# Environment: Living in Harmony with Nature

**The Yokohama Rubber Group recognizes the impact of its business activities on the natural environment and aims to realize a world that lives in harmony with nature. We will continue to work for the conservation, restoration and regeneration of biodiversity throughout the value chain to promote creation of a sustainable environment.**

## Basic Approach

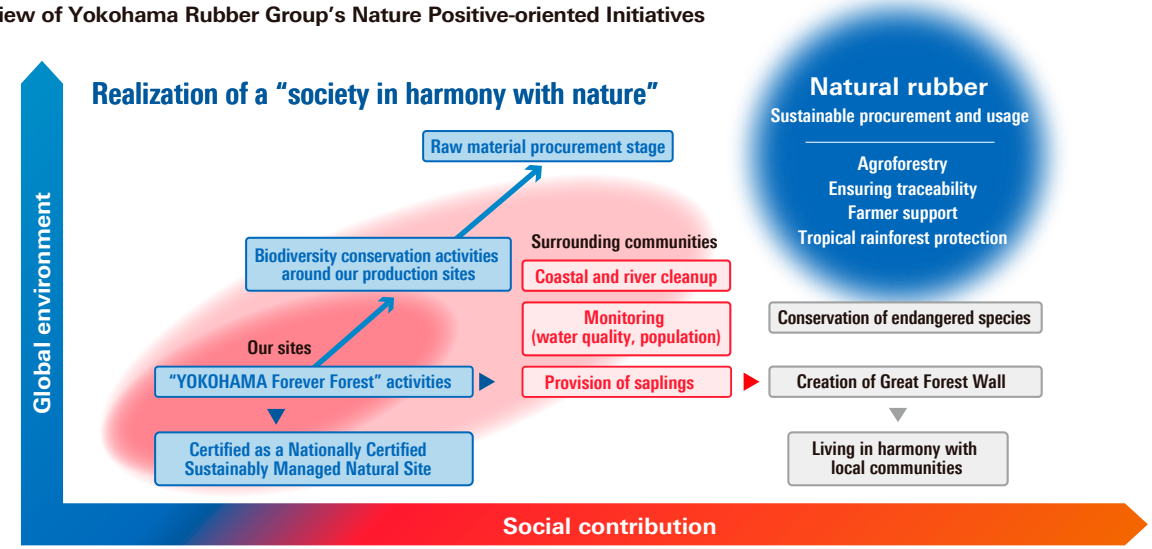
The Yokohama Rubber Group's business activities depend on the blessings of nature (ecosystem services) and they impact biodiversity at the same time. To achieve a "world living in harmony with nature," based on this recognition, we comply with global goals and frameworks such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, reduce environmental impact throughout the value chain and promote the restoration and regeneration of nature. We aim to build a sustainable society by minimizing negative impacts on biodiversity and contributing to nature positivity.

### Living in Harmony with Nature: Fiscal 2025 Progress and KPIs

| Metrics (KPIs) | Targets | FY2025 Results | Evaluation |
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| (1) Number of trees planted and saplings provided as part of "YOKOHAMA Forever Forest" activities | FY2030: 1.5 million trees planted and saplings supplied (cumulative) | 1,490,853 trees/saplings | Ahead |
| (2) Number of business sites certified as "Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites" (Japanese OECM) | FY2026: 5 sites (cumulative) | 3 sites (cumulative)* | On track |
| (3) Number of serious environmental incidents (air, water, or soil) | Continued achievement of zero incidents | 0 | On track |

*Two sites were certified in March 2026 bringing the cumulative total to five sites.

### Overview of Yokohama Rubber Group's Nature Positive-oriented Initiatives




### Yokohama Rubber Group Biodiversity Guideline <Action Guidelines> (excerpt)

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*

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## Nature Positive-Oriented Initiatives

### "YOKOHAMA Forever Forest" Activities

YOKOHAMA Forever Forest is a company-wide afforestation activity launched in 2007 with goals set for 2017, the 100th anniversary of Yokohama Rubber. By planting trees at 14 sites in Japan and 21 sites in eight countries overseas, we achieved our goal of 500,000 trees in September 2017.

