



Data book of groups
working on conservation of biodiversity
in the Chubu Region



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Biodiversity

Five ecosystems support the biodiversity

The Chubu Region is blessed with diverse natural environments ranging from the alpine belt of the Chubu Mountain Range to the sea areas including The Ise Bay and Toyama Gulf.

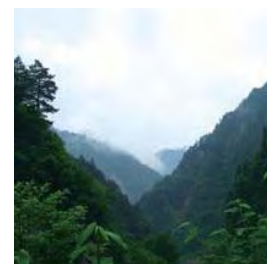
However, there are problems in conserving biodiversity; such as loss of green spaces due to urban extension, devastated Satoyama, expansion of abandoned artificial forests, disruptions in the continuity of natural environment, degradation of water quality in closed water areas and tideland shrinkage.

In order to solve these problems, it is important to accelerate area-wide cooperation for the implementation of activities among citizens and communities. Chubu Regional Environment Office has been making efforts to conserve biodiversity in the virtuous cycle in which efforts for the environmental protection contribute to the development of regional economies and the vitalization of the communities.



This is the ecosystem of the forests including evergreen coniferous forest, cool temperate deciduous broad-leaved forests, warm temperate deciduous broad-leaved forests, warm temperate evergreen broad-leaved forests, the alpine ecosystem above the forest limit at the altitude of 2,500 meters and animals and plants inhabiting there. Secondary forests and artificially developed ecosystems, however, the proper use and management make them adequate habitats for the animals and plants of the natural forests originally existed.

◆ Main environments
Natural forest / Secondary forest / Artificial forest / Alpine belt and upland grassland are also included



◆ Main environments
Rice paddies, Farm fields, Abandoned farmland / Irrigation canals, Reservoirs / Pastureland / Secondary forest and artificial forest around farmland are also included

This is the ecosystem of rice paddies, farm fields, surrounding forests and animals and plants inhabiting there. The agricultural ecosystem in Japan has been developed through the long history of agricultural land use including rice cultivation. Villages and its surroundings - a mosaic distribution of farmlands, irrigation canals, reservoirs, farm forests and pasturelands - are the distinctive characteristics of the Satochi-Satoyama ecosystem.



This is the ecosystem of forests, farmlands, green spaces, rivers, coasts in the urban areas and the animals and plants inhabiting there. Originally, it is an ecosystem formed in the highly modified urban land uses such as residential, industrial and transportation areas. However, its fauna and flora are composed with species related to surrounding ecosystems such as the agricultural, inland water and coastal ecosystems.

◆ Main environments
Park / Green residential quarter / Industrial area / Roof garden



◆ Main environments
River (upper stream to estuary) / River bed / Lake / Wetland, Marsh / Reed bed

This is the ecosystem of rivers, lakes, wetlands and animals and plants inhabiting there. Rivers, lakes, and wetlands are called as "inland water." Channels and ponds for agricultural water use are part of agricultural ecosystem, but not of inland water ecosystem.



This is the ecosystem of coasts, lands cut into by shore line, sea areas and animals and plants inhabiting there. It is focused on coasts, lands cut into by shore line and sea areas. The coastal area includes ecosystems such as tidelands of neritic area, seaweed beds and coral reefs.

◆ Main environments
Dune, Beach / Sea cliff / Rocky shore, Tideland, Seaweed bed / Inner bay / Open sea





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Aiming at realizing the "Vigorous local area", we work on environmental problems, cleanup activities and holding some lecture meetings. Especially, as activities for environmental problems, we conduct research about loggerhead turtles' coming on shores, spawning and hatching and survey on flotsam. We maintain seaside areas through cleanup and turning the light off along the beach. Further, we are appealing to the governments.



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We research on the Yahagi River and its environment mainly at its midstream and upper stream, including the changes of sediment movement and river bed materials. Now, we are conducting research about Golden mussels across the Yahagi River. In addition, we implemented surveys of Japanese eight-barbel loaches in the stream close to the university from 2001 to 2009 and published the results.



