



Key Issue 2

Conservation of Biodiversity

Management Approach

Recognition of Challenges

All companies harness ecosystem services, leveraging the resources produced by our ecosystem in each phase of the lifecycle, from the sourcing of raw materials to production, sales, use and disposal. At the same time, however, the world continues to lose its tropical forests while the number of fauna and flora found on the red list of endangered species continues to grow unabated. Also, Aeon's business operations are based on the recognition that they cannot be sustained without the ecosystem services of agricultural produce and marine products, which is why Aeon continues to work on various initiatives for the sustainable use of resources, with biodiversity conservation considered as one of the key issues.

Aeon Approach/Aiming Direction

Aeon established the Aeon Biodiversity Principle in 2010 in order to continually promote the sustainable use of resources while conserving biodiversity. We are promoting various efforts in accordance with the Code of Conduct that was defined in this Principle.

● Sustainable procurement

We formulated the "Aeon Sustainable Procurement Principle" in FY 2014 in order to aim for compatibility between the continuous development of business and the sustainability of natural resources. As an example of these initiatives,

- In products, the "Aeon Seafood Procurement Principle" has been formulated for the sustainable procurement of marine products.
- In stores, we are building stores with consideration to sustainability by methods such as expanding the use of domestic FSC-certified lumber as building material for Ministop stores.

● "Aeon Forest Circulation Program" together with customers

We have been planting trees with customers since 1991 as an activity that embodies the "Aeon Basic Principles". The "Aeon Forest Circulation Program" was started with the theme of "Plant", "Nurture" and "Utilize" upon the planting of the 10 millionth tree in FY 2013.

Future Initiatives

Environmental agencies and the Conference of Parties (COP) under the Convention on Biological Diversity are working to make biodiversity mainstream through various social and economic activities promoting the protection of biodiversity and its sustainable use, from a worldwide to local community. Consequently, Aeon will utilize its business characteristic of coming into contact with vast numbers of consumers on a daily basis to continually highlight the importance of biodiversity through the familiar platforms of stores and products. As part of these efforts, "TOPVALU Gurinai Organic" product expansion proceeded in FY 2016 in addition to promoting efforts based on the "Aeon Sustainable Procurement Principle". In addition, there was a full-scale startup of the "Aeon Forest Circulation Program" in FY 2016, which was a milestone year celebrating 25 years of tree planting activities in Aeon.

Aeon Biodiversity Principle

Aeon's business depends on living products, such as agricultural and marine products. Recognizing this, Aeon formulated the "Aeon Biodiversity Principle" in March 2010, towards the conservation of biodiversity are essential to form a sustainable society.

Basic Principle

Grasping the impact our overall corporate activities have on the ecosystem, we actively focus on reducing the impact on the ecosystem and conservation activities, working in collaboration with our stakeholders, including our customers, local authorities and non-profit organizations. We focus on the following points related to the ecosystem in our corporate activities:

- Through our corporate activities, we
1. Remain conscious of blessings and burdens.
 2. Engage in initiatives that protect and nurture.
 3. Disclose information on our activities.

Action Guidelines (Excerpt)

1. Products: We will set sustainability targets for resource managed fresh seafood and processed products, engage in their purchase and sale while sharing those targets with our business partners, and communicate related information to customers.
2. Stores: We will continue to promote tree-planting campaigns with local customers at new store sites and continue to develop Eco Stores with less environmental impact than conventional facilities.
3. With Customers: Through tree-planting campaigns and other programs, we will share environmental awareness and learn together with all of our customers.

