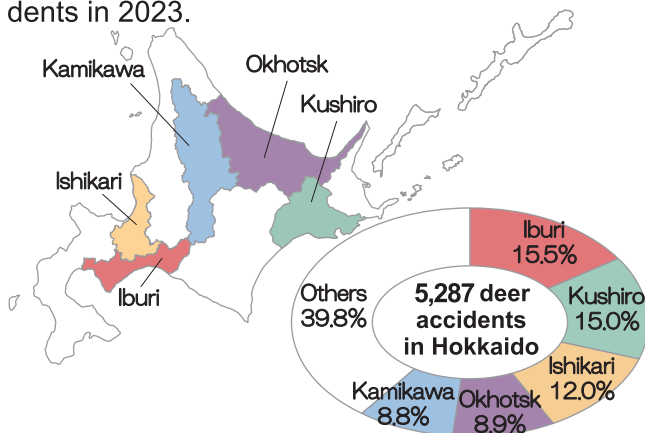
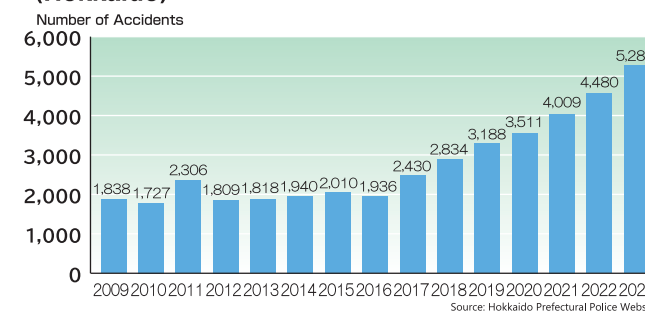


## How to Avoid Accidents with Deer

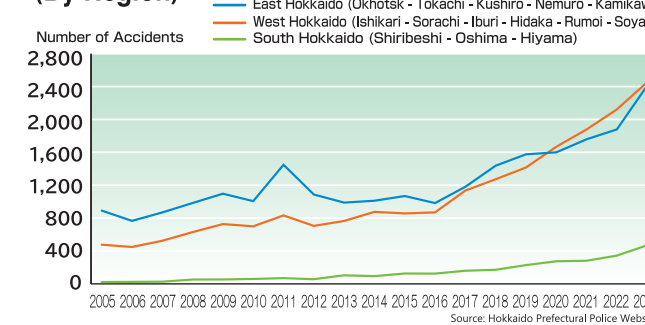
To prevent car accidents, please slow down your automobile. Deer-related road accidents are on the rise throughout Hokkaido, up to 5,287 accidents in 2023.



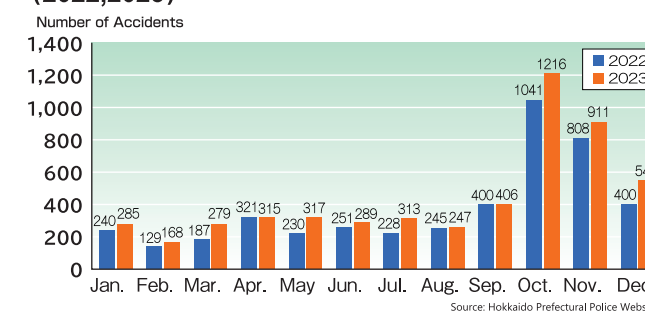
### Number of Ezo Sika Deer Accidents per Year (Hokkaido)



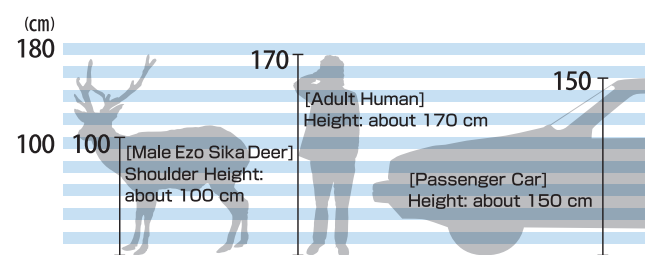
### Number of Ezo Sika Deer Accidents per Year (By Region)



### Number of Ezo Sika Deer Accidents per Month (2022,2023)



An individual adult Ezo Sika deer is comparable in size to a human or a passenger car. A collision could injure the occupants of the car!!



