

## Fukushima Surfers

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The series focuses on the surfing community in Fukushima, Japan. Consisting on posed portraits on location, observational and landscape photos, I am interesting in exploring how the surfing community is reshaping and reclaiming post-disaster Fukushima beaches. Before the 2011 tsunami and triple nuclear meltdown, and before being forever associated with radiation, the coast of Fukushima, meaning 'Good Luck Valley', was known for its beautiful beaches and high waves. It was a surfers's paradise, ranking among the best surfing spots in Japan. It is said that the surfers where the first ones to go back to the Fukushima beaches. Some went back to off limits areas within weeks of the Fukushima Daichi meltdown, despite potentially dangerous radiation levels. Now it is officially safe to dive into the waters around the Fukushima Daichi, according to both government surveys and some local groups. These include surfer groups, who independently monitor radiation at the beaches. And surfing is making a comeback in Fukushima.