



Wakasa Tsunekami

Tsunekami/Miko, Wakasa-cho

Exiting the Shakushi Tunnel brings the Tsunekami Peninsula into view. A mere 30 minutes more and Ongamijima, the island at its tip, is in reach...



Ongamijima, at the edge of the Tsunekami Peninsula, as viewed from Wakasa-cho's Miko



Making dried foods^①

The Tsunekami Peninsula, located at the edge of Wakasa National Park, is renowned for its clear waters and picturesque vistas, has earned a designation as an aquatic national park in its own right. The peninsula's Tsunekami-sha enshrines Emperor Jingū, and the island immediately west of it, Ongamijima, is an uninhabited island. Said to have been the home of a god, legend has it that its resident deity protected locals from calamities.



Mountain cherry blossoms viewed from the Tsunekami Peninsula's Miko ward (Prefecturally Designated Place of Scenic Beauty)^②

Protected from extensive development by its geography, the Tsunekami Peninsula remains largely unpopulated and continues to provide ample fishing grounds, supporting the livelihood of many fishermen. The light crimson of cherry blossoms in spring create a stunning contrast to the deep blues of the surrounding ocean waters, and together with the Japanese *sago* palm trees (nationally designated natural monuments) provide botanical delights for visitors.



Net fishing^③



Checking the wakame harvest^④



Japan's northernmost *sago* palm trees (National Natural Monument, Tsunekami, Wakasa-cho)^⑤

