

# The MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity 2018

The MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity is an international biennial prize co-organized by the AEON Environmental Foundation and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

It aims to raise public awareness about the importance of biodiversity and to contribute to the objectives of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 2011 - 2020.

The Prize honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

It aims to encourage positive action for biodiversity and inspire others by showcasing the notable work of those whom it honors.

The MIDORI Prize was established by the AEON Environmental Foundation in 2010 to mark the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Nagoya, Japan, and the 20th anniversary of the AEON Environmental Foundation. The MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity will be organized for the fifth time in 2018.

**Organization:** AEON Environmental Foundation

**Co-organization:** Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

**Support:** Ministry of the Environment, Japan

## Message from AEON Environmental Foundation

The AEON Environmental Foundation was established in 1990 based on our principles of pursuing peace, respecting humanity, and contributing to local communities.

Since its establishment, the Foundation has made diverse efforts supporting environmental NGOs and NPOs, undertaking tree planting in Japan and abroad, and in order to promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, awarding domestic and international prizes, and developing human resources in the environmental field.

In 2015, the Foundation organized the fourth "Japan-China International Symposium on Environmental Issues" in Beijing, China in commemoration of its 25th anniversary. It also presented the "AEON Beijing Environmental Proposal" with the aim of resolving global environmental issues beyond generations and borders.

The conservation of biodiversity and the prevention of climate change are two of the greatest challenges of our time. We hope the MIDORI Prize will provide opportunities to meet this global challenge, contributing to further advancement toward the Aichi Biodiversity Targets adopted in 2010 and the objectives of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity.



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The MIDORI Prize supports the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity.

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## Conferment of the Prize

The MIDORI Prize is awarded every two years to three individuals who are each honored at a special 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 in Tokyo, Japan on October 31, 2018 prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 14). Following the Award Ceremony, a commemorative lecture meeting by the Prize Winners will be held at the Winners' Forum.

## Call for Nominations

Nominations are now invited for the MIDORI Prize, 2018. Nominations are made through the AEON Environmental Foundation website. The nomination sheet will be available until 15 June 2018 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 MIDORI Prize 2018 is 15 June 2018.**

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 everyone contributing to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the field of practical action, science, policy or public awareness.

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

## Judging Committee (Honorifics omitted, as of 15 February 2018)

### Committee Chairman

Takuya Okada  
Chairman, AEON Environmental Foundation

### Judges

Cristiana Paşca Palmer  
Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity  
Representative Co-organizer of the MIDORI Prize  
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Kunio Iwatsuki  
Professor Emeritus, the University of Tokyo

Daizaburo Kuroda  
Senior Fellow, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Anne McDonald  
Professor, Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies,  
Sophia University

Shiro Wakui  
Professor, Department of Environmental and Information Studies,  
Tokyo City University  
Vice Chairman, Japan Committee of the United Nations  
Decade on Biodiversity

Hamdallah Zedan  
Chairman, Preparatory Committee for COP 14



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

The MIDORI Prize is a unique international prize dedicated to biodiversity. It honors people who have made outstanding contributions to the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and aims to inspire others. I urge everyone active in the field of biodiversity to nominate deserving individuals for the award of the fifth MIDORI Prize in 2018.

**Cristiana Paşca Palmer** Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

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