

## **Preserving the Scenic and Biological Integrity of the Tottori Sand Dunes**

The Tottori sand dunes are a kind of living coastal museum, and many people are involved in their protection and conservation today. From ministry officials to national and geopark employees to civilian volunteers, they are meeting a number of environmental challenges: they help keep invasive plant species in check, they staunch shoreline erosion with sand replenishment, and they work to protect endangered or threatened flora and fauna. The sand dunes need to be effectively managed as a tourist destination as well, which involves efforts to control littering and defacement by graffiti. Rangers patrol the dunes daily, providing guidance and assistance to visitors. The Visitor Center plays an important part in educational outreach, with exhibits and services designed to build awareness of and garner support. Local citizens volunteer regularly to remove invasive vegetation and pick up litter so the pristine beauty of the dunes is maintained for all who visit.

Visit the Tottori sand dunes online at [sakyu-vc.com](http://sakyu-vc.com) and [facebook.com/sakyuvisitor](https://facebook.com/sakyuvisitor).

Find out more about San'in Kaigan National Park at [www.env.go.jp/park/sanin](http://www.env.go.jp/park/sanin) and San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark at [sanin-geo.jp](http://sanin-geo.jp).

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**Common-Sense Things to Note**

Drone photography of the Tottori sand dunes is allowed with prior registration at the Visitor Center. Fireworks, golf practice, swimming, drawing in the sand, collecting it, littering, and the use of megaphones, banners, etc. for public demonstration are prohibited. Be sure to stay well hydrated, keep dogs on leash, and clean up after them.