

# DECLARATION OF A NEW SATOUMI COMMUNITY

Where the voices of the waves  
mingle with the whistling breath of the Ama women  
diving for pearls gently nurtured in akoya shells,

Where the waters of the ria mirror the luxuriant hills,  
and the gods rejoice in the bounties of the land and sea painted in the  
seasons' glorious colours—

These are the gifts of nature  
that fill our hearts with awe and gratitude.

We will learn to be one with nature,  
respectfully harnessing its powers and  
enriching our minds with its wisdom.

We are proud to be its stewards,  
and will protect it and pass on the legacy of living joyfully herewith love of the  
rich culture and long history of  
this blessed place.

So, pledging ourselves to defend  
And follow the generous laws of nature that created it we declare our beloved  
*Shima a new Satoumi Community.*

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