

## Distribution and Conservation of Satoyama Landscapes in Fukui

Seasonal changes in climate forms Fukui Prefecture's landscape as a mosaic of water sources, broad leaf forests, a complex network of waterways, and carefully maintained rice paddies and fields. This also creates a various inhabited by an array of unique flora and fauna and biodiversity.

In order to conserve and utilize the Satoyama of Fukui Prefecture, the Fukui Prefectural Government is working in cooperation with local researchers to examine all parts of the prefecture inhabited by important flora and fauna, especially Satoyama landscapes inhabited by endangered species.

Furthermore, in addition to promoting the value of these Satoyama landscapes throughout the prefecture, Fukui has encouraged local to take a leading part in conservation. At present, conservation and revitalization efforts in these areas and all other Satoyama in the region are being undertaken cooperatively and led by local governments, residents, non-profit organizations (NPOs), universities, industry, and other organizations.