A04 Atsumi Nature Society

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In order to conserve the rich nature and endangered species in the Atsumi Peninsula, we hold lectures and observation meetings. Besides, we investigate the breeding and migration of Raptors and implement activities to conserve the habitats of the endangered species such as star magnolias and Nagabonatsuhaze (Japanese name). As necessary, we also hold symposiums and make request to the government.



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This is a network of organizations and groups engaged in hands-on activities for conservation and utilization of brushes in Aichi Prefecture. To develop each activity, we strive to enhance the active communication among individuals and exchanges of information. As conservation actions for endangered species, different organizations and groups collaborate to conduct cooperative joint surveys and to carry out activities to protect habitats of star magnolias. We also hold lectures to raise public awareness.



A05 Inuyama Institute for Satoyama Sciences, Non-profit Organization

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In Inuyama City, various groups such as governments, farmers, and NPOs are cooperating to carry out programs with the objectives of conservation and wise use of Satoyama through encouraging general citizens to learn about biodiversity and Satoyama. We conduct projects such as surveys of dwarf top-mouth minnows, research on star magnolias and protection their habitat. We also try to raise public awareness through ikeboshi (draining and drying of ponds for the maintenance) joined by the citizens to exterminate invasive alien species such as large-mouth basses.



A06 Omotehama Network, Non-profit Organization, Non-profit Organization

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In order to preserve the Omotehama Shore, using loggerhead turtles as an indicator of the environmental problems, we are working as a networking group to assist exchange of useful information among individuals and groups who engage in the activities and proposals as to the effective preservation of coast lines. For example, we conduct surveys of landing and egg laying of loggerhead turtles, activities to nourish the beach using the sand-fixed hedge and conducting symposiums and environmental educations.



A09 Society to protect the forests of water source and the Hachiryuu Wetland

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To restore the Hachiryu Wetland, we manage and conserve the wetland in collaboration with Nagoya City by setting up keeping fences, boardwalks, walkways, etc. We organize meetings for conservation and observation of endangered species living in the wetland, such as callery pear, star magnolia, clouded salamander, etc., and carry out sensitization for the public about importance of wetlands through alien species extermination activities.



A07 Kinjo Gakuin University

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In the Hachiryu Wetland close to the university, populations of Tokai Hill Land Elements are found. In order to conserve this wetland and keep Satoyama in good condition, we implement conservation activities and observation meetings collaborating with local groups, and also conduct distribution survey of raccoons and extermination of Lanceleaf tickseed. In the future we will promote education regarding conservation of Satoyama and exchanges among universities, encouraging more students to participate.



A10 Toyota City Nature Sanctuary

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It was established in 1990 with the initiative and help of the Ministry of Environment, aiming to provide people with opportunities to learn and think about the function of natural environment and environmental conservation through contact with nature in a less formal manner. Now, with the target of making forests as suitable habitats for grey-faced buzzards, we conserve the environment of Satoyama, the groups of wetland plants and dragonflies, and exterminate the alien species. We also function as the center of natural environment study to raise public awareness.



A08 Shimada Wetland Society to Protect Shiratama Hoshikusa and Hacchotonbo

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Cooperating with Greenification and Public Works Bureau of Nagoya City, we conserve the wetland and the endangered species living there such as Shiratama-hishikusa (Japanese name) and weeping love glass. We conduct conservations (including the exterminations of alien species) and make ecological surveys (to identify distribution and population), and nature observation meetings twice a year (on July and on September).



A11 Nagoya City River Environment Society

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Our main activities are conducting surveys of river ecosystem and providing guidance for environmental study. We are operating in the neighboring regions around Nagoya City and Gifu City. We conserve and research the habitat environment of endangered species such as Japanese eight-barbel loach and salamanders. We also conduct surveys and extermination of the alien species such as largemouth bass, bluegill as well as sensitization activities through interview survey with local residents.



A12

Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium Chelonian Institute

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We conduct researches and activities for protecting and breeding loggerhead turtles, green sea turtles and hawksbill turtles in order to understand the ecology of marine turtles and to protect and breed them. In our aquarium, we have an artificial spawning bed and hatchery to understand reproductive behavior. We have a program to relocate loggerhead turtles' eggs laid in our aquarium into natural shore to promote natural hatch. We also implement activities to raise public awareness including migration route surveys and releasing events.



A15

Higasimikawa Natural Environment Network

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In response to "Higashimikawa biodiversity conservation project" planned by Aichi prefecture which was selected as promoting projects for biodiversity conservation by Ministry of Environment on June 2008, we established "Higashimikawa Natural Environment Network" which consists of Aichi Prefecture, NPOs and universities. Each group engages in the conservation and the proposal for conservation of endangered species such as Loggerhead turtles, and sensitization activities to develop understanding of biodiversity.



A13

Nagoya Higashiyama Zoo and Botanical Gardens

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In the gallery of world the Japanese rice fish, the scene of paddies are re-enacted where Japanese rice fishes inhabit naturally and immediate aquatic lives and endangered freshwater fishes are displayed which live in the diversified environment from the upper stream to the estuary and tidal of the Shounai River. We are raising public awareness of local people for the state and the ecology of Japanese rice fishes and for the influence to the native species by the alien fishes like the mosquito fishes.



A16

Hekinan Seaside Aquarium

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URL: <http://www.city.hekinan.aichi.jp/aquarium/>

In order to conserve the endangered species, we engage in breeding and conservation of dwarf topmouth minnows and golden venus chubs, and carry out surveys and breeding of stumpy bullheads. As for the alien species, we organize the sensitization activities with information boards and environmental education for the elementary school students, such as extermination and dissection of the alien species.



A14

The Japan Falconiformes Center

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This Center is established for the purpose of making use of human knowledge and technology for the preservation of decreasing falconiformes populations. Our activities include the projects regarding treating of falconiformes, taking measures for the protection of habitat environments, preserving Japanese falconry skill and applying it to the protection activities of wounded birds, developing partnerships with enterprises and domestic and foreign laboratories, cooperating with governments, collecting and utilizing various literatures and reports, and holding seminars.



A17

Moriyama Wild Japanese Squirrel Conservation Society

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Our aims are to breed and conserve Japanese squirrels and Japanese giant flying squirrels living in Satoyama in the suburbs of Nagoya City and to conduct environmental education through restoring diversified natural environment. We implement various activities with children to make an environment in which squirrels can live independently, for example, continuing provisions by installment of feeding tables, and planting Japanese red pines and Japanese walnuts for squirrels' food. As a countermeasure against alien species, we get rid of Lanceleaf tickseed and conduct distribution survey of raccoons.



A18

Society for cleaning up the Yada River and the Shounai River

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We aim to recover the clean and suitable living environment by fighting against contamination in the Shounai River system, and to pass it down to the next generation. We have been organizing fishing competitions for 35 years to promote cleanup of rivers and a project for upstream migration of a million Japanese trout. As a "health check-up" of the river, we conduct surveys on the living creatures including alien species and water quality analyses. Further, we carry out conservation activities such as firefly observation meetings to protect the Saikido stream which is one of the most famous springs in Nagoya City.



A19

Yamazaki River Green Map

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We conduct surveys on the living creatures and extermination of alien species such as large sized carps and red-eared sliders in order to protect native species decreasing rapidly because of the alien species in the Yamazaki River. For sensitization of local residents, we organize activities in which children interview with old people about the conditions of the rivers in old days so that they can understand the changes in organisms living there.



G01

Preservation Society for Naked threespine sticklebacks in Ikeda-cho

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In order to protect naked threespine sticklebacks which have been living in this area for the long time by cooperation of local communities to pass the rich environment down to the next generations, we remove weeds and sludge and conduct surveys of the habitat of the sticklebacks in the Shimizu Pond, which is the headspring of the Nakagawa River, and its upstream. Also, we engage in sensitization activities by providing assistance to on-site classes of elementary and junior high schools of the town.



A20

Society for Rokujo Lagoon and Mikawa Bay

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With a campaign to submit opinions against the document for the environmental impact assessment about the land reclamation project in the Mikawa Bay area, this organization was established to protect the tidelands and restore the bay area. We survey irregularly the growth status of dwarf grass wrack, soft shell clams and many-formed corihs, hold observation meetings in April or May every year and take part in the Port Planning Investigative Commission as a member.



G02

Ibi Natural Environment Ranger, Non-profit Organization

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In order to conserve the rich natural environment in the Ibi District, we aggressively promote activities for wildlife protection and afforestation as well as sensitization. Besides, we carry out cleanup activities of mountain trails and rivers along forest roads to conserve the natural environment around the Yashagaik Pond near the prefectural boundary. We, with many related governments, jointly established liaison and coordination conference for the Yashagaik Pond conservation and work on the protection of Yasha diving beetle, etc.



G03

Citizens' Alliance for Environment in Ogaki City

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Our organization was established as an operational body of the basic plan for the environment in Ogaki city, and affiliated groups ("Preservation Society for Naked threespine sticklebacks in Nishinokawa River", "Kagano Water Preservation Society", "Minamichihashi fireflies protection Society") conduct conservation activities with local children's associations and organize observation activities for schools. Further, "Suimongawa Ikiiki Project" of Citizens' Alliance for Environment in Ogaki City implemented the extermination of bluegills in the Kuise River.



G06

Gifu World Fresh Water Aquarium Aqua Totto Gifu

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It was established to provide an opportunity for environmental educations to learn and think about the natural environment and river environment in Gifu Prefecture and to become a center of exchanges and communication in the community. As activities of "Society to protect dwarf topmouth minnow", which is organized with Gifu Prefecture river environmental laboratory, Seki City, Mino City, and civic groups, we conduct meetings of exchanging parent fish, make surveys on the habitat at the releasing site, select the releasing sites, and exterminate the alien fishes.



G04

Kagano Water Preservation Society

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Using spring water from the well of Kagano Hachiman shrine which was selected as "Heisei 100 exquisite and well-conserved waters," naked threespine sticklebacks which are in danger of extinction were released into a new pond build around the shrine (the Hariyo pond) and waterway on the west of the shrine. To protect them, we clean up the pond twice a month and conduct conservation and breeding activities. We also organize discussion meetings with children's association and cleanup activities with them.



G07

Nature and Science Club Bioscience Team of Gifu Prefectural Gifu Highschool

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We conduct surveys and studies mainly about familiar living creatures in Gifu Prefecture. Since 2006, cooperating with local residents, governments, various research institutes and researchers, as the conservation activities for clouded salamanders which can be found only in two points in Gifu Prefecture, we have been working mainly on breeding and releasing of artificially bred individuals, maintenance of habitats, and analysis of genetic diversity.



G05

Forum of Kiso Three Rivers

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Our aim is to offer opportunities for building partnerships between governments and citizens to promote the river restoration by community participation. Study meetings about the rivers have been our main activity, but since 2008, we started to work on the extermination of invasive alien fishes. We, aiming to shift from activities by members to those with more community participation, also run our activities with community organizations working with the environmental issues.



G08

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With opening of the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in October, we have researched Invasive Alien Species and found the three kinds of alien plants in Gero City, namely, lanceleaf tickseed, tar-cucumber and cutleaf coneflower. Last year, to deal with this problem, we employed four persons to carry out a detailed survey and extermination, with the aid of Emergency Employment Promotion Project. This year, we employ 6 persons and continue the activities.



Types of ecosystem



Agricultural Ecosystem



Inland water Ecosystem



Taxa of endangered species



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We implement activities with local residents, governments and other groups to protect the natural environment of Dachibokubora where least water-lilies are growing naturally. Our main activity is to protect Least water-lilies, to recover the environment of swampland, to exterminate alien plants, and to organize observation meetings and study events for citizens and children as sensitization activities for preservation of the natural environment.



G12 Hondo 5H Project

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Hondo, Wanouchi Town was selected as the model area of the "Farmland, water, environment conservation and improvement pilot project" by the Seino Office of agriculture and forestry bureau of Gifu Prefecture. Taking this occasion as a chance, this organization was established and we patrol, clean up and observe the protected pond and channels, for protecting the habitats of golden venus chub. We also conduct the exterminations of the alien species (apple snails) with local residents in late July every year.



G10 Nakatsugawa Star Magnolia Society

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It was established to protect the endangered species, the star magnolia, growing naturally around the Tōmou Region. Our activities include protection and maintenance (weeding, etc.) of more than ten habitats and the Shidekoboshi Corridor (wide-area farm road), selling the young plants of the star magnolia (in May, the season of bloom) at its habitat, Iwayadou, which is in the prefectural natural monument and guiding in the habitats (installation of the sign boards and banners, explanation of the star magnolia, etc.).



G13 River Keeper Japan, Non-profit Organization

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In order to conserve the nature of river basin, by organizing the on-site trainings for developing public awareness to appreciate the nature, we conduct research on conservation technology for ecosystems and education activities of the next generations. We also propose to restore the abandoned paddies along Kiso Three Rivers in collaboration with Gifu Prefecture and make policy proposals about the extermination of the invasive Alien Species such as largemouth basses and raccoons.



G11 Harinko Network

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Our organization was established with the goal of implementing national sensitization by the power of networking to conserve the endangered species, naked threespine sticklebacks. By our PR activities such as environmental magazines, we support the restoration of the flood control basin, which is done collectively by governments, autonomous communities and PTAs of schools, and the prize-giving and symposiums with the help of enterprises and mass media in different places. This year, we are planning to make some DVDs and publish the commemorative magazines.





M03 Suzuka High School Natural Science Club

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Mie 513-0831

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Our goal is to diffuse the wide range of information on current condition of the Suzuka River to the public and to provide driving force to bring back the clean river with a variety of fishes. In order to achieve these goals, we are analyzing the water quality and living creatures in the river. We are also conducting distribution surveys of stumpy bullheads, designated as a national monument. Moreover, we are implementing sensitization activities through releasing these survey results to academic conferences, council meetings, and also to the public in several events.



M01 Iga Furusato Network for Japanese Iuehdorfia

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TeI: 0595-65-1014

URL: <http://www.geocities.jp/luehdorfia2004/>

The Iga Region has become the only remaining breeding area of Japanese Iuehdorfias in Mie Prefecture. However, even in the Iga Region many habitats are diminishing. Our organization was established aiming to preserve the environment of Satoyama where many Japanese Iuehdorfias are flying. We conduct weeding in habitats, sensitization activities, observation meetings, research on habitats, patrolling the designated natural monument areas, and adjuration activities to prevent Japanese Iuehdorfias from being extinct.



M04 Tado Nature Cultivation Center, Non-profit Organization

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Mie 511-0123

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Our aim is to contribute to the improvement of our public welfare by putting greater efforts in the creation of an eco-friendly town. Our activities include environmental sensitization, beautification campaign, and so forth. The underbrush and shrubs have been spread in the habitat of a natural monument "Tado gallery pear habitat" and confirmed to have bad influence to the growth of it. Therefore, we are offering the public an opportunity twice a year to take part in the weeding to improve this situation.



M02 Wildlife Society of Shima Peninsula

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Aiming to let many people understand the importance of the natural environment and think about its conservation, we engage in the research on wildlife in the Shima Peninsula and the protection of the wildlife and their habitats. Our recent activities are survey about breeding status of loggerhead turtles, researches on bycatch and stranding and the extermination of alien species such as spanish daggers.



M05 Tokai Region Bitterling Research Association

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Our association consists mainly of student and young researchers. In order to develop Satogawa management with a scientific approach for the purpose of conserving biodiversity by residents, our group is working on ecological surveys that are the basis of river conservation, several types of activities based on our research, and also making proposals to the public to create sustainable town in terms of immediate natural environment. One of our projects is ikeboshi, which is drying up the pond to manage cleaner reservoirs. We are also planning to set up The 5th National Bitterling Summit in January, 2011 in accordance with holding COP 10.



M06 Nonobori Seiyu Group

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Mie 519-0223

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With our wish to sustain and hand over it to the next generations the beautiful nature of the Anraku River, we are taking part in maintaining and conservating natural resources of mountains and rivers under the goal to develop coexistence of people and nature. In specific, we are supporting the habitat research, clearing the river, conducting sensitization events, and making proposals to the government in order to protect stumpy bull-heads that inhabits in the Anraku River.



M09 Association for waterfront development "Uo-za" of the Suzuka River

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Our main goal is to improve the riparian environment with rich nature and full of species by means of discussing and taking action for it. In specific, we are conducting research of fish habitats, protection activities of native fishes, removing activities of alien fishes, and also promoting the creation of fish passes in order to improve the habitat and run up environment for several aquatic species in the Suzuka River System and the Nakanokawa River System.



M07 Miyagawa Sewage Division, Ise Construction Office, Mie Prefecture

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Mie 516-8566

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Brackish water damselfly was found in a site where sewerage treatment plant was planned to be constructed. In order to protect this damselfly, we created a new habitat for them next to the place where it was found in 2003 by means of transplanting reeds. We also conducted monitoring studies of its effect, and we succeeded in increasing the number of them. In addition, we are conducting seminars and observation workshops to sensitize the public.



M10 Management Division, the Miya River Irrigation Land Development Department

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URL: <http://miyagawa.cc>

This division was formed for the purpose to manage maintenance of the irrigation facility that was constructed under the irrigation project of the Miya River. During the construction of a retention basin, inhabitation of Mizunira (Japanese name), which is designated as Near Threatened species, was confirmed. Therefore, our team replaced it to the near pond from its habitat and placed it back to the original location after the completion of construction. In addition, we exterminate invasive alien species such as Largemouth basses by means of draining and drying of ponds.



M08 Natural Research Club, West Yokkaichi high school

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We conduct several surveys about the nature around northern area of Mie Prefecture. Life history researches of living creatures that make their habitat in spring waters, conservation activities for endangered species, measuring physical and chemical environment such as water temperature or water quality, discharge volume, velocity and etc. and studies of food chain of species in water springs. We are also joining ikeboshi projects conducted by nature conservation group in order to exterminate the alien fishes.



M11 Welkame Yokkaichi

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Our group was established collaborating with the local government under the goal to "protect the natural environment and spread human relationships through marine turtles." We are taking part in cleaning around the Yoshizaki Coast in a monthly basis in order to protect the spawning region of loggerhead turtles, where egg-laying and hatch was confirmed in 2003. We are also conducting workshops inviting specialists of nature and environment.



**M12 Ryuiki-kankyo-hozen Network,
Non-profit Organization**

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We are making proposals to conserve the watershed environment which are based on a variety of scientific researches conducted by scholars, who are the leading members of our group. By collaborating with the community and the government through several conservation and restoration projects, we are aiming to activate the civil society and to provide to the public with sound sense of nature. Other main projects include surveys on the living creatures in irrigation canals, Deep-bodied bitterling living in the Noubi Plain, and etc.



**I02 Ishikawa Satoyama Community Council for
Biodiversity Conservation Project**

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In order to conserve and rehabilitate several Satoyama in Ishikawa Prefecture, civil organizations, research institutions, and the government are working together to create brush bamboo groves at hilly areas in Kanazawa City where is known as habitat of Luehdorfia. Furthermore, we conduct extermination of alien species such as rusty crayfish and maintenance of biotopes in Oku-Noto area, where is known as a habitat of Sharpe-gengorou-modoki (Japanese name).



**I03 Conference for Forests Revitalization of
Golden Eagles of Kaga-satoyama**

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Although golden eagles were making its habitat in the past in South Kaga area, where is near the border between Ishikawa and Fukui Prefecture, not any more are they found in these days. In order to revitalize the forest where golden eagles inhabited, the government, research institutions and enterprises are conducting research altogether on its inhabiting situations. We are also improving habitat environment by thinning the forests.



**I01 Ishikawa Prefecture
Yuhi Temple Kenmin Natural Garden**

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URL: <http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/sizen/satoyama%20new/yuhidera1.htm>

Locating near the city, it is a familiar Satoyama to the public. We are reusing the abandoned rice terraces as a "Sanctuary of Dragonflies". In order to increase the number of Great purple emperor, we are planting and protecting Japanese hackberry. In a government level, we are starting several projects taking advantage of Satoyama as a model project.



**I04 The Association of
the The Kamoike Lake Observation Museum**

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The Kamoike Pond is one of the most famous wintering spots for anatine and duck in Japan. The Kamoike Pond is registered on the Ramsar Convention, and our group is conducting activities for environmental conservation and sensitization programs for the purpose of protecting the nature of the Kamoike Pond to hand over to the future generations. Specifically speaking, the activities include creation of feeding grounds for birds during winter period by letting water flow to rice fields, exterminating alien fishes and conducting several type of activities such as observing nature or taking part in rice cultivation.



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Association for Conservation of Circum-Hakusan Area

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This is an association of communities of Hakusan National Park and its surrounding areas in which communities of different situations liaise and collaborate together. Having local initiatives of communities, combined with our independent programs such as communities' support, new schemes and research activities, we protect nature, landscape and culture and carry out sustainable regional development, in order to keep the beauty of Hakusan and the vitality of its surrounding communities for our next generation.



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Mikawa Naturalist Club

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We are the organization for local development with the objectives for the creation of comfortable and delightful community, the protection of Amur stickleback that is a symbol of limpid stream and spring water in the Mikawa Region of Hakusan City, and the conservation of natural environment close to people of the Mikawa Region and ecosystems existing around the mouth of the Tetori River. Having contacts with other organizations as necessary, we organize the programs for preservation of Amur sticklebacks, meeting for nature observation and workshops.



F01

Amamo Mermaid Project

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http://www.obamasuisan-h.ed.jp/

With a slogan of "Make the Obama Bay rich sea with plentiful fishes", the Obama fisheries high school and amamo (eel grass) supporters consisting of local citizens and fishermen are jointly working on the revival of amamo seaweed beds to upgrade water quality and sediment. Our activities include settled planting of amamo, distribution research, development of the settled planting method, and sensitization activities such as environment seminars and visiting classes.



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Mori no Miyako Group of Bird Fanciers

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We have began our operation in Kanazawa in 1970, with a sense of crisis caused by the situation of Japan, where immediate living creatures have disappeared and pollutions have frequently occurred. We carry on wide-ranged activities such as monthly meeting of bird watching and research on the nesting of Japanese night herons in Sogoya, the planned construction site of the Tatsumi Dam, research on the nesting of ospreys and little terns, maintenance of pond for baikamo (Japanese name), and installation of nest boxes for owls.



F02

Wetland Nakaikemi, Non-profit Organization

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Our purposes are to protect and conserve the environment of the Nakaikemi Wetland and to promote the social education and urban development as environmental educational opportunities. We have been involved in the Ministry of Environment applied research project "Promotion of regional monitoring for valuable ecosystems" as a core site of the Satochi field for five years, and conduct the activities for preservation of endangered species and extermination of alien species along with support programs for observation meeting and on-site training of schools and other organizations.



