

Rivers of Minamisanriku: Isatoma 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.