### Vehicle Repair Costs due to Ezo Sika Deer Accidents (Vehicle Insurance Payout Amount)

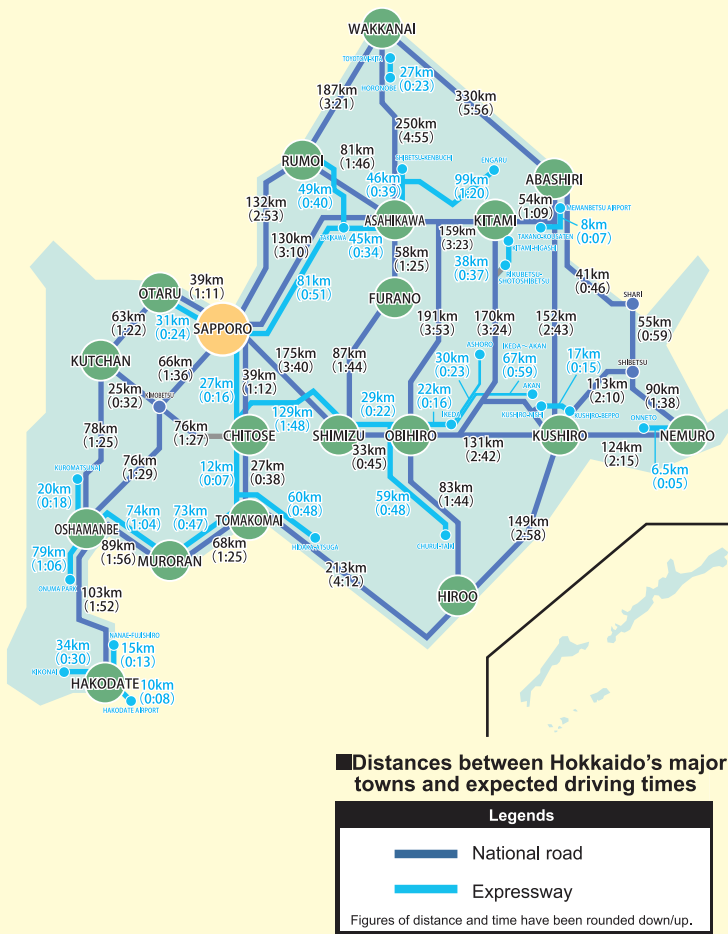
Average **623** Thousand Yen

#### Personal Experience of Encountering Ezo Sika Deer While Driving

While driving on National Route 44, I encountered two deer suddenly jumping out onto the road. I jammed on the brakes, so that I could avoid an accident. Because of vehicles approaching from the opposite direction, turning the steering wheel would lead to a serious accident. (Sapporo/30s/Male)

## Drive Map - Distances and Times

While the distance may seem to be short on a map, it might actually be far away in real terms. Since the speed limits can change according to climate, it is important to plan your driving trip in Hokkaido free from time constraints.



For the latest national and prefectural road closure information... Visit the "Road Information Provision System" mobile site!

