

Year: In progress

Location: Japan

Program: Housing Complex

Noto Tile and Reclaimed Wood Post-Disaster Public Housing



A plan to recover Noto roofing tiles and reclaimed timber, which have historically shaped the local streetscapes of Oku-Noto, from publicly dismantled houses and repurpose them as building materials for detached post-disaster housing.

The reclaimed timber is directly integrated into both the structural and architectural design as the principal pillar supporting the core of each dwelling unit, while the recovered Noto roofing tiles are reused as roofing material.

A staggered site layout, combined with facing engawa (traditional verandas), creates a spatial configuration that encourages natural community interaction and a sense of mutual presence among residents.

>>>[Kawara \(roof tile\) and Old timber Restoration Project](#)

Collecting tiles