~今までも、これからも、阿久比町みんなのたからもの、ホタル。~

Fireflies are Always and Forever Agui's Treasure.

まちのシンボル、ホタル。

Fireflies: A Symbol of a Happy Town

ホタルの淡い光は、人々の心を和ませ安らぎを与えてくれます。 昭和58年から阿久比町は、「ホタル飛びかう住みよい環境づくり」 を目指しさまざまなホタル保護活動に取り組んでいます。 ホタルを通して、命の大切さと自然を愛する心の輪を広げています。

The illumination of the fireflies has almost magical powers to heal and bring peace to the hearts of people. Since 1983, the Town of Agui's motto has been to "create an environment where fireflies fly", and have been making efforts to protect the indigenous firefly population. Through our efforts to protect our fireflies, we strive to promote the importance of all life and teach love for nature in our community.







ホタルの幼虫 A firefly larva

ぼくは阿久比町の マスコットキャラクター アグピーです。ヨロシクネ!

> Hi! My name is Agupy. I'm the Agui Town mascot! Nice to meet you!



阿久比のホタル Firefly of Agui

日本には数十種類のホタルがいますが、町内で見られる ホタルはヘイケボタルです。ホタルは不思議な生き物で、 卵から成虫までずっと光ります。成虫は体長1cmほどで、 6月中旬から7月中旬の約1ヵ月間、日没約1時間後の午 後8時ごろから9時ごろが見ごろです。町のあちらこちら で元気に飛びかうホタルを探しに出かけてみませんか。

There are many types of fireflies that are indigenous to Japan. Those found in Agui Town are called Heike Fireflies. Fireflies are unique insects in that they have the ability to light up in all stages of their development, from larva to adulthood. The adults grow to about a centimeter long, and can be seen from mid-June through mid-July. The best time to see them is about one hour after sunset, between 8pm and 9pm. We invite you to come see the beautiful fireflies flickering all over our town.

ぼくたちをかわいがって くれてありがとう。 「自然と命を大切にする気持ち」

Thanks for caring about us, and for your continuous support and endeavors to understand the

> importance of nature and life on this planet!

これからも持ち続けてネ!



ふれあいの森 ホタル養殖場 Friendly Forest, Firefly Nursery

「ほたる観察会」には町内外から多くの方が幻想的なホタルの光を楽しみに訪れ ます。専門員がヘイケボタルとエサの巻貝類の飼育・調査研究をしています。 一年を通して生態観察ができます。

At Agui's "Firefly Observation Society", town's people and visitors alike gather to enjoy the fireflies. Specialists also come to study and conduct in-depth research of Heike Fireflies and snails that are eaten by the fireflies. Their lives can be observed throughout the year.











それは自然と共生するシンボル。

A Symbol of Coexisting With Nature

ホタルの放流

Releasing the Fireflies

大切に育てたホタルの幼虫を「元気に大きくなって、きれいに光ってネ!」 とみんなで願いをこめて放流します。約40日後に飛び立ちます。

The children in town participate in the release of the firefly larvae that have been carefully raised by the nursery staff. They take flight after about 40 days.





それはやさしさのシンボル。

A Symbol of Kindness

東部小学校 ホタルワールド

Tobu Elementary School Firefly World

東部小学校では環境委員を中心にホ タルの飼育をしています。大きくなった 幼虫はホタルワールドへ放流され、「ホ タル鑑賞会」では多くの方が淡いホタ ルの光を楽しんでいます。

At Tobu elementary school, kids who are members of the Environmental Committee help nurse the fireflies. Grown fireflies are then released into Firefly World, where firefly watchers enjoy their glowing lights.





それは輝く未来のシンボル。

A Symbol of a Bright Future

ほたるサミット Firefly Summit

自然を見直し、自然と共生できるまちづくりに取り組む市町が参加する「ほ たるサミット」。知恵を出し合いホタルを通して自然環境保護や命の大切 さを後世に伝えていきます。

The Firefly Summit involves communities to build a town with environment in mind and to create a society where nature coexists with people. Here's where ideas for better town planning begins while protecting the fireflies. Our aim is to promote to the world environmental protection and the importance of life on our planet.





