The National Biodiversity Strategy of Japan

Life in Harmony, into the Future

Ministry of the Environment, Japan
Basic Act on Biodiversity (enforced 6 June 2008)

<Outline>
This Act is a basic act to promote conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and to aim at realization of a society in coexistence with nature in order to enjoy the benefits from the rich biodiversity for many years to come.

Points of the Basic Act on Biodiversity:
• Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity linked to prevention of global warning
• Long-term viewpoint.
• Responsibilities of businesses, citizens and private bodies in addition to the national government and local governments.
• Provision for national/regional/local biodiversity strategy.
• Annual report
• Preventive and adoptive approach
The Convention on Biological Diversity: Article 6

“Develop national strategies, plans or programs for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity ...”

1993: The Convention on Biological Diversity entry into force

1995: 1st National Biodiversity Strategy

2002: 2nd National Biodiversity Strategy

2007: 3rd National Biodiversity Strategy

2008: Basic Act on Biodiversity

2010: 4th National Biodiversity Strategy (Statutory strategy)
Outline of 4th National Biodiversity Strategy

Part 1: Strategy

Biodiversity Supporting Life and Livelihood

4 Crises
1. Human activities and development
2. Reduction of human activities
3. Artificially introduced factor
4. Climate Change

Targets
- Mid-to-long term targets (2050)
- Short term targets (2020)

Long-term perspective: Grand-design, targeting 100 years ahead

Prioritized issues to be tackled by around 2012

4 Basic Strategies

Part 2: Action Plan

About 720 specific measures with 35 numerical indicators
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Target of 4th National Biodiversity Strategy

Mid-to-long term targets (by 2050)
To improve the state of biodiversity from the current level

Short term targets (by 2020)
To have the following actions by 2020 in order to halt biodiversity loss,
- To conduct full observations and analyses on the state of biodiversity and to expand activities for biodiversity conservation
- To establish mechanisms for reducing adverse effects of human activities on biodiversity, and to promote practical methods for sustainable use of biodiversity
- To mainstream biodiversity by ensuring new steps to be taken by various individuals
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To tackle with those crises ... many measures are taken based on 4 basic strategies

## Four Basic Strategies of the 4th National Biodiversity Strategy

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Local Biodiversity Strategy

- **Citizens**
- **NPOs**
- **Private sector**

**Cooperation**

- **Completed** Mar.2011
  - 10 prefectures and 6 cities

- **Now formulating**
  - 29 prefectures and several cities

**Supporting for regional measures and planning**

**Improving the scheme to promote civil activities**

**Introducing characteristics and experiences of each regional strategy**

**Considering the guidelines**

All prefectures launch the formulation of local strategy by CO11 (2012)
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