



Frosty trees and Mt.Kishimadake  
霧氷と杵島岳



Dawn over Aso  
夜明けの外輪山



Frozen branches  
霧氷



Early morning at Kusasenrigahama (map-02)  
早朝の草千里ヶ浜

In winter, snow often covers the thinning grasslands of Aso. The once lively landscape transitions into a somber, muted expanse of forest, rock, and ice. In due time, the season for controlled burns of the grasslands arrives, which sets the stage for the return of spring. Once the flowers have begun to sprout and the grasses start to push their way through the defrosted soil, cattle venture outside to graze off the new growth.

枯れた草原に白い雪が舞う冬の阿蘇。しんと静かに山は眠り続ける。無彩色の景色の中、白く輝くような霧氷の花が咲く。やがて大地に火が放たれ、野焼きの季節を迎えると阿蘇にも春がやってくる。草花が芽吹き、新緑がぐんと伸びる頃、草原に牛たちが戻ってくるのだ。