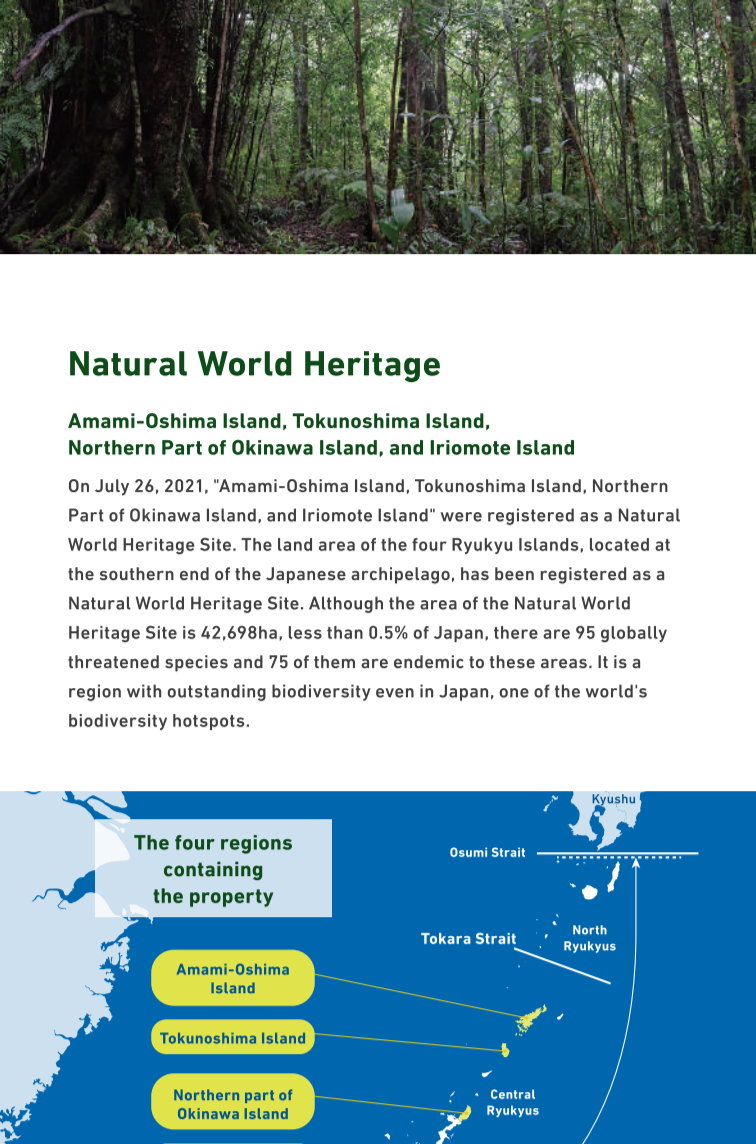


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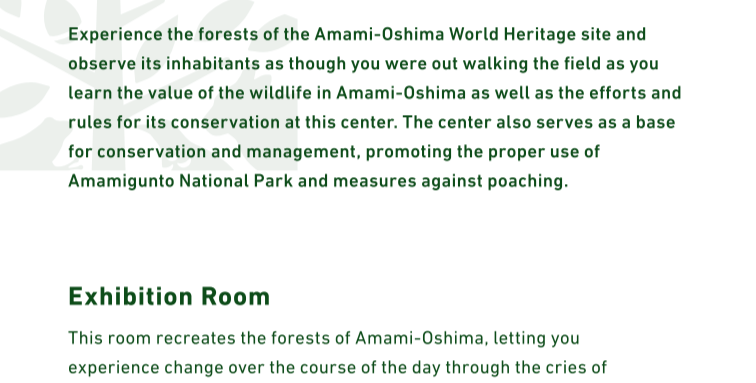
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Natural World Heritage

Amami-Oshima Island, Tokunoshima Island, Northern Part of Okinawa Island, and Iriomote Island

On July 26, 2021, "Amami-Oshima Island, Tokunoshima Island, Northern Part of Okinawa Island, and Iriomote Island" was registered as a Natural World Heritage Site. The land area of the four Ryukyu Islands, located at the southern end of the Japanese archipelago, has been registered as a Natural World Heritage Site. Although the area of the Natural World Heritage Site is 42,698ha, less than 0.5% of Japan, there are 95 globally threatened species and 75 of them are endemic to these areas. It is a region with outstanding biodiversity even in Japan, one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.



