

Principles of the Environmental Policy in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- Encouraging Transition to an Environmentally Conscious Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Basic Understandings

5 Basic Understandings in developing environmental policies

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| 1. Shift to a sustainable society from a society of mass production, mass consumption and mass disposal | 2. Promotion of material circulation by agriculture, forestry and fisheries | 3. Proactive efforts by farmers, foresters and fishermen in conjunction with appreciation and support by consumers | 4. Coexistence of and interaction between urban and rural areas | 5. MAFF's policy support increasingly targeted to an environmentally conscious agriculture, forestry and fisheries |
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Basic Approaches

10 Basic Approaches for the transition to an environmentally conscious agriculture, forestry and fisheries

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| 1. Public information disclosure and explanation | 4. Coordination among interrelated environmental policy measures | 6. Environmental conditionality in subsidized projects and financial support | 8. Clear goals and evaluation |
| 2. Reflection of public opinion in policy making | 5. Formulation of guidelines for an environmentally conscious agriculture | 7. Greening and increased transparency of public projects | 9. Policy measures based on scientific knowledge |
| 3. Multi-stakeholder implementation process | | | 10. Environmental consideration by MAFF as an economic entity |

Policies in Each Environmental Domain

1. Sound Water Circulation

- (i) Water resource preservation by forestal and agricultural land, which covers 80% of the country
- (ii) Improvement of water quality in rural areas.
- (iii) Creation of seagrass bed and tidal wetland, which improves coastal water quality

2. Sound Atmospheric Circulation

- (i) Forest management as a measure to prevent global warming
- (ii) Reduction of CO₂ emission from agriculture, forestry and fisheries, and food industries

3. Sound Material Circulation

- (i) Promotion of the utilization of biomass
- (ii) Promotion of an environmentally conscious agriculture
 - i) Reduction of environmental impacts from fertilizers and pesticides
 - ii) Material circulation by the use of manures

4. Conservation of Rural Environment

- (i) Coexistence of and interaction between urban and rural areas
- (ii) Conservation of biodiversity

Research and Development

Environmental Education and Food Education

Matters for Further Consideration