

Yokohama Rubber Group Biodiversity Guideline

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<Basic Policy>

Yokohama Rubber Group's businesses depend on the blessings of nature (ecosystem services) and they impact biodiversity at the same time. To achieve a "world living in harmony with nature", based on this recognition, Yokohama Rubber Group complies with global goals, initiatives, and regulations such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and reduces negative impacts on biodiversity throughout its entire business and promotes the restoration/regeneration of nature to contribute to a nature positive world.

<Action Guideline>

1. Recognize the issue of biodiversity as a business challenge and continually monitor the sustainable use of natural resources and biodiversity conservation.

Yokohama Rubber Group recognizes the issue of biodiversity as a business challenge and promotes sustainable use of natural resources and biodiversity conservation. Furthermore, we regularly assess risks and opportunities related to nature and build a system in which management monitors them.

2. Understand the relationship between business and impacts on biodiversity and its dependency on nature by scientific approaches.

We strive to understand the relationship between our business and impacts on biodiversity and its dependency on nature in relevant locations throughout the entire value chain from the procurement of raw materials to disposal of products by scientific approaches. We identify business activities that greatly impact biodiversity, set goals, and conduct continuous monitoring.

3. Reduce negative impacts caused by our business activities, while increasing positive impacts.

We strive to avoid/reduce negative impacts on biodiversity caused by our business activities such as land use, resources use including natural rubber and water, climate change, pollution, and alien species accompanied by our business activities, and restore/regenerate nature to increase positive impacts, thereby contributing to biodiversity conservation.

4. Promote the sustainable use of natural resources throughout the entire value chain through technological innovation.

In addition to the negative impacts in the production phase such as use of resources, we also aim to suppress negative impacts caused downstream of the value chain including the disposal phase, and promote innovative technological development to promote sustainable use of resources.

5. Have the integrated perspective to solve social issues including biodiversity and climate change.

We promote solutions that are effective for eliminating the trade-off relationship of biodiversity and climate change and increasing the effects of activities at the same time. We also act from an integrated perspective to solve social issues such as human rights, labor issue, and poverty. We give particular consideration to the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, and to gender equity.

6. Promote biodiversity conservation in collaboration with suppliers to increase sustainability of natural resources.

Our business uses various natural resources such as natural rubber and water. We strive to promote conservation of such resources and ensure traceability in collaboration with suppliers including farmers to increase the sustainability of natural resources throughout the supply chain.

7. Support employees so they can contribute to biodiversity conservation.

We support employees in biodiversity conservation in the course of their work as well as in local communities through raising their awareness of biodiversity and behavior change leading to practice.

8. Build a trust relationship through communication and collaboration with stakeholders to increase the effectiveness of initiatives.

We build a trust relationship with various stakeholders such as national agencies and municipalities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), research/educational institutes, and local communities and strive to improve initiatives and enhance capabilities to increase the effectiveness of our initiatives.

9. Actively disclose information on a regular basis about efforts for biodiversity conservation in accordance with these policies.

We actively disclose information about our efforts related to biodiversity in accordance with these policies by making use of various opportunities on a regular basis to gain understanding of internal and external stakeholders to promote sustainable management.