



Aya Town AEON Forest, Miyazaki Prefecture
Designated as a “Nationally Certified
Sustainably Managed Natural Sites” in 2024



In 2024, Aya Town AEON Forest and the adjacent Hyuganatsu Field in the Waritsuke District were designated as Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Sites by Ministry of the Environment. The area is registered in the international database as an Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measure (OECM). It is also certified under the Act on Promoting Activities to Enhance Regional Biodiversity, which came into effect in 2025.



FY2026 Schedule		
May	Earthquake recovery commemorative tree planting in Nanao City, Ishikawa	Sat, 30
Jun	Call for grant recipient organizations	Mon, 1 until Mon, Jul 20
Jul	Tree planting in Angkor AEON Nature Park, Siem Reap, Cambodia	Sat, 4
Aug	The 9th MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity Award ceremony and laureates' forum	Thu, 27
Sep	Recovery tree planting and nurturing in Ishinomaki City, Miyagi	Wed, 23
	Tree planting in Okoppe Town, Hokkaido	Sat, 26
Oct	Earth Day Makuhari 2026	Sat, 3-Sun, 4
	Cherry tree planting in Atsuma Town, Hokkaido	Sat, 10
	Regrowth after a forest fire in Nanyo City, Yamagata	Wed, 14
	Tree nurturing in Koka City, Shiga	Sat, 17
Nov	Tree planting in Tsuyama City, Okayama	Sat, 31
	Tree nurturing in Aya Town AEON Forest, Miyazaki	Sat, 21
2027 Feb	Tree nurturing in Minamishimabara City, Nagasaki	Sat, 28
	The 4th AEON SATOYAMA Forum	Thu, 11
2027 Mar	Regrowth after a forest fire in Imabari City, Ehime	Sat, 13

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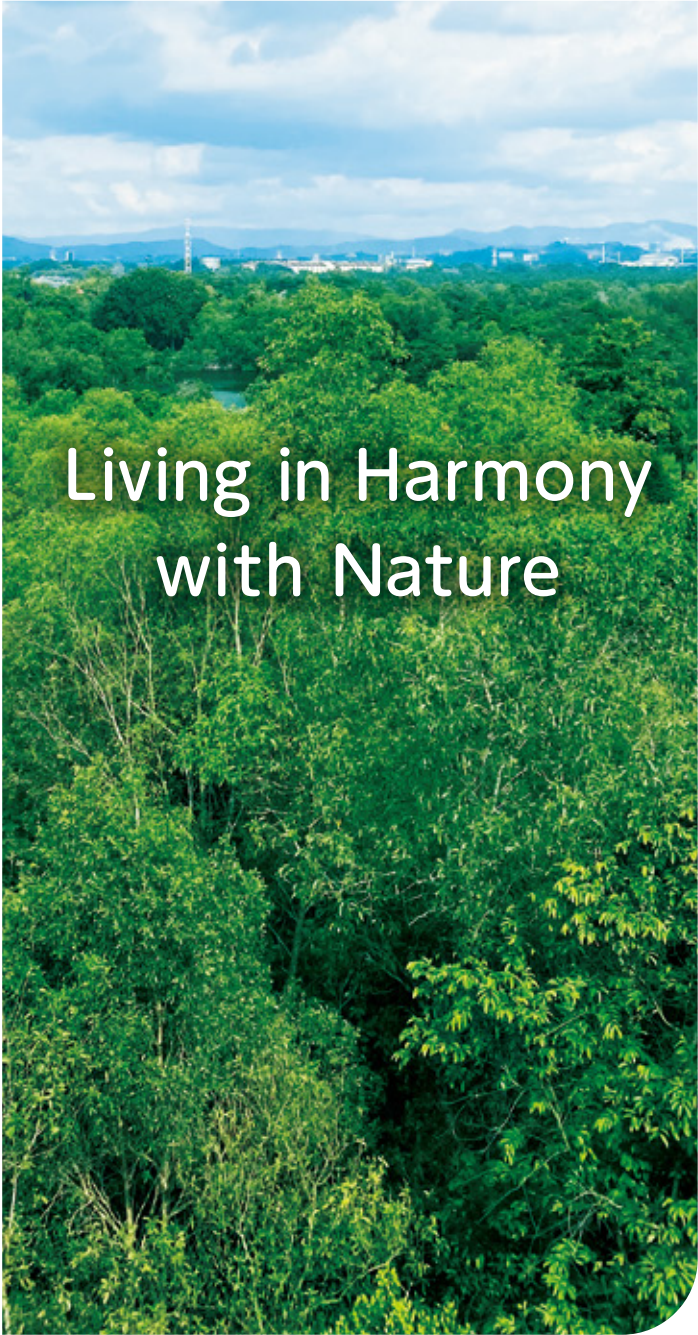
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Satoyama Creation at Aya Town AEON Forest in Miyazaki Prefecture

