

## Conservation Plan in Oita Himeshima Geopark

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Oita Himeshima Geopark is an area of 14 km from east to west and 6 km from north to south including sea centered by a Himeshima island, located about 6 km off the coast of northern part of Kunisaki Peninsula in Oita Prefecture, southwest Japan. Oita Himeshima Geopark was approved as Japan Geopark in 2013. Our geopark is a compact geopark, where geosites are closely located, characterized by Pleistocene sediments and seven monogenetic volcanoes.

Most part of Himeshima has been designated as the Setonaikai National Park in 1950. In addition, there are several Natural Monuments in Himeshima. Thus, some of local resources in Himeshima are governed by rules and regulations, such as the Natural Parks Law and Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties. However, under the current situation, it is difficult to manage sustainably for other valuable local resources, such as folkloric heritage and local landscape of Himeshima, because there are no rules and regulations for preservation and conservation.

Thus, currently we have attempted to make system to conserve these valuable local resources sustainably, by landscape planning and preservation plan of cultural landscape. Enactment of landscape ordinance and regulation for conservation of cultural landscape is necessary in order to control exploitation and disordered construction. In addition, we can recognize and rediscover the value of region through this attempt.

In summary, the certain conservation system of local resources is necessary for sustainable use in geopark. In this presentation, we introduce our conservation plan of local resources in Oita Himeshima Geopark.