

Outline of Misumi West Port Greenery Plaza Improvement Project and Impact on the Outstanding Universal Value

1. Project

(1) Implementing Body

Kumamoto Prefectural Government

(2) Subject Location

The subject location is adjacent to the eastern edge of the area of “Misumi West Port”, one of the World Heritage component parts of “Sites of Japan’s Meiji Industrial Revolution”. It is a narrow area between National Road 57 and the sea, with a total length of approximately 160 m from the eastern edge of the component part to the floating pier (completed February 2013) and an area of approximately 3,130 m². Roughly the western half of the subject location (length approximately 80 m, area approximately 1,470 m²) is included in the buffer zone of Misumi West Port (Figure 2).

(3) Execution Period

2018 (scheduled to begin construction) – 2019 (scheduled to complete construction)

(4) Objectives

- a. Secure a route for visitors connecting the floating pier with Misumi West Port.
- b. Enhance the safety and convenience of local residents and visitors.
- c. Resolve the shortage of parking spaces during events.

(5) Contents

- a. Construct a plaza with a view of Misumi West Port and the Misumi-no-Seto Strait sea area, which lies beyond the port.
- b. Construct a route that leads visitors from the floating pier and parking lot to Misumi West Port.
- c. Construct a parking lot for 27 passenger vehicles.

2. Project examination process

This project was decided subsequent to the following examination process. The contents reflect the opinions expressed during the examination process.

- Kumamoto Prefectural Government established a working group comprised of persons of learning and experience, which met 17 times between October 2012 and July 2017 and examined the details of the project proposal
- Kumamoto Prefectural Government also broadly listened to opinions from Uki City and other concerned administrative organs and from local residents between May 2013 and July 2017.
- Uki City established a “Misumi West Port World Heritage Restoration, Maintenance and Utilization Committee” to devise the policies and methods for the conservation, restoration, presentation and utilization of Misumi West Port targeting at the World Heritage component part and its buffer zone, as well as the selected scope of Important Cultural Landscape under the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties (Figure 3), and conducted reports and hearings regarding this project.
- Also at the “Miike Conservation Council” established based on the “General Principles and Strategic Frameworks for Conservation and Management of the Sites of Japan’s Meiji Industrial Revolution: Iron and Steel, Shipbuilding and Coal Mining,” consensus was sought among the concerned parties at discussions held on May 8, 2017.

3. Impact of the Project on the World Heritage component part

- While giving consideration to the fact that this project is in an area adjacent to the World Heritage component part, the project intends to newly create a space where local residents and visitors can both enjoy the scenic attraction of the subject location and to improve the setting of Misumi West Port.
- This project meets all current legal regulations, and reflecting opinions expressed during the examination process presented in 2 above, it enhances maintaining continuity of the component part, with measures including the use of materials consistent with the component part and the maintenance of the existing stone walls and trees in the project area.
- As explained above, this project has no negative impact on the component part, and conversely contributes to the improvement of the setting that is unified with the component part. For future project execution, Kumamoto Prefectural Government will continue to fully share information and hold discussions with the Government of Japan (the Cabinet Secretariat and Agency for Cultural Affairs), Uki City, and other concerned parties.

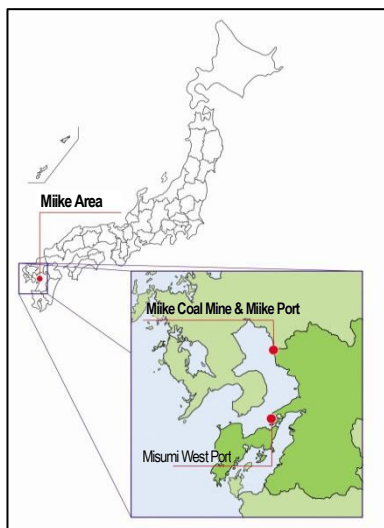


Figure 1: Location map of Misumi West Port (Component Part 7-2)



