Biodiversity Strategy on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Japan belongs to a wide range of climatic zones, from subtropical to subarctic. Each region has developed diverse agriculture, forestry, and fisheries adapted to its climate, and each region has nurtured its own rich biodiversity.



Biwa Lake to Land Integrated System



Fruit Cultivation System in Kyoutou Region

Recognized as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) in 2022

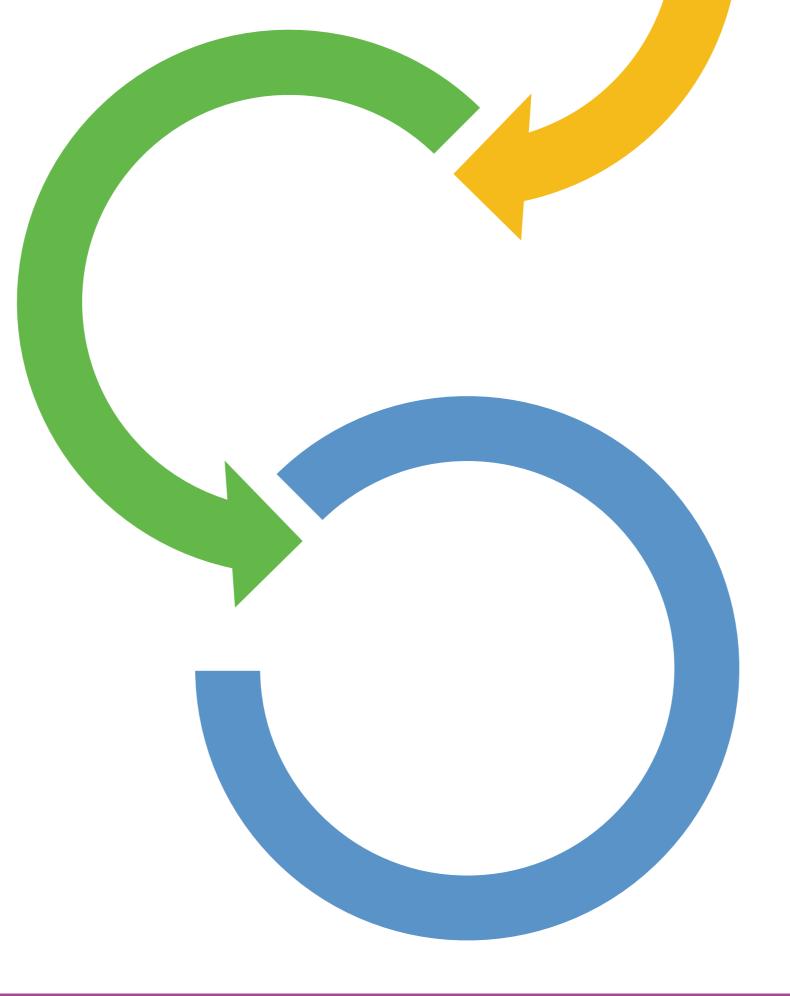
Draft Revision of MAFF Strategy

Mainstreaming biodiversity in production

Stimulating activities by working throughout the supply chain



Mainstreaming biodiversity throughout the supply chain





Labelling to Encourage Sustainable Consumption

Label Image

The rice paddy field has an important role to nurture biodiversity. MAFF is developing a label on rice package indicating the biodiversity conservation and GHG emission reduction to encourage sustainable consumption.





Sustainable and environmentally friendly agriculture

Measures to encourage environmentally friendly agriculture

- More and more farmers engage in agricultural activities effective for preventing global warming and preserving biodiversity. Groups of farmers, who carry out such activities combined with reduction of chemical fertilizer and synthetic pesticide by 50% or more, are eligible for a government grant.
- A survey on paddy fields shows that substantially high biodiversity can be achieved by introducing organic farming, winter flood control or integrated pest management (IPM), compared with conventional farming.

