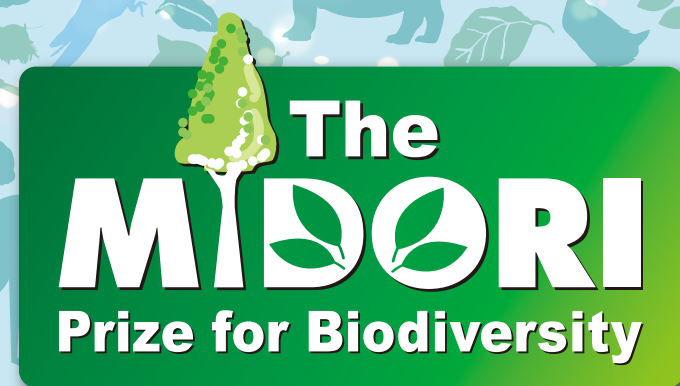


# The 8th MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity

On the occasion of the 10th Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Nagoya in 2010, We have been holding biennial prize for over 10 years since then, the Biodiversity Japan Award (domestic award) and the MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity (international award). The issue of biodiversity is still a pressing concern and is becoming increasingly important on a global scale. In light of this situation, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the foundation's establishment, we have combined both prizes into one and unified the name to "MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity". Through this prize, we will further promote support for environmental activities related to biodiversity from a more global perspective.

## Message from AEON Environmental Foundation

The foundation was established in 1990 by the Chairman, Takuya Okada (Founder, Honorary Chairman, and Advisor of AEON Co., Ltd.) based on AEON's basic philosophy of pursuing peace, respecting humanity, and contributing to local communities. It was established as Japan's first corporate foundation focusing on the global environment. Since its establishment, the foundation has continued to carry out various environmental activities in cooperation with a wide range of stakeholders in Japan and overseas in order to pass on irreplaceable earth to the next generation. One of our representative projects is "tree-planting activities," in which we have planted trees in forests devastated by logging and natural disasters in cooperation with local volunteers around the world to restore greenery. We also continue to provide funding to non-profit organizations that are actively engaged in environmental activities, as well as environmental education aimed at fostering human resources. In the future, we will further develop each of these projects with the aim of realizing sustainable community health, and in cooperation with our friends and acquaintances, we will work to build a new "AEON Satoyama" as well as to develop the local community and its people.



# 2024



**THE BIODIVERSITY PLAN**  
For Life on Earth

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**AEON Environmental Foundation**



## Conferment of the Prize

The Prize is awarded to two individuals who are each honored at a award ceremony and who each receive a wooden plaque, a commemorative gift and a monetary prize of 100,000 US dollars.

## Award Ceremony

The award ceremony for the MIDORI Prize will be held at COP16, scheduled for October 21-November 1, 2024, in Colombia.

## Call for Nominations

Nominations are now invited for The 8th MIDORI Prize. Nominations are made through the AEON Environmental Foundation website. The nomination sheet will be available until 15 June 2024 in the website of the AEON Environmental Foundation. The sheet should be filled out in English and submitted through the website.

The closing date for nominations for  
The 8th MIDORI Prize is  
**15 June 2024.**

AEON Environmental Foundation website:  
[www.aeon.info/ef/en/prize/](http://www.aeon.info/ef/en/prize/)

## Criteria

The engagement of and collaboration between all stakeholders, including individual citizens, governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, researchers and the private sector are essential to safeguard the Earth's biodiversity. Recognizing this, **the MIDORI Prize is open to all individuals contributing to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the field of practical activities\***.

\* Practical activities: local activities and business activities conducted at several places in the world are taken into consideration.

Candidates must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- Achievement** Have made outstanding achievements that greatly contribute to biodiversity
- Potential** Have the ability to influence future activities related to biodiversity
- Impact** Have conducted work which has impacts on various activities for biodiversity around the world

Accomplishment will be assessed on its:

- ▶ International contribution
- ▶ Contribution to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
- ▶ Social contribution
- ▶ Long-term perspective and continuity
- ▶ Creativity and originality
- ▶ Openness for civil society
- ▶ Efficacy and influence

### Message from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Following the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in December 2022, the world community has been responding to the call to take urgent action for biodiversity. The eighth edition of the MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity will honor individuals who are supporting the mission of this Biodiversity Plan: to halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity by 2030. I invite you to also lead by example, and Be part of the Plan.

David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary,  
Convention on Biological Diversity.

CBD Website [www.cbd.int/](http://www.cbd.int/)

## Previous Winners of the MIDORI Prize

2020



**Paul Hebert (Canada)**  
Professor, Department of Integrative Biology,  
University of Guelph



**Melina Sakiyama (Brazil)**  
Co-founder, Global Youth Biodiversity Network



**Wirsiy Emmanuel Binyuy (Cameroon)**  
Founder,  
Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch (CAMGEW)

2018

**Kathy MacKinnon (U.K.)**  
Chair, IUCN/World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)

**Assad Serhal (Lebanon)**  
Director General, Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon (SPNL)

**Abdul Hamid Zakri (Malaysia)**  
Former Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia

2016

**Alfonso Aguirre-Muñoz (Mexico)**  
Executive Director, Grupo de Ecología y Conservación de Islas, A.C.

**Yury Darman (Russia)**  
Director, Amur Branch, WWF Russia

**Vandana Shiva (India)**  
Founder and Director, Navdanya

2014

**Kamal Bawa (India)**  
President, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), India  
Distinguished Professor, University of Massachusetts, Boston

**Alfred Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana)**  
Chair, Ghana National Biodiversity Committee

**Bibiana Vilá (Argentina)**  
Director, Vicuñas, Camelids and Environment (VICAM)  
Principal Researcher, National Research Council (CONICET) Argentina

2012

**Juan Carlos Castilla (Chile)**  
Professor, Marine Ecology, Department of Ecology,  
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

**Rodrigo Gámez-Lobo (Costa Rica)**  
President, Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad (INBio)

**Vo Quy (Viet Nam)**  
Honorary President, Center for Natural Resources Management and  
Environmental Studies (CRES), Vietnam National University, Hanoi

2010

**Jean Lemire (Canada)**  
Biologist, Explorer and Filmmaker

**Gretchen C. Daily (USA)**  
Professor, Stanford University

**Emil Salim (Indonesia)**  
Chairman of the Advisory Council to the President of Indonesia  
Former Minister of State for Population and the Environment

Special Prize for the International Year of Biodiversity 2010

**Angela Merkel (Germany)**  
Chancellor of Germany

\*The titles are at the time of the awards.