FY2015 KPI Progress

Main Category	Subcategory	KPI	Scope Covered	Target	FY 2015 Results	Summary of Actions/Initiatives in FY 2015
Sustainable Resource Usage in Products	Promoting Sustainable Procurement	Sustainable procurement initiatives in seafood	Consolidated Group companies in Japan	Expansion of initiatives based on the Aeon Sustainable Procurement Principle and Aeon Sustainable Seafood Procurement Policy	(Marine Products) • Expansion of the MSC/ASC CoC (Chain of Custody) certification in Aeon group business Acquired in 4 GMS companies, 8 SM businesses MSC: 18 species, 36 items (as of the end of February 2016) ASC: 4 species, 9 items (as of the end of February 2016) • A permanent "Fish Baton" corner to display only MSC and ASC certified products is installed in 15 Aeon Retail (Ltd.) stores (As of April 2016) • Sales start of Completely Farm-Raised Bluefin Tuna (June 2015)	1) Analysis of the risks and opportunities for sustainable procurement based on input from internal and external shareholders in the Assessment Committee (Marine Products) 2) Identify priority initiatives and implementation feasibility in the Promotion Committee (Marine Products), and implement the breakdown of specific efforts
Sustainable Resource Usage in Stores and Products	Promoting Sustainable Procurement	Sustainable procurement policies of forest resources	Consolidated Group companies in Japan	Development of procurement policies of forest resources	(Products) • Sell about 130 FSC certified products in stationery and H&BC generic items Switched all 100 generic workbook items to FSC® certification • Take advantage of FSC-certified paper in generic items, even in food packaging and hanging clothes tags (Stores) • Number of Ministop stores in Japan that use FSC-certified wood: 152 stores (As of the end of February 2016)	1) Publication preparation and development of a sustainable procurement policy for forest resources 2) Development of an organizational structure for sustainable procurement in terms of products 3) Study of initiative contents in terms of products
Biodiversity Conservation at the Store Level	Aeon Hometown Forests Program	Maintenance and Management Situation of Forests	Companies to implement the Aeon Hometown Forests Program	100% implementation	Focusing on GMS and SM, spread planting zone management based on the management manual	1) Confirm the progress and thorough implementation of management plans at each GMS store 2) Spread weeding and cleaning through Clean & Green Activities carried out by employees at each GMS store 3) Management Manual Revision (Supplementary Manual Creation)
Contributions to the Community	Sustainable forest conservation	Aeon forest circulation Program Development	Consolidated targets in Japan Group Companies	Promotion of new businesses in the fields of the "Plant", "Nurture", "Thrive"	In a "Nurture" Field Pilot Project Implementation	A Curriculum to Education Forest-Conscious People • Cooperation with Mie Prefecture Miyagawa forest election set • Holding a tree nurturing event through collaboration with students and Mie Prefecture
Initiatives through our Products	Conscious of the Ecosystem Provide Products	Appropriate products in private brand	Consolidated companies in Japan for GMS and SM Small companies	TOPVALU Gurinai Organic Food Series Product expansion	A total of 27 Gurinai Organic products, one of the largest number as private brand label products in Japan Expand to 185 items. (As of the end of February 2016)	Get the JAS organic produce processed foods "Certified Importer" status prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, develop domestic and foreign organic products, and promote procurement



Sustainable resource usage

Promoting Sustainable Procurement

Our natural resources face many threats today, from ecosystem destruction from overexploitation to poor agricultural harvests from abnormal weather caused by climate change. Whereas, with the supply chain now stretched across the entire world, Aeon must be conscious of human rights and working environments at suppliers as well as work to prevent corruption, including bribery and extortion.

The products manufactured and sold by Aeon are made possible by the bounty of nature and contain raw materials procured from producers and locations around the globe. Efforts towards procurement guideline formulation have begun from 2011 towards the realization of even more sustainable high-level procurement. Through the work of a CSR Procurement Guidelines Committee comprised of managers from related Aeon departments, and tasked with gathering CSR procurement-related information, we formulated and published, in February 2014, our Aeon Sustainable Procurement Principle.

Aeon Sustainable Procurement Principle

1. Eliminating natural resource transactions, gathering, and fishing conducted illegally.
2. Establishing and managing Aeon standards from the perspective of biodiversity preservation and preventing the depletion of natural resources.
3. Minimizing use of non-renewable resources.
4. Establishing traceability, including place of production and fishing methods, for produce and marine resources.
5. Preventing the destruction of forest land with high conversation value.

