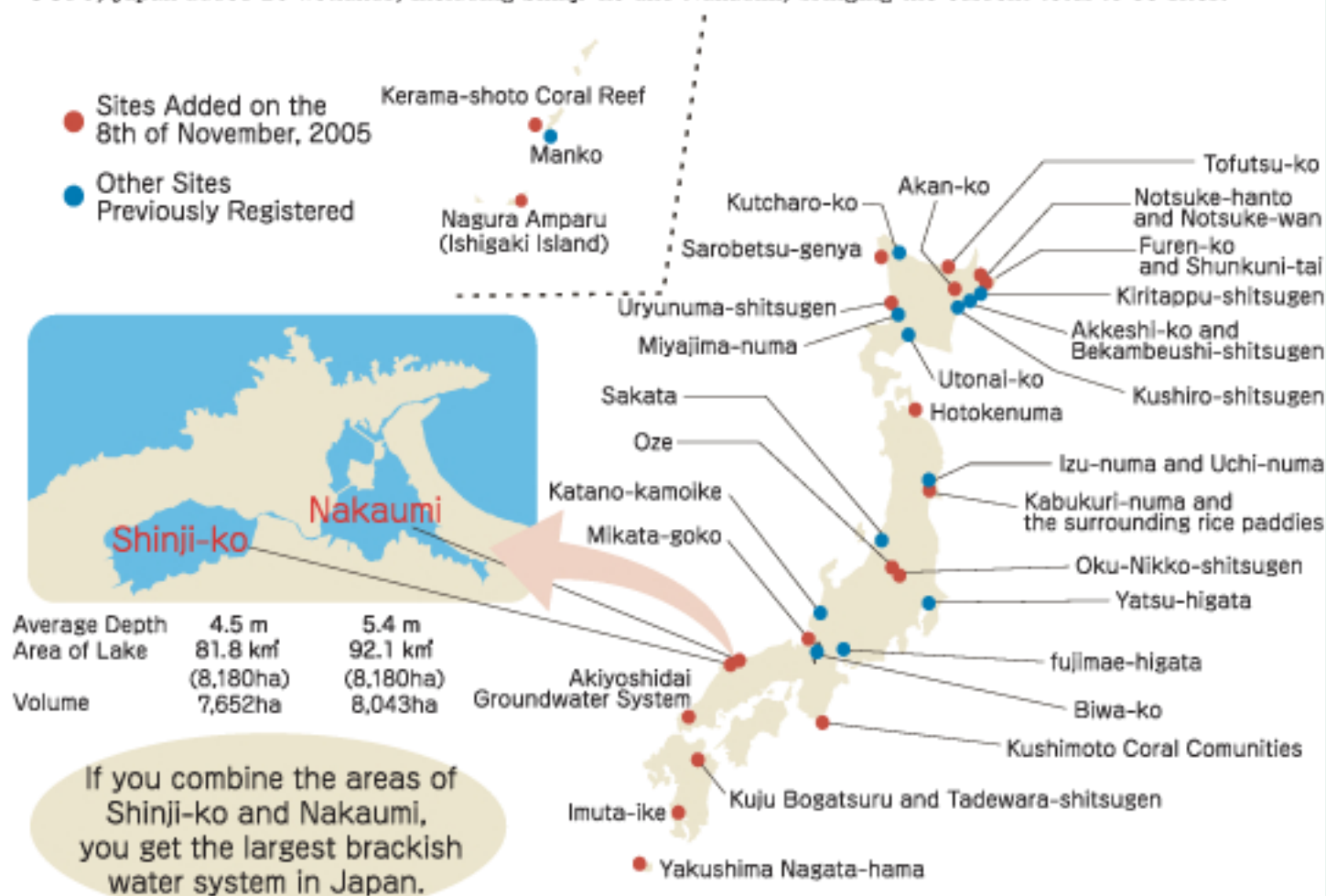




Ramsar Sites in Japan

When Japan became a contracting party to the Ramsar Convention in 1980, Kushiro-shitsugen became Japan's first Ramsar site. Shortly thereafter the number of Ramsar sites increased steadily and in November, 2005 at COP9, Japan added 20 wetlands, including Shinji-ko and Nakaumi, bringing the current total to 33 sites.



Inclusion of Shinji-ko and Nakaumi to the Ramsar Convention:

On 8th November 2005, COP9 was held in Uganda, Africa. At this conference, Shinji-ko and Nakaumi were internationally designated as valuable sites and were included in the List of Wetlands of International Importance.

As we take pride in these two lakes, it is imperative that we (and future generations) conserve the natural resources of these sites.



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