Smartphone, Mobile, and PC compatible

<https://www.road-info-prvs.mlit.go.jp/roadinfo>

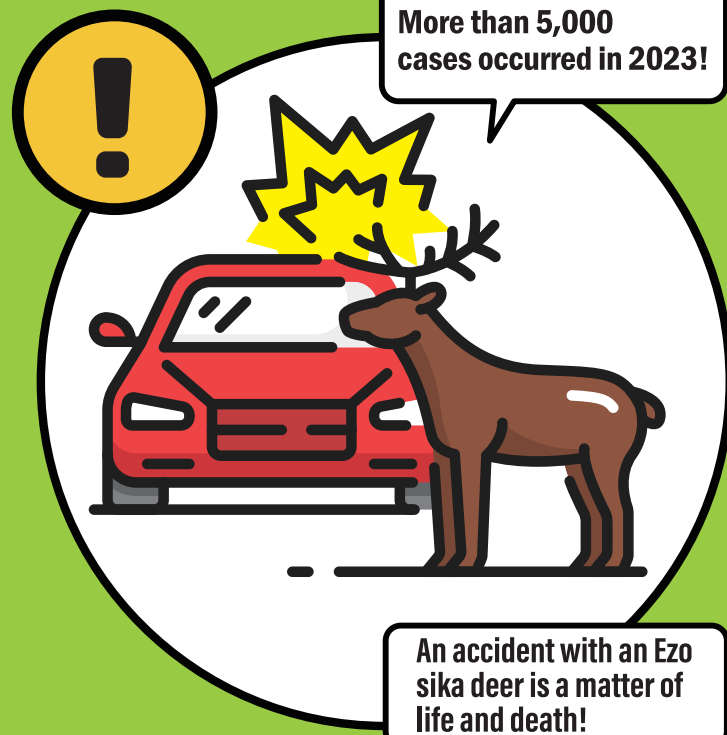
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HOKKAIDO Prefecture-wide

# We can avoid deer accidents!

## ezo sika deer accident map



When and where will they appear? Know the risks!



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Hokkaido Regional Development Bureau

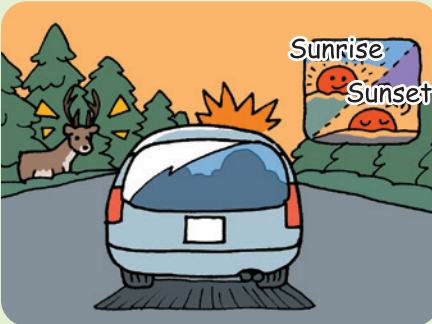
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### Understand the Behavior of Ezo Sika Deer to Stay Safe

## Six Rules to Avoid Deer Collisions

### Slow down in any of these Situations

#### 1 Deer often jump out at early morning or evening!



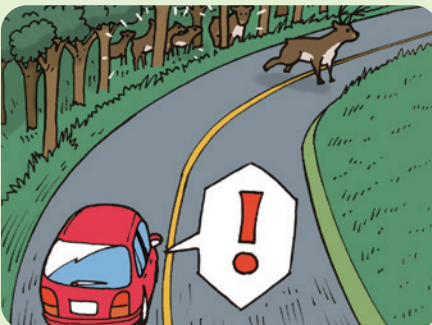
Deer are most active at sunrise and around sunset.

#### 4 Deer are clumsy on paved roads!



The Ezo Sika deer is known to be swift and graceful, but its movement is clumsy on paved roads. Even when cars approach, deer sometimes do not run away.

#### 2 Deer are seldom alone!



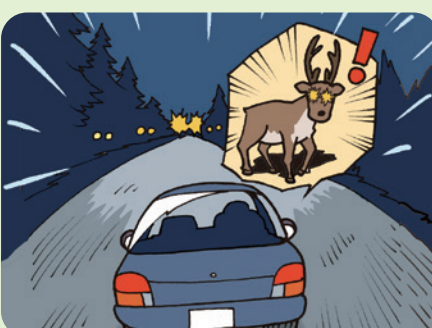
Ezo Sika deer behave in herds. After the first deer crosses a road, several more will often follow, sometimes suddenly jumping out.

#### 5 Brake marks on mountain roads are signs of danger!



Black brake marks on the road may be a sign of deer activity. Take these as a warning, and slow down.

#### 3 Shining spots at night mean danger!



The eyes of Ezo Sika deer appear to glow as they reflect the light from vehicle headlights.

#### 6 Keep an eye on roadside forests!



Ezo Sika deer consider roads that pass through forests as just another part of their territory. Whenever you are near forests, be aware that deer could jump out at any time.



