

Events, Organizations & Projects and their Relations to the Rice-paddy Biodiversity Enhancement Decade (RiceBED)



Ramsar Convention 10th Conference of the Parties (2008)

Ramsar Resolution X.31 "Enhancing biodiversity in rice paddies as wetland systems" (the Rice Paddy Resolution) adopted

All Parties' agencies responsible for wetland conservation, agriculture, etc. are encouraged to work together to actively promote:

- enhancement of biodiversity, ecosystem services and sustainability of rice paddies,
- improved nutrition, health and well-being of farmers and farming communities, and
- conservation of waterbird populations.

Enhancement of rice-paddy biodiversity attracted attention at this COP, which adopted the "Rice Paddy Resolution." The national governments of Contracting Parties are expected to implement Ramsar Resolutions. Japan has 2.5 million hectares of rice paddies, and so the Japanese government in particular was expected to apply itself to realizing its goals.

The Ramsar Rice Paddy Resolution and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets adopted by CBD/COP10 encouraged Ramsar Network Japan to establish the Rice-paddy Biodiversity Enhancement Decade as a means for implementing these decisions.

Convention on Biological Diversity 10th Conference of the Parties (2010)

Aichi Biodiversity Targets adopted

CBD/COP10 adopts Decision X/34 "Agricultural Biodiversity," which invites Parties to fully implement Ramsar Resolution X.31 "Enhancing biodiversity in rice paddies as wetland systems" (Ramsar Rice Paddy resolution)

The Rice Paddy resolution calls on national governments to promote enhancement of rice paddy biodiversity, ecosystem services and wildlife protection

In response to the adoption of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the UN adopted a resolution to call upon the entire world to protect biological diversity by establishing the "UN Decade on Biodiversity," from 2011 to 2020.

To implement the UN's resolution, the GoJ set up the Japan Committee for UNDB, which includes representatives of government, industry, NGOs and others, and endorses relevant activities and projects.

United Nations (UN)

United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (UNDB, 2010)

Adoption of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets encourages major stakeholders - the UN, national governments, local governments, citizens - to take measures.

Japan Committee for UNDB (2011)

Authority to endorse projects

GoJ, local governments, industry representatives, project administrators, academics, media, NGOs, etc.

Government of Japan (GoJ)

National biodiversity strategy revision

Local governments

Establishment & revision of local biodiversity strategies

Civil Society

Double 20 Campaign (2011)

Rice-paddy Biodiversity Enhancement Decade (2011) Action Plan (2013)

Ramsar Network Japan

Ramsar Network Japan drew up rice paddy related targets that conform to Aichi Biodiversity Targets and is working with citizens and local governments to implement real activities that enhance biodiversity in rice paddies.

Summary of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

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| 1. Biodiversity awareness | 11. Establishment of more protected area |
| 2. Integration into all levels of planning | 12. Endangered species protection |
| 3. Adjustment of incentives & subsidies | 13. Protection of cultivated species' genetic diversity |
| 4. Sustainable production & consumption | 14. Ecosystem services safeguarded & restored |
| 5. Reduction of habitat destruction | 15. Restoration of degraded ecosystems |
| 6. Sustainable harvest of marine organisms | 16. Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol |
| 7. Sustainable management of agriculture, etc. | 17. Effective, participatory national strategies & plans |
| 8. Pollution control | 18. Respect for traditional knowledge |
| 9. Invasive alien species countermeasures | 19. Improved science & technology on biodiversity |
| 10. Protection of vulnerable ecosystems | 20. Mobilization of financial resources |



Japan Committee for IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, IUCN Regional Councillor, Nature Conservation Society of Japan, Ramsar Network Japan, Biodiversity Network Japan, others

The Japan Committee for IUCN set up the "Double 20 Campaign," which is sending out a wide-ranging call for real projects that will help achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

A variety of other projects.