Amami-Oshima Island

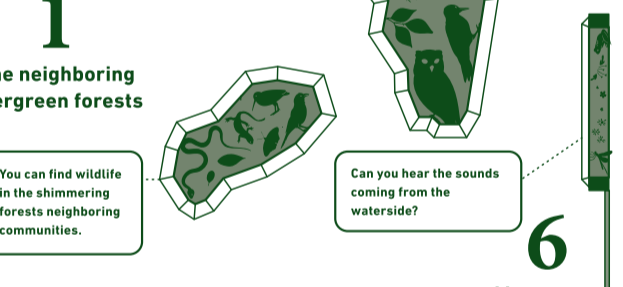
Amami-Oshima Island is the largest island in the Amami Islands. The terrain is complicated, including the highest peak of Mt. Yuwandake (694m), which has large undulations, deep valleys, and deeply indented coasts around the island. Many endemic species inhabit and grow in diverse environments, such as one of the largest subtropical rainforest in Japan, vast mangrove forests, and tidal flats that spread out at the mouth of rivers.



Experience the forests of the Amami-Oshima World Heritage site and observe its inhabitants as though you were out walking the field as you learn the value of the wildlife in Amami-Oshima as well as the efforts and rules for its conservation at this center. The center also serves as a base for conservation and management, promoting the proper use of Amami-Oshima National Park and measures against poaching.

Exhibition Room

This room recreates the forests of Amami-Oshima, letting you experience change over the course of the day through the cries of animals, the sound of rain, and changes in brightness. Here, you can also enjoy different video and audio with each season. Scenes of *Castanopsis* forests, cloud forests, mountain streams, mangroves forests, and the creatures dwelling in these habitats are projected on the wall, conveying the magic of this World Heritage site.



Museum Shop

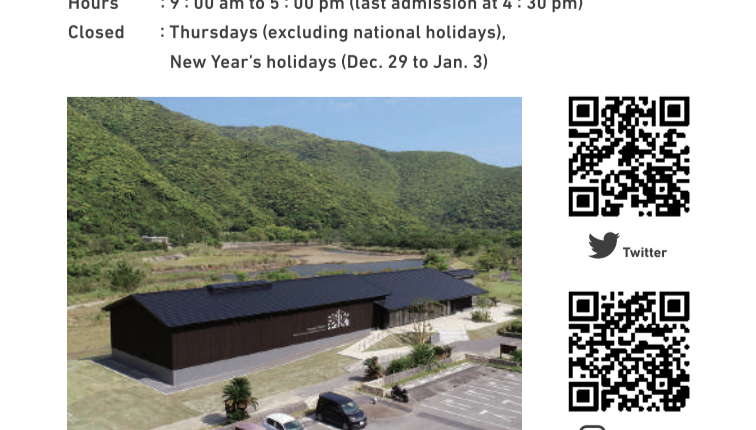
The museum shop carries a wide range of environmentally-friendly products you'll find only in Amami-Oshima, with a focus on outdoor goods.



Exhibition Room Field Map



Area Information



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Admission : Free of charge
Hours : 9 : 00 am to 5 : 00 pm (last admission at 4 : 30 pm)
Closed : Thursdays (excluding national holidays),
New Year's holidays (Dec. 29 to Jan. 3)



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70 minutes by car from Amami Airport
30 minutes by car from Naze Port
30 minutes by car from Koniya Port

City bus

From Amami Airport & Naze
Take the bus bound for Setouchi Umi-no-Eki and get off at Mangrove Park
Take the bus bound for Higashi-Nakama/Kawauchi/Ichi, get off at Mangrove Park Iriguchi, and walk 3 minutes
From Koniya
Take the bus bound for Amami Airport/Agina and get off at Mangrove Park

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