Figure 2: Location map of project area

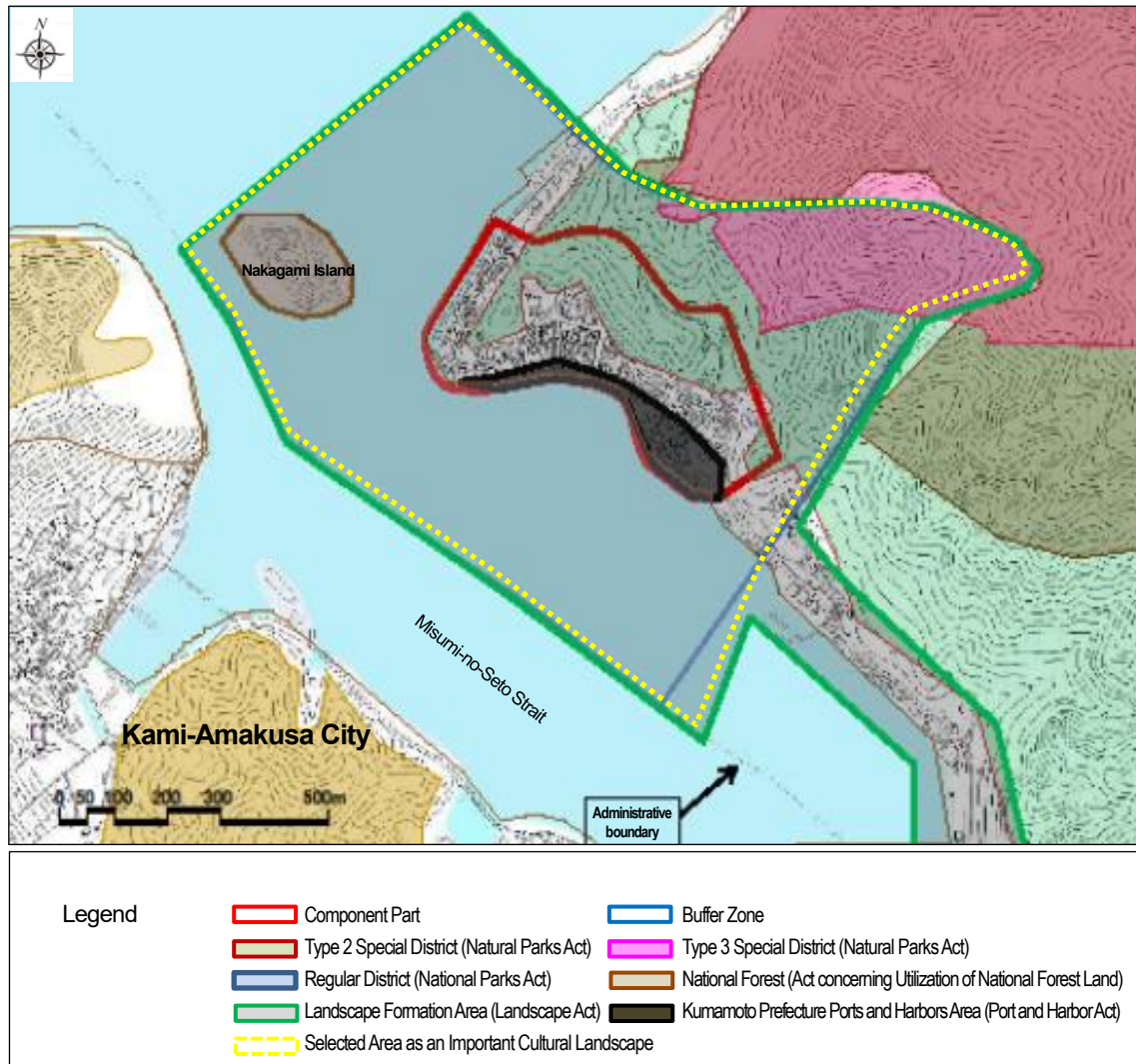


Figure 3: Map indicating legal regulations concerning the component part and buffer zone (including table)

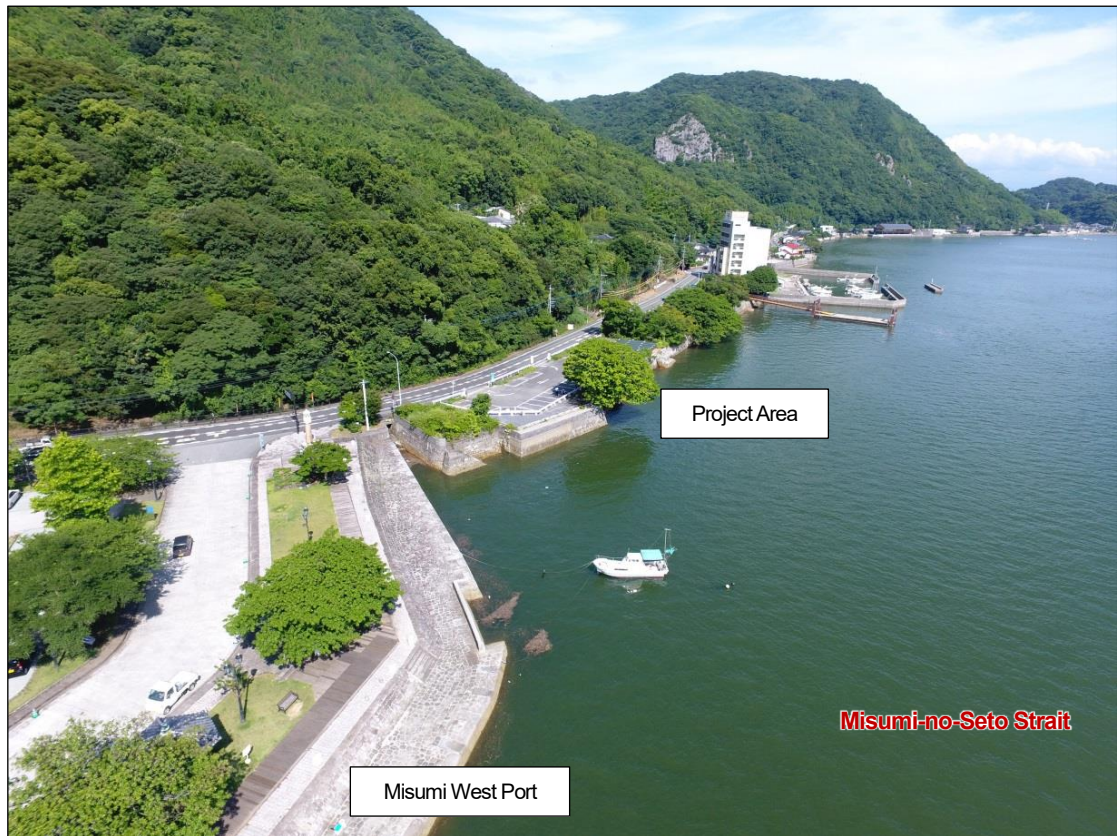


Figure 4: Present state of project area (aerial view of the buffer zone and floating pier from above the component part)



Figure 5: Present state of project area (aerial view of the buffer zone and Misumi West Port from above the floating pier)