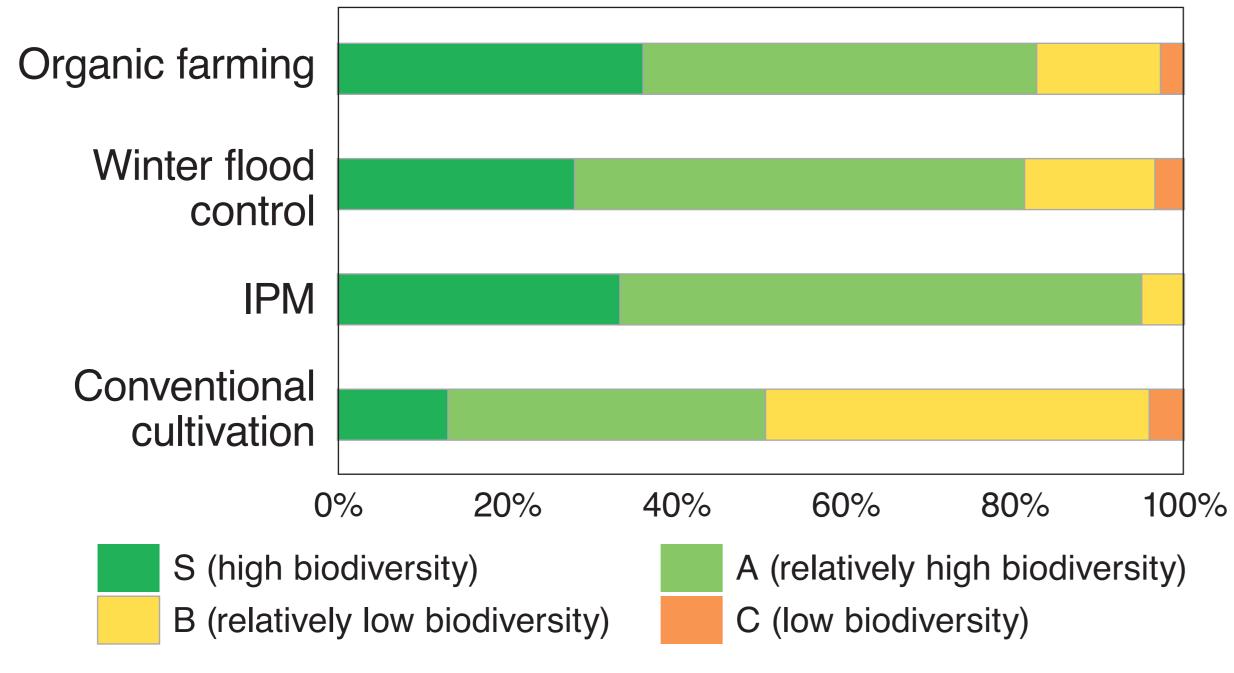
Assessment of Biodiversity Conservation

The "Biodiversity Survey and Evaluation Manual for Identifying Bird-friendly Rice Paddies" (National Agriculture and Food Research Organization) is used to conduct on-site surveys of indicator organisms.



Comprehensive evaluation of biodiversity

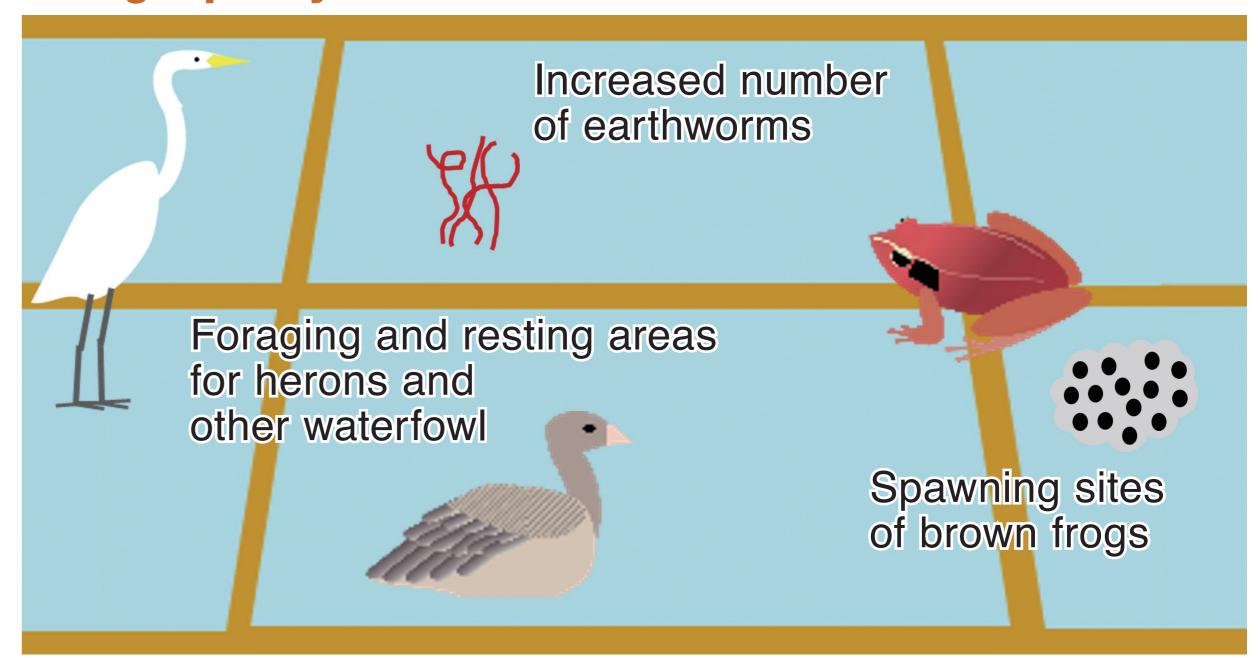
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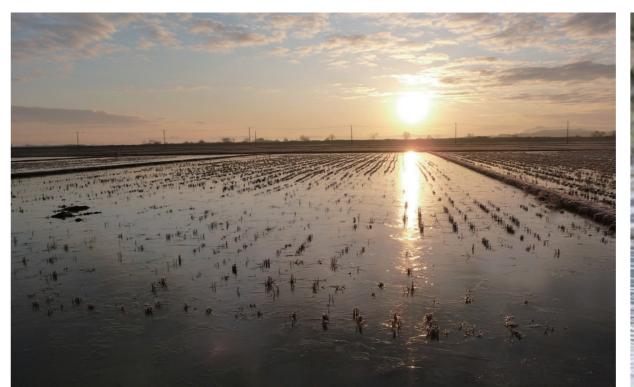


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Winter flood control

Filling a paddy field with water in winter







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"Organic Village" initiative

- The Japanese government is aiming to create one hundred "Organic Villages", where the communities commit to region-wide activities regarding organic farming from production to consumption, in order to expand organic farming across Japan.
- To date, 54 communities (55 municipalities) across Japan started their activities in 2022.



Taking advantage of unique characteristics of each region, communities promote activities including:

- Conservation of the environment to coexist with wild birds
- Fostering understanding of organic farming through agricultural experience

Kameoka, Kyoto

• Utilization organic products of plant origin in school lunches, etc.

https://www.maff.go.jp/j/seisan/kankyo/yuuki/organic_village.html



Abira, Hokkaido



Sado, Niigata



Uda, Nara