Promoting the Procurement of Sustainable Seafood

Aeon established the Aeon Seafood Procurement Principle in February 2014 in order to help protect limited marine resources and to hand down to future generations our traditional culture surrounding food sources from the water and sea.

We formulated the Seafood Assessment Committee comprised of Aeon's Environment Division and other Divisions at Aeon Group companies, functional companies, and other companies. Based on input from external stakeholders (NGOs, the government, seafood businesses), we analyzed risks and opportunities, reviewed feasible projects, and used the results to plan key initiatives.

Aeon Sustainable Seafood Procurement Policy

Carry out regular risk assessments from a resource depletion prevention and biodiversity conservation perspective. Also, in order to mitigate risks, review feasible countermeasures and strive to procure sustainable seafood.

Specific Measures

Aeon is constantly devising and implementing measures to shift from endangered seafood to seafood with a sustainable backing into the future.

1. Provision of Sustainable Products
 - Actively sell sustainable seafood such as MSC-certified and ASC-certified products
 - Strengthen handling of complete aquaculture
2. Elimination of Illegal Trade
 - Comply with international conventions, such as Washington Convention
3. Establishment of Traceability Measures
 - Promote strengthening of resource management in Indonesia
4. Regular Risk Assessments
 - Launch organization to promote sustainable procurement Measures in organization development as well such as "Assessment Meetings" and a "Sustainable Procurement Promotion Committee" for promotion have begun.

Sales and development of MSC-certified and ASC-certified products

The MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) is an independent and non-profit organization that can recommend sustainable fisheries and can put a "sea eco-label" on marine products caught by certified fisheries. After beginning to sell MSC-certified products in 2006, Aeon has gradually expanded the number of available items. As of February 2016, we offer customers 36 MSC-certified products across 18 species—more than any other retailer in Japan.



TOPVALU
MSC-certified salt sockeye

In addition, ASC (Aquaculture Stewardship Council) certified product sales began for the first time in Asia in 2014. It also aims for sustainable procurement through the dissemination of "responsible aquaculture fisheries" which also considered local



TOPVALU ASC-certified raw
Atlantic salmon

societies and human rights without imposing a heavy burden on the environment. As of February 2016, we are selling nine ASC-certified products across four species.

In June 2015, eight Group companies joined AEON Retail

Co., Ltd., AEON Hokkaido Corporation, AEON KYUSHU CO., LTD., and AEON RYUKYU CO., LTD. in acquiring Chain of Custody (CoC) certification. CoC certification ensures the reliability of MSC and ASC certified products and is a system for assuring consumers of the traceability of certified products.

Going forward, Aeon will promote procurement of sustainable seafood by increasing the number of companies that acquire certification.

Development and sales of "Full-cycle Aquaculture Pacific Bluefin"

Aeon started the sales of full-cycle aquaculture raised* Pacific bluefin tuna "TOPVALU Gurinai Amami Raw Pacific Bluefin Tuna". International measures have been stepped up for the management of wild natural resources. Bluefin tuna was designated in November 2014 as a wild animal in danger of extinction by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), and, in December of the same year, the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) decided to halve catches of young Atlantic Bluefin tuna.



Complete farming for the first time in a while

These circumstances led Aeon to supply full-cycle aquaculture Bluefin tuna from the perspective of resource depletion prevention and biodiversity conservation, and we did so utilizing the cooperation of Maruha Nichiro Corporation and their ability to raise full-cycle aquaculture tuna that does not rely on wild stocks.

In addition, in consideration of the ecosystem surrounding fish farms, we are taking care to regularly carry out water quality checks and properly steward the natural environment around Amami island.

