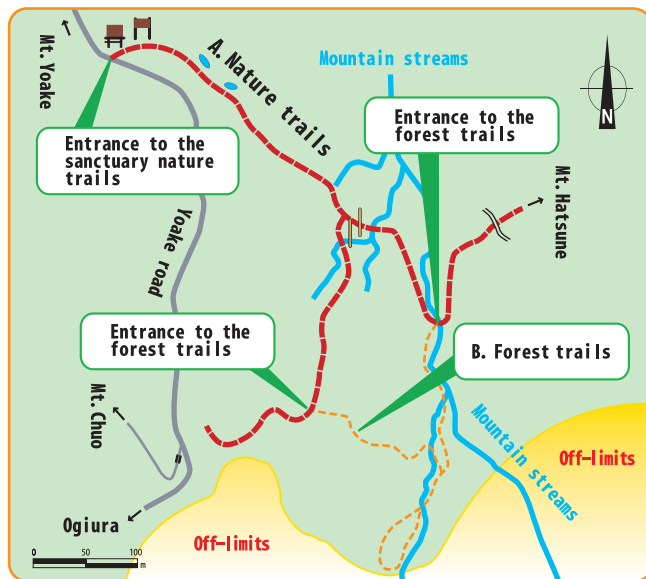
- Use only designated trails shown in the following maps.
- "Forest trails" are off-limits from November to March, which is Japanese woodpigeons' breeding season.
- Observe the following rules when you see woodpigeons.
 - Keep at least 10 m from the birds and never surround them.
 - Do not feed them.
 - Do not move suddenly or speak loudly to avoid surprising them.
 - Do not take flash pictures.

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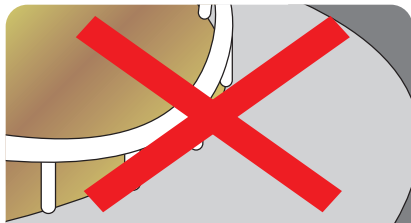
Japanese woodpigeons are registered as a Natural Monument of Japan. The species is endangered, with a population of only 40 to 60 in Ogasawara. The body is about 40 cm long and 450 g in weight. The head is reddish purple and the body is shiny black.



⑧ Green Pepes (Luminous Mushrooms)

The Ogasawaramura Tourist Association worked with scientists to set up local rules to let tourists sustainably enjoy green pepes, which are treasures of night tours.

Nagatani Green Pepe



No parking on bends: park only on straight road sections.

◀ Stop the engine and switch off the lights.



Do not remove.

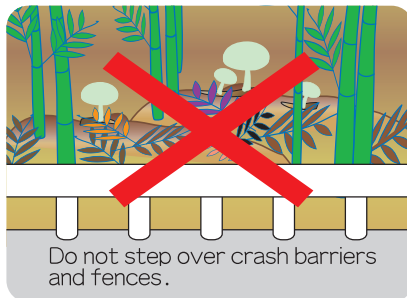
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Green Pepes

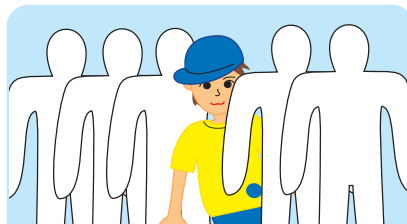


Green pepes are nearly unidentifiable during the daytime with small caps of 1-2 cm in diameter and thin, white stalks. However, a couple of nights after rain, they are clearly visible with a strong neon green light.



Do not step over crash barriers and fences.

◀ Observe green pepes from the roadside.



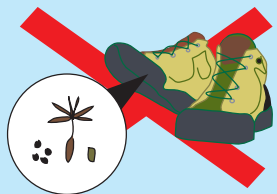
Observe green pepes in turn if two or more groups come to the same spot.

◀ Follow the guides' instructions and observe pepes in turn.

⑨ Hahajima Sekimon Local Rules

In August 2003, the Hahajima Nature Guide Administrative Council established local rules to promote ecotourism in Hahajima while protecting the natural environment.

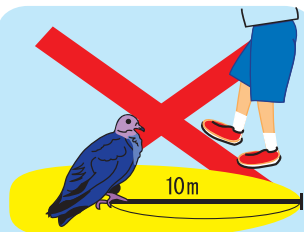
Local Rules in Hahajima



Clean dirt from shoe soles and seeds from clothing before going into forests.



Inform the Hahajima Tourist Association if you notice any abnormality in routes and/or wild animals.



Keep at least 10 m away from Japanese woodpigeons.



Use a portable toilet.

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■ Ogasawara-mura Hahajima

Hahajima is located 50 km south from Chichijima and takes 2 hours to reach by regular ship, the Hahajima-maru. It is a green, quiet island with humid woodland of Sekimon. Hahajima is the only place on the earth you can meet Meguro, a truly rare bird.

