

# The Reintroduction Center



The Reintroduction Center in Niibo Shomyoji, Sado, was planned and constructed in 2007 by Ministry of the Environment as a facility where ibises raised in the Sado Japanese Crested Ibis Conservation Center are trained in the basic abilities to survive in nature. Inside the facility, various types of training are carried out in an environment similar to the wild. Ibises trained in this facility are expected to be released on Sado one after another. Only the observation building in the facility site is open to public.

Aerial photograph of main facilities

## Facility outline

- (Acclimation Cage)** Ibises are trained to catch food, live in a group, and fly in an environment simulating the wild. The cage is 50m (width)×80m (length)×15m (height) with a spacious area of about 4,000m<sup>2</sup>, and is made of iron.
- (Breeding Cage)** Toki are taught how to breed and brood in 8 octagonal cages. Each cage is 18m (width)×7m (height) with an area of 200 m<sup>2</sup>.
- (Management Building)** This building manages all facilities in the area and staff members watch live video of Toki in the cages.
- (Housing Cage)** This cage is used to separate and take care of Toki that have been injured or are sick.
- (Observation Building)** Visitors can watch the live video of ibises inside the cages on screen and see the acclimation cage from the top of this building.
- (Others facilities)** There are parking lots and restrooms for visitors.

## Access to the Reintroduction Center

Car: 15 minutes from Ryotsu Port, 45 minutes from Ogi Port or Adadomari Port, 20 minutes from Sado Airport  
 Bus: 20 minute bus ride (southern line) from Ryotsu Port, get off at Gyoya Elementary School bus stop and then it is a 45 minute walk

## List of Related Organizations

Niigata Prefecture Japanese Crested Ibis Conservation Fund Promotion Committee (Environmental Planning Division, Department of Civic and Environmental Affairs, Niigata Prefectural Government)	4-1 Shinko-cho, Chuo-ku, Niigata City, 950-8570 Japan TEL: 025-280-5152 FAX: 025-280-5166
Wildlife Division, Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment	Godochosha No. 5, 1-2-2 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-8975 Japan TEL: 03-3581-3351 FAX: 03-3581-7090
Sado Japanese Crested Ibis Conservation Center	377-4 Niibonagaune, Sado, Niigata, 952-0101 Japan TEL: 0259-22-2445 FAX: 0259-22-4148
Reintroduction Center, Sado Ranger Office for Nature Conservation	1277 Niiboshomyoji, Sado, Niigata, 952-0105 Japan (Reintroduction Center) TEL: 0259-24-6151 FAX: 0259-24-6152 (Ranger Office) TEL: 0259-22-3372 FAX: 0259-22-3379
Ryotsu Folk Museum	1596 Akitsu, Sado, Niigata, 952-0021 Japan TEL: 0259-33-2100 FAX: 0259-23-4820
Biodiversity Promotion Office, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Division, Sado City	1101-1 Niibokatagami (Toki Koryukaikan), Niibokatagami, Sado, Niigata, 952-0103 Japan TEL: 0259-24-6040 FAX: 0259-24-6041
Toki Exhibition Hall, Tokinomori Park	383-2 Niibonagaune, Sado, Niigata, 952-0101 Japan TEL: 0259-22-4123 FAX: 0259-22-4123
Toki Koryukaikai	1101-1 Niibokatagami, Niibokatagami, Sado, Niigata, 952-0103 Japan TEL: 0259-24-6040 FAX: 0259-24-6041