

“Inari River”

The starting point for sabo works in Nikko



■ Inarigawa Sabo Dams

The Inari River basin is the starting point for a large-scale collapse site, receiving much soil damage.

After receiving successive flood damage in 1902 and 1910, Tochigi Prefecture submitted an argument that sabo facilities should be constructed under national control for the entire Inari River. As a result, the Inarigawa sabo works started as a national initiative in 1918, and 1919 sabo dams were constructed through 1929.

These sabo dams are either national Registered Tangible Cultural Properties or recognized as Civil Engineering Heritage Sites by the Japan Society of Civil Engineers, or have received both designations. It can be said that characteristics of the Inarigawa Sabo Dams are their construction utilizing then-advanced techniques and masonry techniques from Nikko as well as their unique appearances.



Sabo Dam No. 2



Kamatusawa Sabo Dam



Sabo Dam No. 6