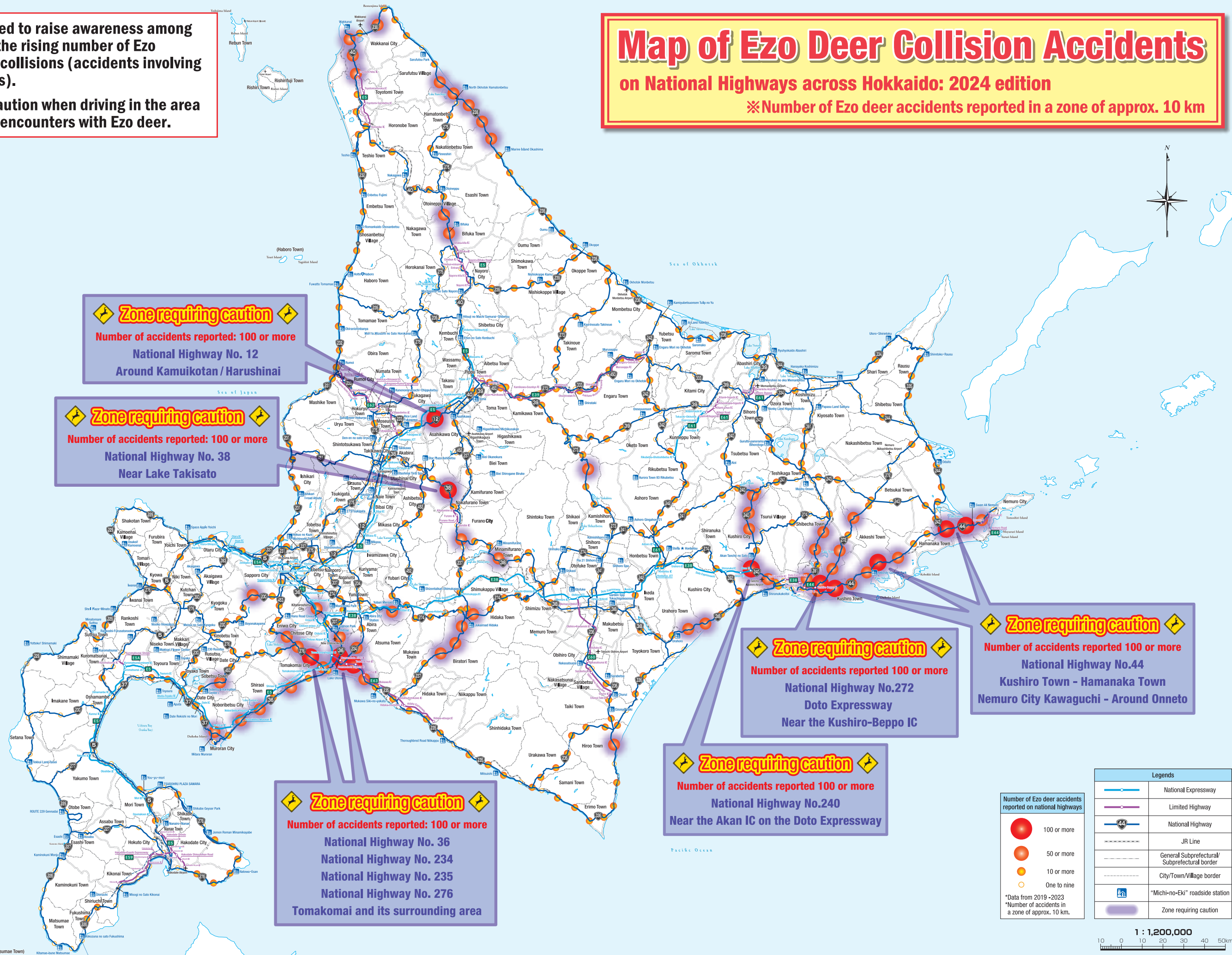
This map is provided to raise awareness among road users about the rising number of Ezo deer-related road collisions (accidents involving vehicles and trains).

Please exercise caution when driving in the area to avoid potential encounters with Ezo deer.

