

CLASSIFICACION OF SUISEKI

As applied by European Suiseki Association (ESA)

| Code | English |
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| 1. | Sansui kei-seki Scenic landscape stones |
| 1.1 | Toyama-ishi, Enzan-seki Distant mountain stones |
| 1.2 | Kinzan-seki Close mountain stones |
| 1.3 | Shimagata-ishi Island stone |
| 1.3.1 | Lone mountain rising from a plain (like "Sugarloaf Mountain" of Rio de Janeiro) |
| 1.3.2 | Island/Mountain stone shaped like an elevated single plateau |
| 1.4 | Sekki-ishi Mountain stones with, ice, snow or glaciers |
| 1.5 | Mizuumi-ishi Mountain s with lake(s) |
| 1.6 | Keiryu-seki Mountains with streams |
| 1.7 | Taki-ishi Waterfall stones |
| 1.7.1 | Itodaki-ishi Thread waterfall |
| 1.7.2 | Nunodaki-ishi Sheet waterfall |
| 1.7.3 | Karedaki-ishi Dry waterfall |
| 1.8 | Dan seki Stepped terrace stone |
| 1.9 | Doha-seki Slope stones |
| 1.10 | Isogata-ishi Shore/Beach stones |
| 1.10.1 | Araiso-seki Reef stones |
| 1.10.2 | Hirasu-ishi Sandbar stones |
| 1.11 | Iwagata-ishi Coastal stones |
| 1.13 | Dokutsu-ishi Cave stones |
| 1.14 | Yadori-ishi Shelter stones |
| 1.14.1 | Amayadori-ishi Rainshelter stones |
| 1.15 | Domon-ishi Tunnel stones |
| 1.16 | Tamari-ishi |

- Waterpool stones
- 1.16.1 Mizutamari-ishi
- Lake and mountains
- 1.17**
- Karst stones
- 1.17.1
- Groove karren stones
- 1.17.2
- Hollow karren stones
- 1.18**
- Weather beaten mountain
- 1.19**
- Canyon-profile
- 1.20**
- Flat summit
- 2. Keisho-seki**
- Object stones**
- 2.1 Sugata-ishi**
- Human-shaped stones
- 2.2 Dobutsu-seki, Jimbutsu-seki**
- Animal-shaped stones
- 2.2.1
- Uogata-ishi
- Fish-shaped stones
- 2.2.2
- Torigata-ishi
- Bird-shaped stones
- 2.2.3
- Mushigata-ishi
- Insect-shaped stones
- 2.2.4
- Mammal-shaped stones
- 2.3 Yagata-ishi**
- House-shaped stones
- 2.3.1
- Kuzuya-ishi
- Thatched-hut stones
- 2.4 Hashi-ishi**
- Arch-shaped stones
- 2.5 Funagata-ishi**
- Boat-shaped stones
- 2.6 Chusho(Katachi)-ishi**
- Abstract stones
- 3. Mon'yo-seki, Mon-seki**
- Surface-pattern stones
- 3.1 Jimbutsu-mon'yo-ishi**
- Human-pattern stones
- 3.2 Dobutsu-mon'yo-ishi**
- Animal-pattern stones
- 3.3 Kigata-ishi, Shokubutsu-mon'yo-ishi**
- Plant-pattern stones
- 3.3.1
- Kikka-seki, Kisumon-seki, Kiku-ishi
- Chrisanthemum stones
- 3.3.2
- Baika-seki
- Japanese plum-blossom
- 3.3.3
- Hagata-ishi
- Leaf-pattern stones
- 3.3.4
- Kusagata-ishi, Kusa-mon'yo-ishi
- Grass-pattern stones
- 3.3.5
- Migata-ishi

- Fruit-pattern stones
- 3.4 Tochino-mon'yo-ishi**
Landscape-pattern stones
- 3.5 Gensho-seki**
Celestial-pattern stones
- 3.5.1 Tsukigata-ishi
Moon-pattern stones
- 3.5.2 Higata-ishi
Sun-pattern stones
- 3.5.3 Hoshigata-ishi
Star-pattern stones
- 3.6 Tenko-seki**
Weather-pattern stones
- 3.6.1 Amagata-ishi
Rain-pattern stones
- 3.6.2 Yukigata-ishi
Snow-pattern stones
- 3.6.3 Raiko-seki
Lightening-pattern stones
- 3.7 Chusho-mon'yo-ishi**
Abstract-pattern stones
- 3.7.1 Jagure-ishi
Snake-pattern stones
- 3.7.2 Sudachi-ishi
Pitmark-pattern stones
- 3.7.3 Itomaki-seki, Itogake-ishi
Tangled-net-pattern stones
- 3.7.4 Tora-ishi
Tiger-stripe-pattern stones

- 4. Shikisai-seki**
Colour-stones
- 4.1 Maguro-ishi**
Jet-black stones
- 4.2 Kuro-ishi**
Grey to black stones
- 4.3 Aka-ishi, Akai-ishi**
Red stones
- 4.4 Murasaki-ishi**
Purple stones
- 4.5 Ao-ishi**
Blue stones
- 4.6 Kinko-seki**
Yellow to red stones
- 4.7 Ogon-seki**
Golden-yellow stones
- 4.8 Goshiki-ishi**
Five colour stones

- 5. Biseki**
Beautiful stones