

(Provisional Translation)

Overview of basic principle of environmental policy

1. Idea of basic principle

From now on, agriculture, forestry and fisheries need to contribute to the environment and the economy. The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries advocates three principles suited to the SDGs.

We are aiming for agriculture, forestry and fisheries in Japan to be the industries which achieve remarkable progress, creating shared value in the environment and promoting both the environment and the economy earlier than other countries.

Idea ①

Agriculture, forestry and fisheries in Japan shall be developed into industries which achieve remarkable progress creating shared value in the environment, reducing the environmental load while promoting both the environment and the economy.

Idea ②

We will promote the efforts from production to food waste and food reuse through the supply chain, greening the policy of agriculture, forestry and fisheries and the food industry, which supports such efforts, and R&D (research and development).

Idea ③

MAFF aims for environmental load reduction and self-reform as an organization.

2. Basic principles of main measures

- Necessity of cooperation through supply chain and consumer understanding

We will practice reducing environmental load through the supply chain from upstream (producers) to downstream (consumers) and establish a system where the efforts of these practices can be learned and understood by consumers.

- Self-reform at MAFF

We will thoroughly reform the awareness of staff. We will also practice making the policy and training human resources, considering the environment and SDGs.

We will reduce emissions of greenhouse gases through working activities and government buildings.

SDGs mean the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by all United Nations member states in September 2015 and provide a shared blueprint for realizing a sustainable world.