

## Community Building with Mt. Apoi Geopark

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The town of Samani, home to Mt. Apoi, is located to the southwest of the Hidaka Mountain Range, which runs down the middle of Hokkaido. It has a population of around 5,400 people who are mainly employed in gathering kelp and coastal fishing for, in particular, salmon. The town was established relatively early despite being in Hokkaido which has a short history

Recently Samani applied to and was recognized as an affiliate of the Japan Geopark Network for advancing its community building by promoting geotourism and nature education using Mt. Apoi's peridotite, history, and flora and fauna as sources. This presentation will introduce the practical and educational uses, as well as the preservation, of the invaluable nature found at the Mt. Apoi Geopark.