

Question1: How important are the mammals on the four islands containing the property?

Answer1: It has been confirmed that 22 species of indigenous mammals inhabit the property, accounting for 19% of the total 108 indigenous species found across Japan. They include globally threatened species such as Amami rabbit, Iriomote cat, and Okinawa spiny rat.



Question2: How important are the amphibians in the four islands containing the property?

Answer2: The islands are home to 21 species or 28% of the total of 74 indigenous amphibian species in Japan. They show extremely high endemism with 18 species or 86% of the total species being endemic to the islands. 12 species are listed as EN on the IUCN Red List (2018) including Amami Ishikawa's frog, Otton frog and Holst's frog.

Question3: Are the four islands containing the property inhabited?

Answer3: The four islands containing the property are all inhabited. There are no residents living within the boundaries of the property, and only two villages within the buffer zones.

Question4: Do the property and its buffer zones and surrounding conservation areas to be inscribed on the World Heritage List refer only to the land areas of the four islands, or include the sea surrounding the four islands?

Answer4: The property and its buffer zones and surrounding conservation areas to be inscribed on the World Heritage List refer only to the land areas of the four islands.

Question5: Will the surrounding conservation areas of the property possibly be extended beyond the four islands?

Answer5: Given that boundaries of surrounding conservation areas of natural heritages are decided based on scientific examination, the surrounding conservation areas of the property for inscription are the land areas of the four islands mentioned above. It is therefore obvious that there are not any reasons or grounds for the areas to be extended beyond the land areas of the islands.

Question6: Where are the boundaries of the property and its buffer zones and surrounding conservation areas for inscription in accordance with the IUCN recommendation drawn?

Answer6: The boundaries of the property and its buffer zones and surrounding conservation areas for inscription in accordance with the IUCN recommendation are shown in the map below.

