

**【Name of Heritage site】**

Ogasawara Islands

**【Location】**

Ogasawara Village, Tokyo Metropolis

<How to get there>

The Ogasawara-maru ferry departs from Tokyo's Takeshiba Pier once a week, and takes around 25 hours to reach Chichijima. Hahajima is accessible via the Hahajima-maru ferry from Chichijima and a one way trip takes about two hours.

**【About the Heritage site】**

The Ogasawara Islands lie in the Pacific Ocean approximately 1,000 kilometers south of Tokyo. They consist of a group of more than 30 small islands extending for about 400km from north to south. The Ogasawara Islands have never been connected with the continental land mass, so the evolution of animals and plants there has led to a unique and diverse ecosystem on the islands.

**【Areas designated as World Heritage sites】**

Mukojima Islands; Chichijima Islands (excluding the inhabited villages of Chichijima); Hahajima Islands (excluding the inhabited villages of Hahajima); the waters surrounding Chichijima and Hahajima; and three of the volcanic (or sulphur) islands, namely North Iwo Jima, South Iwo Jima and Nishinoshima.

**【Area & Population】**

<Area>

Land: Approx. 6,360 hectares    Sea: Approx. 1,580 hectares    Total: 7,940 hectares

<Population>

Chichijima: Approx. 2,000    Hahajima: Approx. 450

**【Protection & Management】**

The site is designated and protected as a National Park, Wilderness & Wildlife Protection Area; a Forest Ecosystem Preservation Area; a Nationally Designated Natural Monument and a Nationally Designated Important Bird Area. Also, under the "Ogasawara Islands Management Plan", measures are taken to control any species that are not native to the islands.

Please refer to the homepage of the Ogasawara Islands Nature Information Centre for more information about the islands:

<http://ogasawara-info.jp/en/>