# Map of Ezo Deer Collision Accidents

on National Highways across Hokkaido: 2024 edition

※Number of Ezo deer accidents reported in a zone of approx. 10 km



Number of Ezo deer accidents reported on national highways

- 100 or more
- 50 or more
- 10 or more
- One to nine

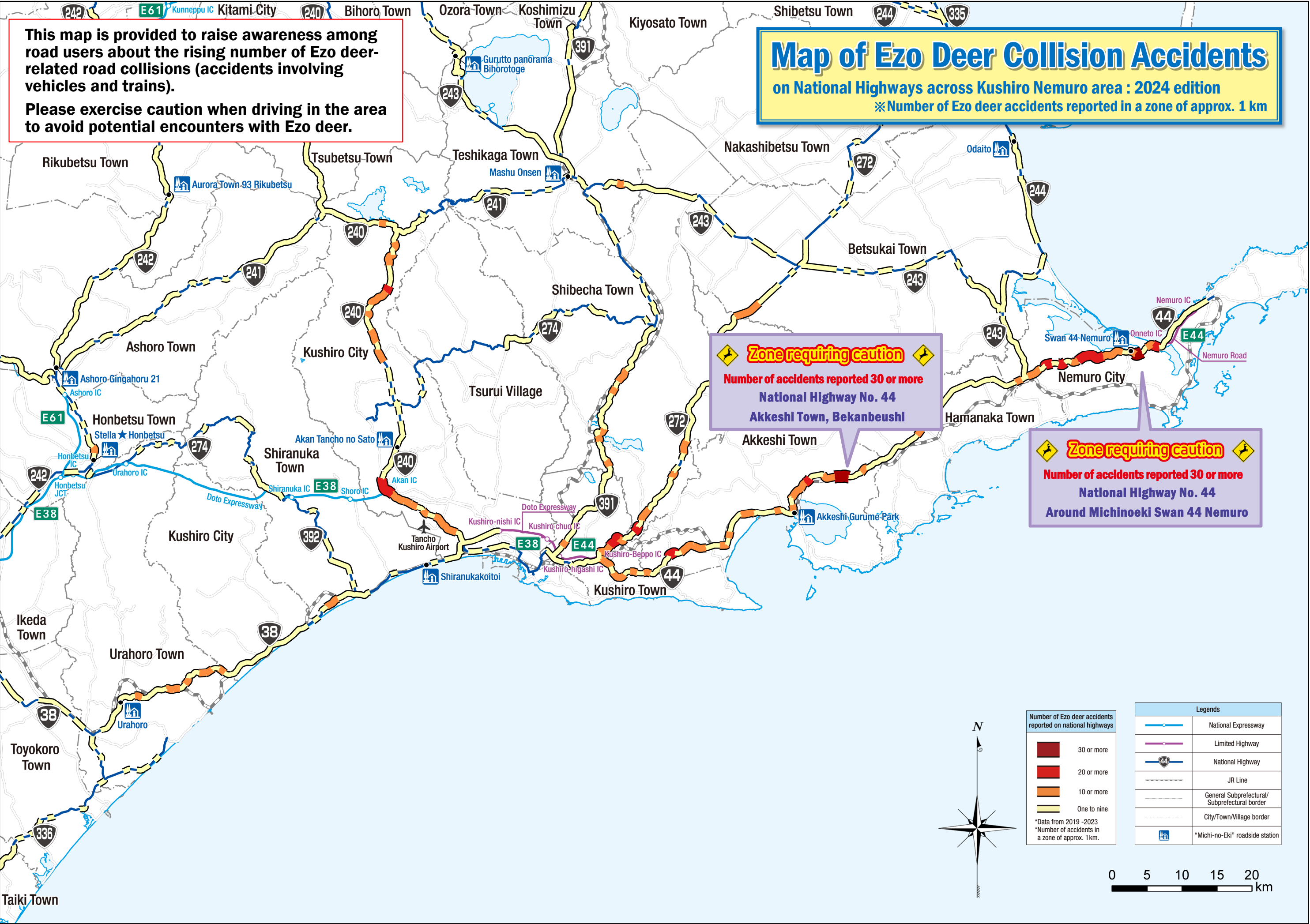
\*Data from 2019 -2023  
\*Number of accidents in a zone of approx. 10 km.

