Marine Biodiversity Forum Now, think current marine around Japan – toward new National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

■Objectives

The historical 10th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the Strategic Plan of Biodiversity 2011 – 2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Marine biodiversity is facing concerns from progress of climate change and overexploitation of marine resources. Japan whose land is surrounded by ocean and which has many natural disturbance phenomena like typhoon, earthquake and tsunami, has been provided by rich ecosystem services. So people in Japan are asked whether we ensure the sustainable life which are not harmful for biodiversity.

Government of Japan is now taking revision process of NBSAP. This Marine Biodiversity Forum will organized by several NGOs to integrate NGO's point of views on conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity into new NBSAP.

And this forum is also celebration of event for IDB 2012 in Japan.

■Organizer:

Nature Conservation Society of Japan, WWF-Japan, Wild Bird Society of Japan Co-organized by Network for Biodiversity Conservation Legislation

■ Date: May 19th 2012, 13:00-18:00

■ Places: Forum EIGHT 8th floor Queens Square http://www.forum-8.co.jp/access/index.html

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■Opening remarks:

Dr. Sadatoshi TABATA, representative of NACS-J

Mr. Tsunao WATANABE, Director General of Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment

■ Session I: Key note Speech Today's marine situation

Dr. Yoshihisa Shiroyama, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

■ Session II: Panel discussion

Part 1: Tohoku, coastal biodiversity affected by Tsunami and its restorations

Takeharu Shumiya (NACS-J) "Research along with coastal areas"

Satoshi Maekawa (WW Japan) "Restoration of shallow sea area"

Hiroki Sugano councilperson of Rikuzen Takada "From Rikuzen Takada"

Hiroyuki Fujimaki Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism "Reconstruction of coastal defense"

Masaru Horigami, Ministry of the Environment, "The idea of Sanriku restoration national park Coordinator: Prof. Tohru Nakashizuka, Tohoku University

Part 2: marine species, depletion of pelagic fish and fishery resources management

Tetsuji Ida, Kyodo Tsusin "Biology of eel and its situation"

Aiko Yamauchi, WWF Japan, "Fishery resources management and certification"
Toru Kumagai, Agency of Fisheries, "Fishery resource management in Japan"
Mai Yamamoto, Ministry of the Environment, "Evaluation of rarity of marine species"
Coordinator: Masahito Yoshida, Chair of Japan Committee for IUCN

Part 3: Spatial Planning 8.3% Marine Protected Areas, what means?

Mariko Abe, NASC-J, "Question to 8.3%"

Masayoshi Hayama, WBS-J, "Important marine are for sea birds"

Zuiten Tsukamoto, Ministry of the Environment, "Definition of Marine Protected Area and Network"

Sei Yamauchi, Agency of Fisheries, "Japanese fisheries and Marine Protected Areas Coordinator: Tasuo Nakai, Director of NACS-J

■SessionⅢ: Toward new NBSAP

Facilitated by Nanami Kurasawa and Hidenori Kusakari (WWF-J)
Panelist: Three coordinator and Naohisa Okuda Ministry of the Environment

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