

# Obsidian and Jomon people

The Komagata site which had worked as a village for making obsidian tools in the Jomon period is located at the foot of the Mt. Kirigamine where some sources of obsidian were quarried by the Jomon people.

We have found small-scaled sites on the paths between the Komagata site and the obsidian sources in Mt. Kirigamine. Those sites indicates the pathways were possibly used by the Jomon people in order to carry the quarried obsidian into the Komagata site.

The Komagata site was designated as a national historical site of Japan in 1998, for its importance to understand the relationships between obsidian and the Jomon way of life.