Legends	
	National Expressway
	Limited Highway
	National Highway
	JR Line
	General Subprefectural/ Subprefectural border
	City/Town/Village border
	"Michi-no-Eki" roadside station
	Zone requiring caution

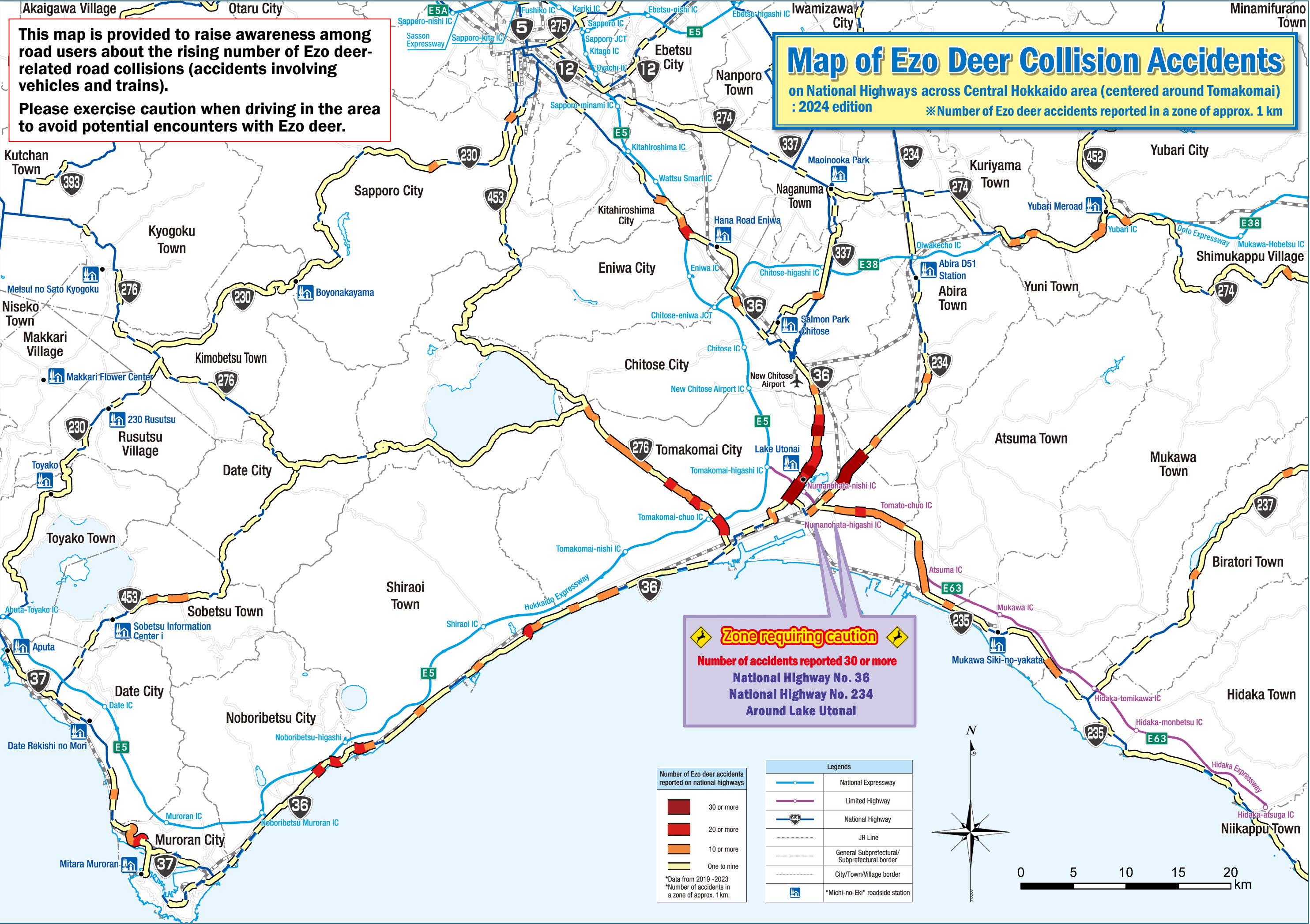
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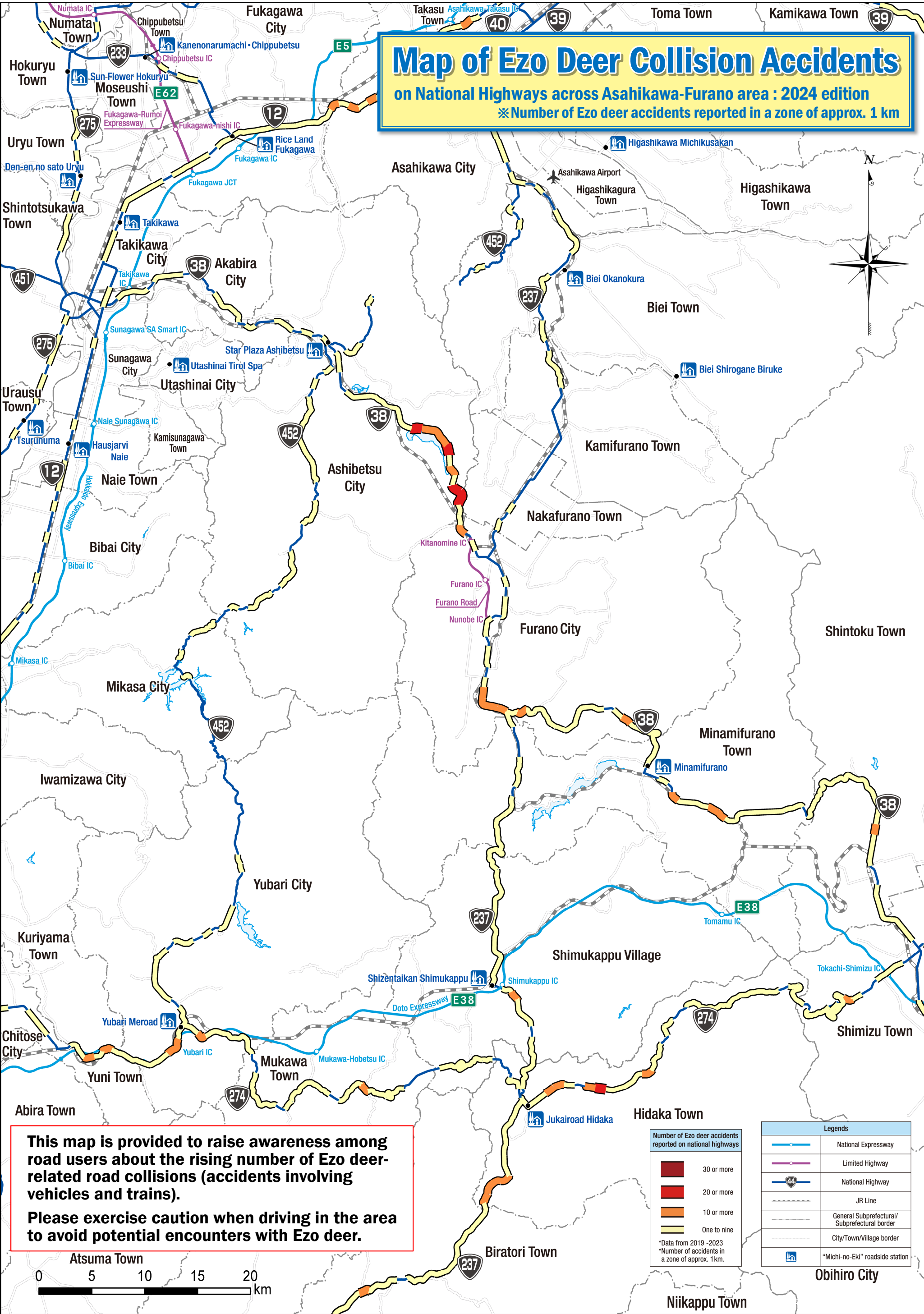








This map was created based on the GSI Maps



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