




Environment — Coexistence with Nature

Relevant materiality	What we aim to do
 Coexistence with nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote nature positive-oriented initiatives • Strengthen environmental management

Basic Approach

The Yokohama Rubber Group's businesses depend on the blessings of nature (ecosystem services) and the impact biodiversity at the same time. To achieve a "world living in harmony with nature", based on this recognition, the 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.

Yokohama Rubber Group Biodiversity Guideline

The Yokohama Rubber Group revised its Biodiversity Guideline in December 2023, based on the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in December

2022, and the Japanese Government's Cabinet decision on the National Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030 in March 2023. We will continue to work for the conservation, restoration and regeneration of biodiversity throughout the value chain.

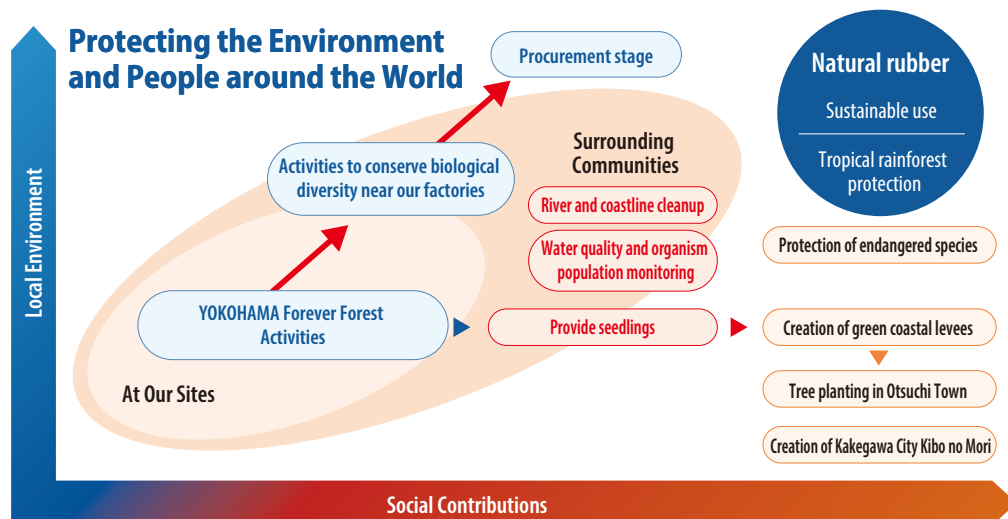
The Yokohama Rubber Group Biodiversity Guideline: Action Guidelines (extract)

1. Recognize the issue of biodiversity as a business challenge and continually monitor the sustainable use of natural resources and biodiversity conservation.
2. Understand the relationship between business and impacts on biodiversity and its dependency on nature by scientific approaches.
3. Reduce negative impacts caused by our business activities, while increasing positive impacts.
4. Promote the sustainable use of natural resources throughout the entire value chain through technological innovation.
5. Have the integrated perspective to solve social issues including biodiversity and climate change.
6. Promote biodiversity conservation in collaboration with suppliers to increase sustainability of natural resources.
7. Support employees so they can contribute to biodiversity conservation.
8. Build a trust relationship through communication and collaboration with stakeholders to increase the effectiveness of initiatives.
9. Actively disclose information on a regular basis about efforts for biodiversity conservation in accordance with these policies.

Yokohama Rubber Group Biodiversity Guideline

https://www.y-yokohama.com/global/sustainability/data/pdf/biodiversity_guideline_en.pdf

