

**Period IV** (1) – ii. Documents showing that the Senkaku Islands were placed under U.S. administration

**Documents showing that the Senkaku Islands were included in the Ryukyu Islands (Yaeyama)**
**No.49 Outline of the Yaeyama Provisional Government**
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**Overview**

This document, prepared by the Yaeyama Provisional Government, summarizes information on the areas under its jurisdiction. It mentions the Senkaku Islands in the column on the area of the Yaeyama Islands. The Senkaku Islands were consistently included as a part of the Ryukyu Islands (Yaeyama) in the period between WWII and the reversion of Okinawa and this document shows a part of this fact.

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\*Military administration in Okinawa after the end of the war

After WWII The U.S. Military (Allied Forces) divided the area under its occupation as follows and commenced military administration in the respective districts.  
Northern district: Amami Islands  
Central district: Okinawa Main Island and its surrounding islands  
Southern district: Miyako and Yaeyama Islands

1946 The southern district was broken up into the Miyako district and the Yaeyama district, and these were placed under the Military Governments of Miyako and Yaeyama respectively.

1947 Based on the orders of the Military Government of Yaeyama, the local residents organized the Yaeyama Provisional Government in the Yaeyama District.

**Excerpt [English translation]**

(Name of city/town/village) Ishigaki City  
(Area) Western part of Ishigaki Island and Senkaku Islands

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島名	面積	人口	人口
石垣島	65115.8	35	25796
竹富	1773.9	32.0	1913
西表	81132.1	20.0	2188
与那島	3459.9	11.0	1643
新原	369.9	21.0	286
小浜	2643.5	39.0	1094
徳用	272.1	67.0	524
宮平	1578.4		1085
内親	7730.5		5800
外親	178.4		
沖野	129.6		
志満	388.8		
龜島	1076.9		
久保	807.2		
北小島	457.2		
南小島	388.8		
工部	77.5		
	170342.3		40179

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NAME OF ISLAND	AREA (SQ. Meters)	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	POPULATION Male	POPULATION Female	TOTAL
Ishigaki	65115.8	4855	11682	12079	23760
Taketomi	1773.9	261	938	1017	1955
Iriomote	81132.1	533	1166	1022	2188
Kurehian	3459.9	235	675	790	1465
Iragasaki	369.9	47	121	133	254
Koban	2643.5	186	522	571	1093
Utan	272.1	111	280	302	582
Uteruan	1578.4	203	521	513	1034
Yonaguni	7730.5	1050	2421	2844	5265
Uchibonari	178.4	.	.	.	.
Uchibonari	129.6	.	.	.	.
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Kayan	388.8	.	.	.	.
Uchibonari	1076.9	.	.	.	.
Kuba	807.2	.	.	.	.
Kikakuji	272.1	.	.	.	.
Kikakuji	388.8	.	.	.	.
Uchibonari	77.5	.	.	.	.
* TOTAL	171305.6	7491	18225	19240	37465

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