

# What's JOMON?

## The livelihood of Jomon People

Jomon People cleverly made use of rich blessings of nature from season to season and acquired foodstuffs mainly by hunting, gathering, and fishing. They developed the technology to store and preserve them at the same time.

### Hunting

They caught games such as deer and wild boar, using spears, bows, arrows, and traps.



Unearthen animal bones  
(Sannai-Maruyama Site·Aomori City)



A trap with stake impression bottom  
(Kazahari 1 Site·Hachinohe City)



### Fishing



They took a canoe and caught fishes by fishing and spearing with harpoons.



Unearthen fish bones  
(Sannai-Maruyama Site · Aomori City)



Open socketed harpoon heads(Left)  
and combination fish hooks (Right)  
(Choshichiyachi Shell Midden·Hachinohe City)

### Gathering

They gathered seasonal ingredients such as edible wild plants in mountain in spring, shellfishes in summer, and mushrooms and nuts in autumn. Nuts with rich nutriment were important foodstuff which they could easily preserve.



Unearthen chestnut  
(Sannai-Maruyama Site·Aomori City)



Mushroom-shaped clay product  
(Chikano Site·Aomori City, Nirakubo Site·Hachinohe City,  
Sainokami 1 Site·Goshogawara City,  
Izumiyama Site·Sannohe Town)

### Storage ·Processing

They stored foods such as nuts in the hole with narrow bottleneck which they themselves made. Tools like a rubbing stone and a striking stone to grind down nuts have been discovered.



Rubbing stone·Striking stone·Stone plate  
(Sannai-Maruyama Site·Aomori City)



A large storage pit (Sannai-Maruyama Site·Aomori City)