

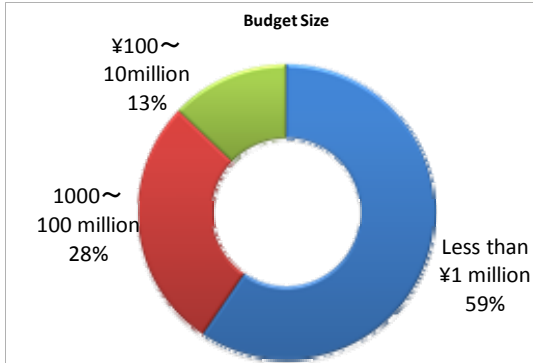
## About Partnership Activities of Japanese Environmental NPO

Environmental Partnership Council  
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Most of environmental NGOs specialize in environmental education, natural protection and urban policy



### ENGOs have poor economic Resources



環境NGO総覧掲載の4,535のデータ

### Main Issues of ENGOs in Japan

- Weak financial base
  - Lack of staff with administrative ability
  - Weak ability to make a policy proposal
  - Tend to stand to their own opinion
- Other NGOs, businesses and public administrations request them to collaborate.
- It is not certain if they are prepared to accept such a request

### International and Domestic trends in response to the Rio Declaration (1992)

#### International trend

- The Aarhus Convention (1998)
  - Establishment of national systems in the Member States including each EU state.

#### Domestic trend

- Environment Basic Law (1993)
- Japan Fund for Global Environment (1993)
- Opening the Global Environment Outreach Center (1996)
- Law for Enhancing Motivation on Environmental Conservation and Promoting of Environmental Education (2003)
- Local Environmental Partnership Offices (2003~)
- Revised Act for the Promotion of Environmental Activities through the Enhancement of Environmental Education, 2012

### Environmental Partnership Office (EPO)

Eight EPOs were established with collaboration of the government and environmental NGOs.

The government and ENGOs are expected to share information, communicate and reflect public opinion into policies.



**ENGO's data collection and assessment by specialized staff**



The 8 EPOs nationwide share the information of ENGOs such as :

- overview
- main activity achievements
- key persons
- record of grant acquisition
- state of information disclosure

They can provide finely-tuned advice.



協働による環境課題の解決

**Setting a Platform for Sustainable Community-building in Onuma**



2009年からESD連続セミナーなどを(財)北海道国際交流センター(HIF)とともに開催し、意識醸成を図った。2010年にはCOP10のサイドイベントへ協働出展し、大沼の現状を多くの人に周知するため全国へ向けて発信した。2011年にはラムサール条約登録湿地候補地に選定され、2012年6月には大沼ラムサール協議会が発足し、ラムサールをテーマに関係者が集まる場を創出した。

To gain understanding and support from relevant parties involved in the district, in 2009, EPO Hokkaido held a series of ESD seminars in Onuma as well as seminars on sustainability in partnership with Hokkaido International Foundation(HIF). In 2010, EPO Hokkaido made a collaborative presentation display at COP10's side event to report on the current status of Onuma. In 2011, Onuma was selected as a candidate site for a registered wetland under the Ramsar Convention and EPO Hokkaido organized a study group in Nanae Town about the Ramsar Convention. In June that year, the Onuma Ramsar Council was established as a place for stakeholders to come together to discuss the Ramsar Convention.



**『富士山における適正利用推進協議会』  
Association for Promoting Mt.Fuji**



2009年3月に富士山にかかわる関係者による協議会を設立。アイデアを共有し、適切な富士山管理のために、看板に関する制限についての協調政策を実現した。自然環境の保全や景観を保全しつつ、体験ができる環境づくりを目指した。

The Council was established in March 2009 to bring Mt. Fuji stakeholders together to share ideas on the proper use of the land and implement a coordinated policy regarding signage restrictions in order to ensure a safe and comfortable Mt. Fuji experience as well as conserving the natural environment and scenic beauty.



**「郷土(ふるさと)の森づくり」事業  
Reforestation in the Home Land**



EPO中部が主催した環境報告書を読む会に、中日本高速道路株が参加し、郷土種子を活用した植樹、生物多様性保全の問題意識が高まった。EPO中部では企業の環境技術、地域の森づくり活動、行政施策をコラボレーションさせ、地域課題の解決につなげるようとした。

A local company managing highways joined the meeting organized by Chubu Environmental Partnership Office (EPO Chubu) to review environmental reports. They walked away with an enhanced understanding of the need to use local seeds for planting trees, protecting biodiversity and expanding the ratio of green space in the city. EPO Chubu's aim was to bring businesses' environmental technologies, local forestry activities and the government's strategies together to collaborate and work toward resolving local issues.



**Future Challenges for Partnerships in Japan**



- Integration of scientific knowledge into local communities comprehension
- → Adapting governance
- Constructive critical ability
- → Proposals based on objective facts surveyed
- Dealing with issues except for the environment
- → towards a multi-stakeholder process

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