



Ike no Kouchi & Nakaikemi Wetlands

Ike no Kouchi/Kashimagari, Tsuruga City

The wildlife of these wetlands lives much as they did in times long past, largely untouched by human hands and changing only with the seasons. Flora and fauna abound in the sanctuary of natural wonders, guarded by nearby mountains and those who live nearby.



Ike no Kouchi Wetlands

At the source of the Shō River, which winds through Tsuruga City, lies the Ike no Kouchi Wetlands, a preserve surrounded by mountains and largely untouched by human hands. Known also as Awara ga Ike, it is beloved by residents of Tsuruga as a veritable wildlife paradise.



Ike no Kouchi awaiting spring



Kitakobushi magnolia tree blossoming in spring

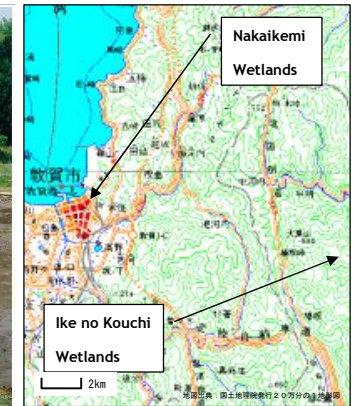


Nakaikemi Wetlands

Nakaikemi, which borders the eastern limits of Tsuruga, is bordered by Mt. Tedsutsu and comprises an area of 25 hectares guarded by mountains. From the gentle sounds of its breezes, to the sounds of field birds and insects, to the scents of its trees, it offers delights unique to each season. Residents of its thatched roof houses live in harmony with nature, preserving their surroundings as they maintain an age-old way of life.



Farming in Nakaikemi



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