The Protection of Shiraho Seas:
Anti-Ishigaki Airport Construction Movement
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Abstract: A near 30-year anti-Ishigaki airport construction movement is at the turning point. Since the Okinawa government decided to build a new airport at Mt. Karadake, the local environment movement has faced a great crisis. This paper analyzes the network of the local environment movement at Shiraho village, and examines the current pro- and con- issues presented by the decision to build a new airport. The local environment movement started at the grass-root level and eventually built a network all over Japan. Also this paper discloses local citizens, scholars, and organizations, such as the Okinawa environment network, that have played a crucial role over this 30 years period.

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