The entire town of Aya in Miyazaki Prefecture has been designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Since 2013, the Foundation has been planting trees to restore a former logging site in the town-owned forest to its original satoyama state. Together with local volunteers, we have planted more than 20,000 trees to date. In recent years, we have also focused on tree-nurturing activities to conserve the satoyama, and environmental education through carbon stock surveys.





Tree Planting

Angkor AEON Nature Park (Cambodia)



Grant Program

35th Grant Recipient NPO CHARCOAL&AXE (Sanmu City, Chiba)



Environmental Education and Joint Research

Earth Day Makuhari 2025 (Chiba)



The MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity

8th Award Winners Press Conference 2025 (Tokyo)

Total Trees Planted by AEON **Approximately 12.87 million**

We conduct tree-planting activities around the world with local volunteers, aiming to restore forests lost to natural disasters and logging, restore disaster-prevention forests, and address environmental challenges such as climate change and biodiversity loss.

Tree-planting activities in 2025



Nanyo City, Yamagata



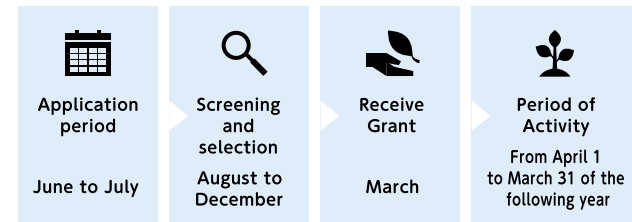
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Total Number of Grant Recipients **3,657 organizations**

Total Amount of Grants **3.29 billion yen** from year 1991 until 2025

Each year, we invite applications for grants totaling 100 million yen for nonprofit organizations that protect natural environments worldwide and actively engage in environmental activities.

The application process



Total Number of Forum Participants **5,234**

Total Number of Youth Program Participants **796** (Total Number of Participating Countries 16)

In collaboration with universities and other institutions, we conduct joint research on satoyama and provide programs and learning opportunities to develop human resources who will be active in the environmental field.

The 3rd AEON SATOYAMA Forum
Held in February 2026
Theme: The Resilience of Satoyama and Local Communities

From disaster preparedness to recovery and reconstruction, the resilience of local communities and satoyama has been getting attention. We shared presentations and exchanged opinions from the perspectives of various stakeholders, including cooperating universities, local governments, and activity groups.

The 4th Forum Overview
Date & Time: Thu, Feb 11, 2027, from 10:00 to 17:00
Venue: Tokyo International Forum (Hall D)

A visual record of the forum discussions



Total Number of Recipients **21 individuals, 38 organizations**

Total Number of Countries **20**



In partnership with the SCBD,* the award, which was established at COP10, was held in Japan in 2010 to honor individuals dedicated to outstanding environmental activities.

*SCBD: Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

The 9th MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity Award Ceremony and Laureates' Forum
Date & Time: Thu, Aug 27, 2026, from 16:00 to 17:30
Venue: Imperial Hotel Tokyo

