

# 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

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| Niigata Prefecture Japanese Crested Ibis Conservation Fund Promotion Committee<br>(Environmental Planning Division, Department of Civic and Environmental Affairs, Niigata Prefectural Government) | 4-1 Shinko-cho, Chuo-ku, Niigata City, 950-8570 Japan<br>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<br>TEL: 03-3581-3351 FAX: 03-3581-7090  |
| Sado Japanese Crested Ibis Conservation Center   | 377-4 Niibonagaune, Sado, Niigata, 952-0101 Japan<br>TEL: 0259-22-2445 FAX: 0259-22-4148  |
| Reintroduction Center, Sado Ranger Office for Nature Conservation  | 1277 Niiboshomyoji, Sado, Niigata, 952-0105 Japan<br>(Reintroduction Center) TEL: 0259-24-6151 FAX: 0259-24-6152<br>(Ranger Office) TEL: 0259-22-3372 FAX: 0259-22-3379 |
| Ryotsu Folk Museum   | 1596 Akitsu, Sado, Niigata, 952-0021 Japan<br>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<br>TEL: 0259-24-6040 FAX: 0259-24-6041  |
| Toki Exhibition Hall, Tokinomori Park  | 383-2 Niibonagaune, Sado, Niigata, 952-0101 Japan<br>TEL: 0259-22-4123 FAX: 0259-22-4123  |
| Toki Koryukaikai   | 1101-1 Niibokatagami, Niibokatagami, Sado, Niigata, 952-0103 Japan<br>TEL: 0259-24-6040 FAX: 0259-24-6041   |