**Rivers of Minamisanriku: Isatomae River, Hachiman River, Mizushiri River, Oritate River, Mitobe River**

Minamisanriku’s waterways play an essential role in the community’s daily life. In addition to providing essential irrigation for crops, they support an abundance of wildlife, especially in the nutrient-rich estuaries.

Sharp-eyed visitors to the region’s rivers can look forward to spotting all sorts of creatures, including damselflies, Japanese fireflies, Tohoku salamanders, and Japanese mitten crabs as well as sweetfish (*ayu*), salmon, chum salmon, ice goby, yellowfin goby, Japanese dace, and striped mullet.