

# The Activities of International Cooperation Through “Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi” in Ishikawa Prefecture



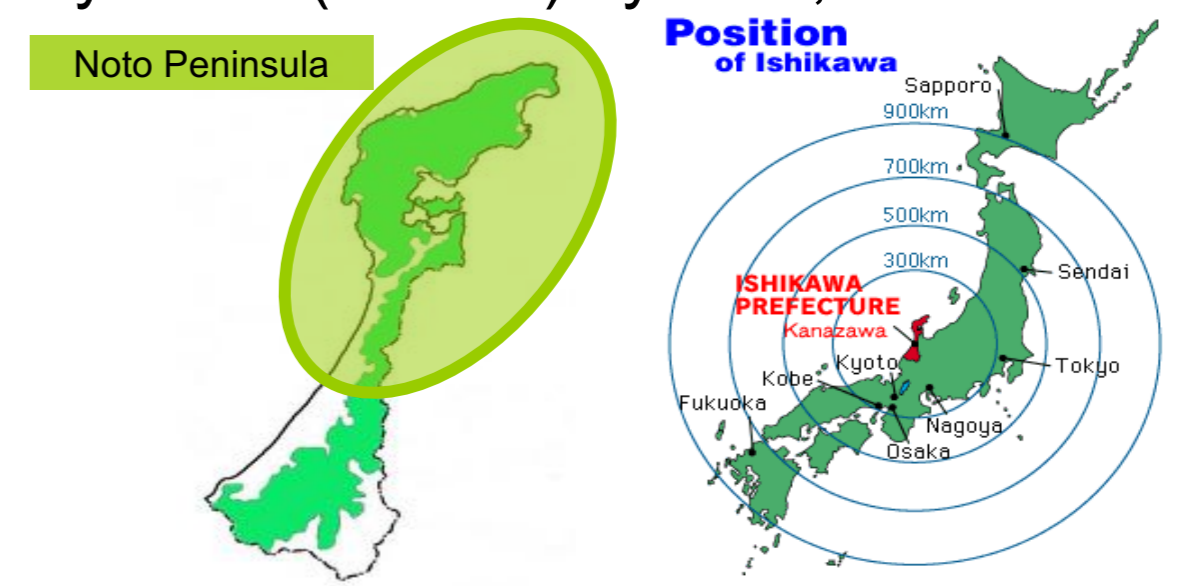
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## The outline of “Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi”

In 2011, “Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi” was designated as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) by FAO, the first in Japan.

The points Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi were valued on

- Biodiversity protected by traditional agriculture, forestry and fishing methods and land utilization
- Exquisite Satoyama landscapes
- Diverse biological resources nurtured in Satoyama and Satoumi
- Culture and festivals associated with agriculture that have developed over a long history
- Traditional techniques that should be passed on
- Use and conservation activities of Satoyama and Satoumi



## Ishikawa Prefectural International Cooperation Program Through “Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi” (GIAHS)

To contribute to the sustainable development of developing countries, Ishikawa Prefecture is providing the training program in collaboration with FAO, UNU-IAS, Kanazawa University, Ishikawa Prefectural University, JICA. The program conducts capacity development training for the countries which are willing ①to be designated as a GIAHS site, ②to promote sustainable rural development in those countries.

- We have accepted over 300 person from about 50 countries since 2010.
- The contents of the training can be customized according to needs of the participants.
- Experts answer the individual tasks of developing countries in exercise.
- Ishikawa Prefecture shall bear part of training expenses in Ishikawa Prefecture (Requires consultation)

<Training image> GIAHS application course, Regional promotion utilizing Satoyama and Satoumi  
(Training period : 4 days)

### Lecture (1 day)

- Introduction of Significance and purpose of GIAHS, “Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi” etc. by UNU-IAS-OUIK

### Field visit (2 days)

Visit the site of “Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi” and inspect of activities about the utilization of satoyama and regional development

- Maintaining livelihood, creation of business
- Maintaining environment and landscapes
- Succession to traditional techniques
- Nurturing human resources and others (Some examples are shown below)

**Rice terraces “Shiroyone Senmaida”**  
• Conservation of landscape by Ownership system  
• Elimination of abandoned farmlands

**Salt making method “Agehama”**  
• Traditional techniques

**Charcoal manufacturing factory**  
• Maintain of ecosystem through forest management  
• Development of high value added products

**Female fishing free divers “Ama”**  
• Traditional fishing methods

**Noto Satoyama-Satoumi Nature School**  
• Nurturing the next generation leaders who contribute to rural development

**Lacquerware “Wajima-nuri” factory**  
• Development of new products of traditional craft  
• Expansion of sales channels to overseas

**Blueberry farm of young farmer**  
• Development of new products using local farm products

**Road station “Noto-Chirihama”**  
• Processing and sales of local farm products  
• Utilization of meat of exterminated beasts

**Mullet net fishing**  
• Revival of traditional fishing method,  
• Branding products by traditional fishing methods

**Farm-inn “Shunran-no-Sato”**  
• Business in depopulation area aiming to increase exchange population and settled population

### Exercise (1 day)

- Participants introduce candidates for GIAHS, regional promotion measures in own countries.
- Experts (UNU-University professors, local government officers etc.) give concrete advices and opinions.



### Post-training Follow-up

- Participants will be able to continue to get advice to consult about new tasks after their return.