1 Notsuke-hanto and Notsuke-wan

2 Furen-ko and Shunkuni-tai

3 Akan-ko

4 Kiritappu-shitsugen

5 Akkeshi-ko and Bekambeushi-shitsugen

6 Kushiro-shitsugen

7 Utonai-ko

8 Tofutsu-ko

9 Kutcharo-ko

10 Sarobetsu-genya

11 Uryunuma-shitsugen

12 Miyajima-numa

13 Hotokenuma

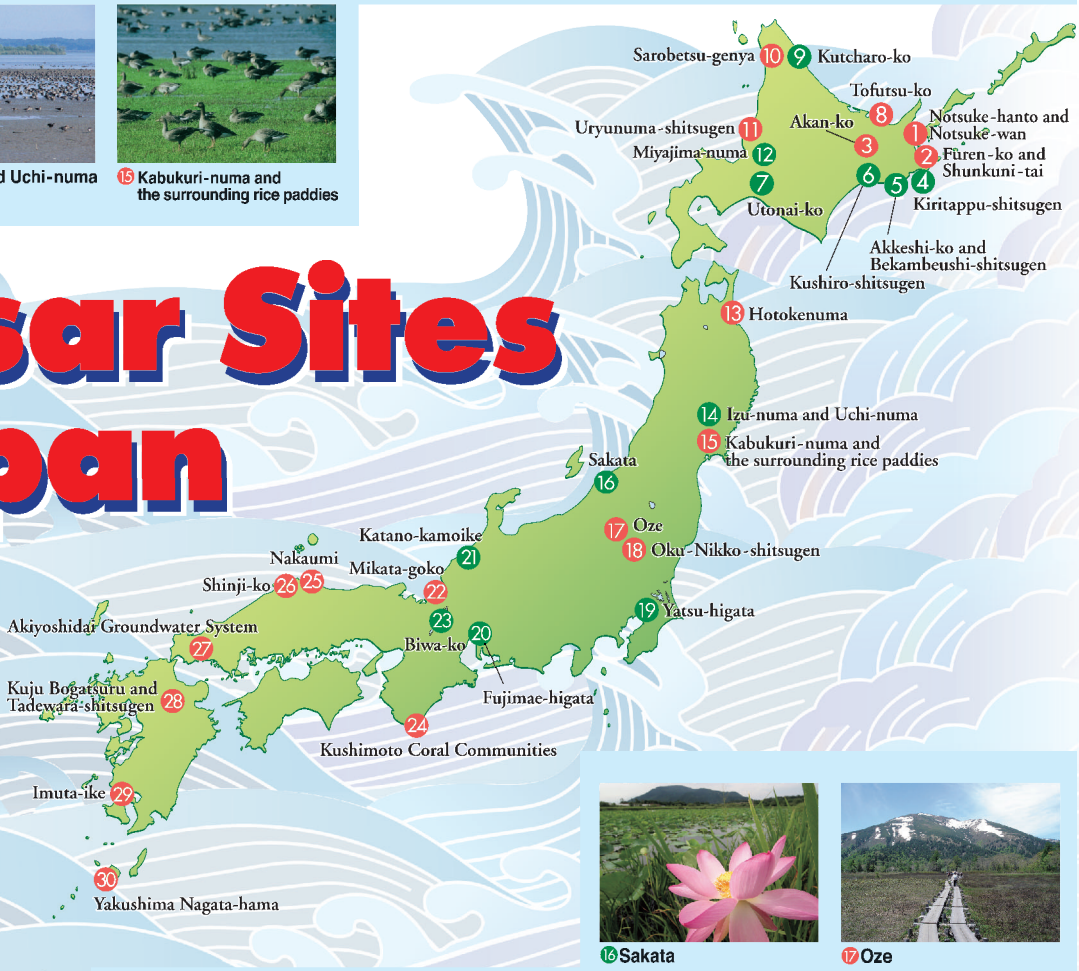
14 Izu-numa and Uchi-numa

15 Kabukuri-numa and the surrounding rice paddies

Ramsar Sites in Japan

Japan designated 20 new Ramsar Sites at COP9, which include various types of wetlands such as moors, lakes, tidal flats, seagrass/seaweed beds, coral reefs, mangrove forests, ground water system and others. The total number of Ramsar Sites in Japan is now increased to 33 sites covering 130,274ha. Japan is making efforts towards conservation and wise use of wetlands with the participation of various stakeholders at each site.

● ··· Existing Ramsar Sites
● ··· New Ramsar Sites



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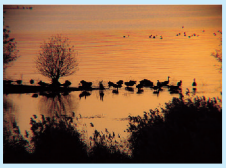
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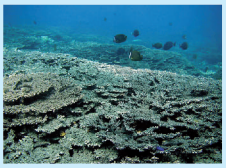
24 Kushimoto Coral Communities

25 Nakaumi

26 Shinji-ko

27 Akiyoshidai Groundwater System

28 Kuju Bogatsuru and Tadewara-shitsugen

29 Imuta-ike

30 Yakushima Nagata-hama

31 Manko

32 Kerama-shoto Coral Reef

33 Nagura Amparu

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