Overview of Yokohama Rubber Group's Activities to Conserve Biological Diversity

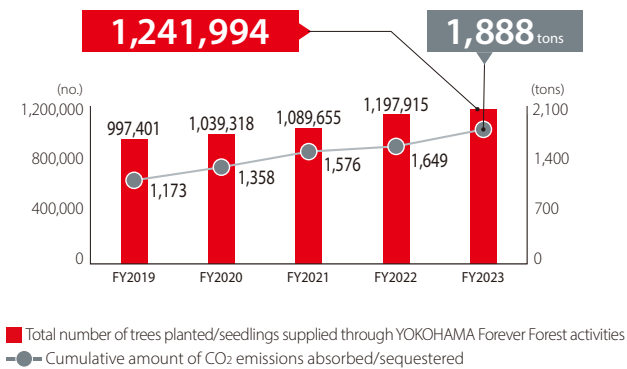


Initiatives for Coexistence with Nature

YOKOHAMA Forever Forest Activities

To implement sustainable business activities, corporate management must seek to consider natural capital and conserve biodiversity. YOKOHAMA Forever Forest is a company-wide afforestation activity launched in 2007 in preparation for Yokohama Rubber's 100th anniversary in 2017 with the aim of curbing global warming and preserving the ecosystem. We planted trees at 14 sites in Japan and 21 sites in 8 countries overseas, achieving our target of 500,000 trees in September 2017. We have continued these activities since 2017, when the target was achieved, and as a result of calculating the fixed amount of carbon dioxide in YOKOHAMA Forever Forest from a survey of seedling growth, it is estimated that the entire area of planted forests had absorbed 1,888 tons of CO₂ by the end of 2023. Going forward, we will continue our activities at each of our domestic and overseas bases, targeting a total of 1.5 million trees planted and seedlings supplied by 2030.

Results of YOKOHAMA Forever Forest Activities



Ibaraki Plant certified by the Ministry of the Environment as a "Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Site"

In October 2023, our Ibaraki Plant (Omitama City, Ibaraki Prefecture) was certified as a "Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Site" by the Ministry of the Environment. The "Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites" certification system was officially launched by the Ministry of the Environment in 2023 with the aim of achieving 30by30, an

international goal of conserving and protecting more than 30% of land and sea that have normal ecosystems by 2030. The Ministry of the Environment evaluates land managed by companies in addition to land managed by the Japanese government and local governments, and certifies areas that contribute to the conservation of biodiversity as "Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites." Areas certified as "Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites" are registered in the international database as OECM,^{*1} except for nature reserves and other areas.

The Ibaraki Plant aims to be a plant that coexists with the grey-faced buzzard,^{*2} which was designated as an endangered species. In addition to the maintenance of the foraging environment, the Company has been monitoring the animals, plants, and water quality at the site and in the surrounding areas. These long-term biodiversity conservation activities led to this certification. In 2019, the plant acquired the ABINC^{*3} Certification and received the ABINC Award of Excellence in 2023 as an outstanding business site.

Since 2023, Yokohama Rubber has been participating in the 30by30 Alliance for Biodiversity, a coalition of companies, local governments, and other organizations committed to making efforts throughout Japan to achieve 30by30. In the future, we will aim to obtain OECM certification for other plants as well, aiming to further contribute toward achieving 30by30.

^{*1} OECM (Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures): A geographically defined area other than protected areas, such as national parks, which is governed and managed in ways that contribute to biodiversity conservation
^{*2} A migratory bird of the hawk family designated as Threatened II (VU) by the Ministry of the Environment
^{*3} Abbreviation for Association for Business Innovation in Harmony with Nature and Community. This organization was established in December 2013 for the purpose of promoting the creation of frameworks that enable human beings to live in harmony with other living things, the verification of such frameworks using scientific and technological methods, and the commercialization of such frameworks.



Staff at the Ibaraki Plant monitoring plants and animals living within site grounds



A grey-faced buzzard spotted near the Ibaraki Plant



Future Issues and Measures

With the expansion of global business activities, environmental sustainability issues are diversifying, including environmental impact in raw material procurement, energy consumption and emissions in the manufacturing process, waste issues after product use, and water risk management as well as environmental risk management in the global supply chain and compliance with environmental regulations in each region. In the future, we will identify our environmental materiality in the overall global business activities of the Yokohama Rubber Group, and promote activities to pursue the materiality and actively share and disclose information to deepen the understanding of our employees and stakeholders.

With regard to biodiversity, we will work to avoid and reduce the negative impact of biodiversity on land use, use of natural rubber, use of water and other resources, climate change, pollution, and invasive species through our business activities, and promote the sustainable use of natural resources and the conservation of biodiversity. Additionally, we aim to contribute to a nature positive world by enhancing the sustainability of natural resources throughout the supply chain in cooperation with suppliers and promoting the restoration/regeneration of nature.