

Sugashima Jinja Shrine

This Shinto shrine is a short walk from Sugashima's port. The abalone shells piled near the entrance represent many years of offerings from the Shirongo Matsuri festival. Other sights within the grounds include the *kame-ishi*, a boulder in the shape of a sea turtle, and Mawata-no-kamisan ("the god of gauze"), a sacred stone that new parents wrap with gauze to express their wish for the health of their babies.