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Mikiya Wakamatsu — Whispering Life Beneath the Waves

— Accompanying the Prayers of Life in the Dragon God's Sea —

A Moment's Spark Opens a New Ocean Story

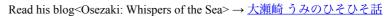
On October 15, 2025, a short video posted on Nature Inn Osekan's Instagram captured the hearts of many. In the sacred waters of Osezaki, home to the Dragon God Shrine, a thorny seahorse (Hippocampus histrix) appeared amid dancing particles of light — as if in silent prayer. Within twelve hours, the post surpassed 2,000 views. Behind the lens was Mikiya Wakamatsu, age 26, Chief Marine Guide of Nature Inn Osekan.

"His love for marine life is unbelievable."

A guest once said, "The truest forms of nature — and of people — emerge in silence." That reflection perfectly captures Wakamatsu's spirit: calm yet unshakable, like the sea he calls home. After dives, he savors yuba (delicate tofu skin) with whiskey as the sun sinks into the bay — a quiet ritual that mirrors his refined sensibility. A proud descendant of the Satsuma samurai, Wakamatsu studies English on his drives to Osezaki, preparing for the day he'll explore oceans worldwide — while already connecting, with sincerity and ease, to divers from across the globe.

Beyond Observation — A Guide Who Feels with the Sea

Wakamatsu's strength lies not only in his knowledge or technique, but in his ability to feel with the creatures he meets. He once spent three months following the courtship of a tonguefish, touched by the male's quiet devotion. His blog, "Osezaki: Whispers of the Sea," teems with such stories — of the fragile lives of nudibranchs, the charm of pebble crabs, the tender drama of spawning fish. Each post is part field note, part poem — a gentle dialogue between science and soul.





One Team, One Ocean, Guiding the Rhythm of Life

Nature Inn Osekan's Instagram has begun a new ascent. Every fragile breath, drifting particle, and glimmer of light comes alive in these short films — quietly telling the stories of life beneath the sea. Our purpose is to unveil the "voice of life" that dwells in Osezaki's silence, and to deepen and enrich each guest's experience through shared care and wonder. Here, on the balcony of the Ocean Alps, we listen to nature's whispers, feel the pulse of life within the stillness, and live each day in harmony with this sea.

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