

## Night net fishing



Night net fishing is a traditional fishing method in which ayu fish are threatened by bonfires and tapping on boat slips, and caught in nets set up downstream. The nets were filled with ayu fish of about 20 cm in length, and about 3,000 ayu were landed overnight. Compared to last year, the catch was a little smaller due to the lower water volume, but some of the fish were satsuki trout. Most of the ayu are brought to local restaurants and markets.

## Mino Washi

Along with Echizen washi and Tosa washi, Mino washi is considered one of Japan's three Yamato papers, characterized by the coexistence of thinness, sturdiness, and beauty. Mino Washi is carefully produced from the raw material processing using the high-quality water of the Itadori River, a tributary of the Nagara River. The beauty of Mino Washi, especially when seen through light, is the best, and Mino Washi has long been valued as lighting for shoji screens and chochin lanterns.



**Washi paper and Udatsu**  
(Udatsu: A firewall built at the end of a roof)

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