



Tagoyano Shell Midden

Tsugaru City/About 6,000-4,500 years ago
Historical Site Designated in 1944



Current Situation



Human bones of about 6,000 years ago



A bracelet made of White-lined Bittersweet

A bracelet producing factory in Jomon Times

One of a few shell middens on the side of Japan Sea in the country. Lots of shellfishes such as corbicula japonica as well as bones of fishes such as crucian carp and mackerel, bones of birds such as white-fronted goose and wild duck, bones of hare, Japanese serow and bones of large mammal including whale have been discovered. Furthermore, about 60 pieces of bracelets made of White-lined Bittersweet have been unearthed. As all of them were unfinished and damaged products, it's considered that it was a processing factory of bracelet.

MEMO As a bracelet made of White-lined Bittersweet was unearthed at a site in Hokkaido and obsidian produced in Hokkaido was discovered at Tagoyano Shell Midden, it's considered that trading exchange was made across Tsugaru Strait and beyond production and distribution.

Q&A

Q Why does the shell midden exist though the location is inland?

A Wide inland sea called "Ko-Jusanko" (Ancient Lake Jusan) was spread under people's eyes. It's considered that people made use of the place where aquatic resources were abundant.



The peak period of Jomon Transgression (About 7,000-6,000 years ago) and Tagoyano Shell Midden·Kamegaoka Site ("Environmental change in Tsugaru City and Jomon sites"-From "Tsuiji-Sano 2015")

Q What do you know from unearthed human bones?

A Human bones of about 6,000 years ago were discovered at the shell midden. It's a rare case that human bones were unearthed in the northeastern area on Japan Sea side. It's known that the bones were a woman with a history of delivery.

Related Facilities

Tsugaru City Kizukuri Kamegaoka Archaeological Material



Many remains collected by local people as well as remains unearthed at Tagoyano Shell Midden and Kamegaoka Site are being exhibited.

Attention!!

Visitors can observe Shakoki-Dogu and lacquer coated clay potteries unearthed at Kamegaoka Site as well as stone pike and large stone stick unearthed at Tagoyano Shell Midden.

[Opening Hours] 9:00 am-4:00 pm Mondays (if a Monday is a national holiday, then the next day)·New Year's holidays and the end of December Closed. Admission (Adult 200 yen) etc

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