

Fukushima Prefecture Government

FOR PICKERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF WILD MUSHROOMS

Prepared in collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR PEOPLE WHO PICK OR DISTRIBUTE WILD MUSHROOMS
IN FUKUSHIMA PREFECTURE AND INFORMATION ON RESTRICTIONS



Background

Due to the release of radioactive substances released during the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident into the environment, wild mushrooms exceeding the standard limit of radiocaesium in general food (100Bq/kg) may occur in many parts of the prefecture. Therefore, the national government has issued restrictions on the distribution of wild mushrooms from the prefecture. As a result of these restrictions:

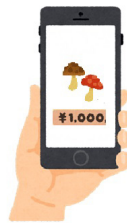
THE DISTRIBUTION OF WILD MUSHROOMS COLLECTED IN FUKUSHIMA PREFECTURE IS CURRENTLY NOT ALLOWED (WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS)

Restrictions

Currently, 55 out of 59 municipalities in Fukushima Prefecture are subject to restrictions on the distribution of wild mushrooms, regardless of the species and whether raw or processed.



Do not sell on farmers' markets or the roadside



Do not sell by mail order or on the Internet (including using the Flea Market mobile App)

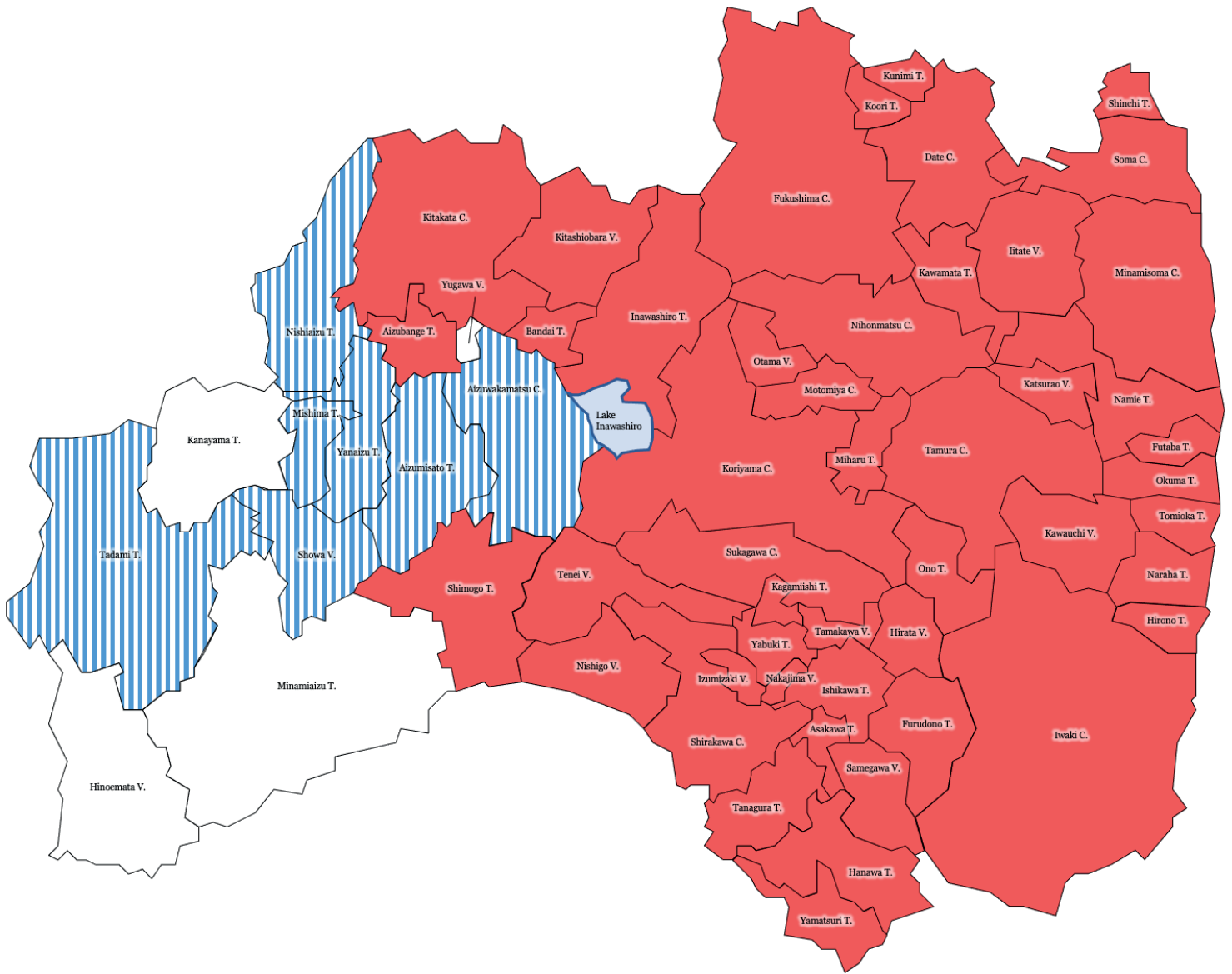




Do not distribute to others for free

However, in a few municipalities, and for a limited number of mushroom species, these restrictions have been partially lifted. For details, see page 2 of this brochure.

Current situation

In the municipalities shown in red, the distribution of any kind of wild mushroom species is restricted.



-  **Blue areas:**
Municipalities with partial restrictions
-  **White areas:**
Municipalities with no restrictions



Wild mushroom species for which the restrictions have been lifted

These species can be distributed in the following municipalities:

Mukitake



In Aizuwakamatsu City, Nishiaizu Town, Aizumisato Town, Showa Village, Tadami Town.

Kuritake



In Aizuwakamatsu City, Nishiaizu Town, Showa Village, Tadami Town.

Nameko



In Nishiaizu Town, Aizumisato Town, Showa Village, Tadami Town.

Naratake



In Tadami Town.

Maitake



In Nishiaizu Town, Yanaizu Town, Mishima Town, Showa Village, Tadami Town.

Bunaharitake



In Tadami Town.

Information current as of September 2021

Outlook

Fukushima Prefecture continues to monitor the wild mushroom species collected in various municipalities, and works with the national government to achieve the lifting of restrictions. The aim is to ensure that wild mushrooms can be distributed again, once concentration of radiocaesium has dropped below the standard limit.

This brochure will be updated once a year before the main mushroom picking season in the autumn.

More information

If you have any further questions related to the distribution of wild mushrooms in Fukushima Prefecture, please contact:

**Fukushima Prefecture
Forestry Promotion Division**
024-521-7432 

For the latest information on the distribution restriction of wild mushrooms, consult the web page of the Fukushima Prefecture's Forestry Promotion Division:

www.pref.fukushima.lg.jp/uploaded/attachment/472173.pdf



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and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare:

www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/kinkyu/0000030874.html



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