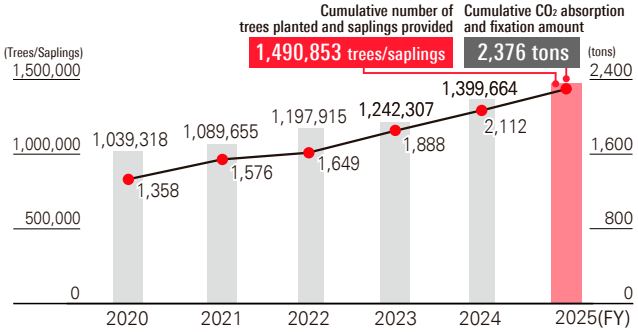
In the years since 2017 when we achieved our goal, we have continued efforts such as planting trees at factories and other sites, as well as providing saplings to local communities. As of the end of December 2025, we have planted trees and provided saplings in a number totaling 1,490,853. Based on a survey of the amount of sapling growth, we have calculated the amount of carbon dioxide fixation at the YOKOHAMA Forever Forest and estimate that, as of the end of December 2025, 2,376 tons of $CO_2$ have been absorbed by the forest as a whole.

Going forward, we will continue to carry out the initiative at domestic and overseas sites, promoting activities that help mitigate global warming and contribute to biodiversity conservation with the aim of achieving 1.50 million trees and saplings by 2030.



Planting trees at Yokohama Tire Manufacturing (Thailand) Co., Ltd. (YTMT)

#### Results of "YOKOHAMA Forever Forest" Activities




### Biodiversity Conservation Activities at Production Sites

At our production sites, we promote biodiversity conservation activities aimed at nature positivity through the creation and maintenance of environments that contribute to biodiversity. Production sites generally have an impact on natural capital through factors such as land use, water use, and heat and carbon dioxide emissions. For this reason, we assess the environmental impact of our business activities through measures such as monitoring wildlife.

We apply the insights we have gained to our conservation efforts to make them even more effective. At the same time, by sharing this information at community meetings and other events, we work in partnership with local residents to promote conservation activities for natural resources, which are a shared asset of the community.

These activities have also been externally recognized, with six domestic sites (Hiratsuka Factory, Onomichi Plant, Ibaraki Plant, Mie Plant, Shinshiro Plant, and Mishima Plant) earning ABINC*1 certification as business sites in harmony with nature.

*1 An abbreviation for Association for Business Innovation in harmony with Nature and Community. It was established in December 2013 with the aim of creating systems that enable people and wildlife to exist in harmony, verifying them scientifically and technically, and promoting their commercialization.



Biotope conservation activities and wildlife survey (Shinshiro Plant)



Birdwatching on the factory premises (Onomichi Plant)

### Contributing to achievement of 30by30 through certification as Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites

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 at least 30% of land and sea that have healthy ecosystems by 2030. Since April 2025, in accordance with the Act on Promoting Activities to Enhance Regional Biodiversity, which was enacted to give legal status to this system, activities by companies and other entities to maintain, restore or create biodiversity linked to specific locations have been certified, and the areas where these activities are implemented are called "Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites." Areas within Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites where maintenance activities are conducted, excluding nature conservation areas and the like, are registered in an international database as OECMs*2.

Since 2023 we have participated in the 30by30 Alliance for Biodiversity, a coalition of Japanese organizations committed to achieving 30by30. We aim to help achieve 30by30 with the target of having a total of five sites certified as Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites by 2026.

In fiscal 2025, our Mie Plant and Onomichi Plant were certified as Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites, bringing the total of certified sites to three*3 together with the Ibaraki Plant, which was certified in 2023. Both plants were certified for conducting activities to maintain sites with healthy ecosystems. The Mie Plant was particularly commended for being home to rare plant and animal species, such as the black-spotted pond frog, and for incorporating the concept of a decarbonized material cycle—including $CO_2$ absorption analysis and the composting of the litter*4. The Onomichi Plant was also commended for maintaining diverse habitats—such as woodlands, grasslands, and aquatic habitats—through zoning and vegetation management policies.

In fiscal 2026 and beyond, we will continue promoting biodiversity conservation activities at our business sites with the aim of helping to achieve the 30by30 goal.

*2 An abbreviation for Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures. These are places other than conservation areas like national parks that contribute to biodiversity conservation.

*3 Two sites were certified in March 2026, bringing the total to five sites.

*4 Leaves and branches that have fallen to the ground and accumulated




Logo for certification as Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites