

Nature Positive Sado Island Declaration

Biodiversity conservation is now being taken up as an international issue to follow carbon neutrality, and the world has expressed commitment to a nature positive global goal of “halting the declining trend of biodiversity and moving toward recovery by 2030”.

Sado City has been taking action on biodiversity conservation, including conservation of the crested ibis, which became extinct in the wild in 1981. A programme of reintroduction was established and since 2008, 569 crested ibis have been successfully reintroduced to the wild. With the aim of becoming nature positive, Sado City will conduct the following activities to promote investment in nature and a circular economy, as well as to promote a zero-carbon island:

1. Further expand the protected areas and sites contributing to biodiversity conservation outside of protected areas (OECM: Other effective area-based conservation measures) in Sado City. Such areas already exceed 30%.
2. Gain an understanding of what resources cause biodiversity loss in other regions, and strive to reduce the introduction and use of those resources, as well as make progress on conserving the natural environment and biodiversity, leading to the creation of new industries.
3. As a region that has achieved a symbiotic relationship with the crested ibis, expand partnerships for biodiversity conservation while sharing knowledge and experience toward nature positivity with other regions.

We hereby declare commitment to the goal of “Nature Positive” and pledge to put it into practice with the aim of creating a Regional Circulating and Ecological Sphere and creating an island where people can continue to live in peace and security.

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Mayor, Sado City