Amphibians



Fishes and Shellfishes



Shells



Insects

Taxa of alien species



Plants



Mammals



Birds



Reptiles



Amphibians



Fishes and Shellfishes



Shells



Insects

F03 Group Aim to Realize Running Up of Salmon and Masu salmon to the Eihei-ji River

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With hope to recover the river with a lot of fish living and Salmons and Masu salmon returning to breed just like it used to be, we approached our prefectural government to install the fish way. As a result, three fish ways have been completed by June of 2010. Furthermore, we organize observation workshops and fishing competition besides releasing of juvenile fish, creation of spawning beds and maintenance of river channels (mowing and removal of stones).



F06 Group for the Jisa River and Ninespine Stickleback

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The Jisa River, originated from spring water, is the southern limit of habitat for Amur sticklebacks. We conduct the sensitization activities including workshops for local citizens as well as cleanup of the river and countermeasure against the depletion of spring water to conserve this limpid stream and protect the long-term habitat for various species such as Amur sticklebacks and baikamo (Japanese name).



F04 Ohno Group for Three-spined Stickleback

Hongan Shimizu Itoyo no Sato, 8-44, Itoyo-cho, Ohno-shi, Fukui 912-0054

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The Hongan Shimizu Pond, which is a spring-fed pond and the southern limit of habitat for landlocked form of threespined sticklebacks, is designated as a national monument. We cooperate with governments, civil organizations and local citizens to implement the sensitization activities including symposiums and preservation activities for threespined sticklebacks and the head-spring aiming at the improvement of habitable environment.



F07 Nakaikemi Net, Non-profit Organization

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URL: http://www6.plala.or.jp/nakaikeminet/

We engage in the projects concerning preservation and management of the Nakaikemi Wetland and seek sustainable use of the wetland and conservation of biodiversity including endangered species, aiming at the realization of affluent society in which we can co-exist with nature. In 2010 we started to undertake "the project for management, operation and utilization of Nakaikemi by citizens" consigned by Tsuruga City and have been carrying out the extermination of alien species to preserve the Nakaikemi Wetland.



F05 Sakuramasu Restoration

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Our core members are passionate flyfishers from all over the country, and we implement the conservation activities to boost natural reproduction of masu salmon in the Kuzuryu River. Our activities are building the spawning beds, moving of the eggs prior to the constructions, monitoring after the constructions, education regarding fluvial environment and organizing the fishing school which also contributes to the sensitization.



F08 Fukui Amphibian and Reptile Research Association

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Abe's Salamander Research Association, which was launched as an implementation body of the protection and breeding project of the Ministry of Environment, was reestablished and renamed as Fukui Amphibian and Reptile Research Association in 2000. We engage in various activities including research on status in the wild and gene analysis of amphibian, research of infectious diseases, maintenance of breeding sites, providing advice and instruction for public works, and sensitization activities and social education for citizens. Moreover, we conducted the extermination of alien species at the breeding sites.



F09

Farmers and Citizens Protecting Waterfront and Natural Life

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A number of endangered species such as Abe's salamanders are living in Hakusan and the Sakaguchi District in the western part of Echizen City of Fukui Prefecture. We enhance the interaction among nature, farming and culture through the preservation of these endangered species and the promotion of their co-existence with human life with the goal of revitalization of Satochi and Satoyama landscapes.



F10

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In Mikata Five Lakes, the largemouth basses were found and there is the concern about their negative impact on the ecosystems and fishery industry. Wakasa City Hall issues coupons for cooperation to exterminate this alien fishes, encouraging fishermen not to release the largemouth basses in the lake. We strive to preserve the natural environment and ecosystems in the Mikatagoko Lake through these sensitization activities.



F11

Wakasa Mikata Jomon Museum

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We have been addressing environmental activities since our establishment based on the concept of "recycle and coexistence" to learn from the Jomon Period. As conservation actions for plants, birds, amphibians, and fishes inhabiting around the Mikatagoko Lake, we engage in research and preservation activities of habitats, observation meetings (hosted jointly with the prefectural government) environment workshops and publishing brochures. In addition, we conduct extermination of alien species such as the american bull frogs.





A set of three booklets

<http://chubu.env.go.jp/>

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