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The northeast Hokkaido, Shiretoko, was added to UNESCO's World Heritage List on July 14. The Shiretoko Peninsula is located in Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido, and is the lowest latitude area to see seasonal sea ice in the northern hemisphere. Most of its area is national park, which is home to a number of marine and terrestrial wild life. Some are endangered and endemic. Brown bears, the Blackiston's fish owl, and the Viola kitamiana plant can be found there. To pursue both tourism and environmental protection, Shiretoko area will promote the growth of ecotourism from now on.

















