



## Mitsuaki Iwago. Where Ice Brings Life.

In Japan's far north, off the shore of Rausu in the Shiretoko Peninsula, walleye pollack congregate around the ice floes, and sea eagles gather to feed on them. Inscribed as a World Natural Heritage site, this peninsula, at the northeast tip of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost major island, is blessed with an abundance of wildlife including the sea eagle, an endangered species. The ice that floats down from the north brings with it vast quantities of plankton, sustaining this rich ecosystem. Recently, perhaps as a

result of global warming, the ice has been decreasing. Photographer Mitsuaki Iwago wondered what would happen to the chain of life that links the ocean, land, and sky if the ice continues to diminish each year.

— *Hoping That Nature's Beauty Will Last Forever*

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Mitsuaki Iwago, born in Tokyo in 1950, is an internationally renowned wildlife photographer whose work has won many awards and has appeared in and on the cover of *National Geographic*.



Focusing on environment issues and nature preservation, wildlife photographer Mitsuaki Iwago presents the state of our world through photos and movies.

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