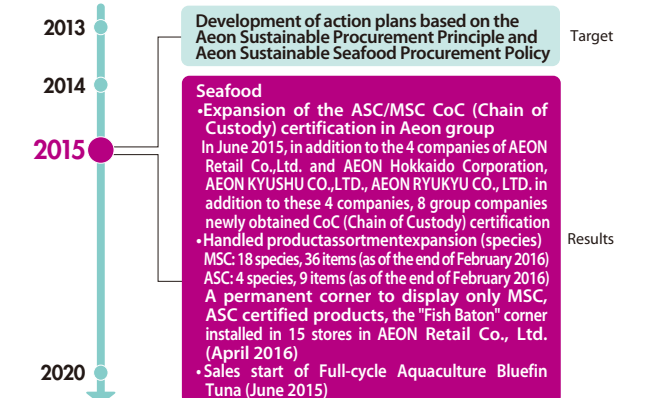
Sales of full-cycle aquaculture Japanese amberjack "TOPVALU Miyazaki Prefecture Japanese amberjack (aquaculture)" started in about 1000 Aeon and Aeon Style stores all over Japan. Generic sales of full-cycle aquaculture Japanese amberjack following full-cycle aquaculture Pacific bluefin tuna will be the first in Japan.

Going forward, Aeon will promote the procurement and sale of sustainable seafood by protecting limited resources.

* full-cycle aquaculture raised: Fertilized eggs are taken from adult tuna and artificially hatched, then those eggs are raised in a full-cycle that does not rely on wild tuna stocks.

FY 2015 Results and Target of KPI

Sustainable procurement initiatives in seafood



TOPICS

Start "Fish Baton" deployment

Based on the thoughts of "wanting to connect the next generation to a rich food culture", deployment of a permanent corner called "Fish Baton", which is composed of ASC and MSC-certified products indicating that they are sustainable marine products, started from FY 2015. As of June 2016, Aeon is handling up to 43 items in 20 species that are exhibited in 17 stores and are exhibited according to season and region.



* ASC-certified and MSC-certified products are also handled in stores where "Fish Baton" corners are not installed.



Promoting the Procurement of Sustainable Forestry Products

Following the Aeon Seafood Procurement Principle, the Aeon Forest Resources Procurement Principle was established in 2016. We aim to contribute to the balance of utilization and conservation of forest resources based on the principle.

Aeon Forest Resources Procurement Principle (Paper/Pulp/Timber)

We will continue to utilize store materials and product raw materials made of lumber and pulp produced from properly managed forests, and we strive to prevent forest destruction.

Initiatives through our Products

Identify risks and opportunities, consider viable methods, and aim for sustainable procurement through continuous improvement.

1. Handling of Sustainable Products

Raw material from properly managed forests is authenticated and products that have acquired FSC® certification are handled assertively.

2. Effective use of domestic lumber in Japan

Efforts for the effective use of domestic lumber in order to have sustainable recycling in Japan's forests.

3. Ensuring Traceability Measures

For high-risk countries and regions, raw material confirmation traceability to forests are handled on a priority basis.

4. Prevention of Illegal Deforestation

We confirm legal lumber, etc. based on laws related to promotion of the use of legally harvested lumber.

5. Preservation of Areas with High Conservation Value

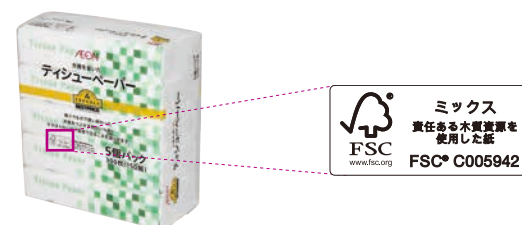
We confirm if precautions were taken in order to maintain areas with high conservation value.

Efforts in products: Products using FSC®-certified paper

The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certifies wood products and paper manufactured with timber from properly managed sustainable forests.

Aeon has been selling notebooks and other FSC®-certified paper products since 2008. From FY2011, we have been using FSC®-certified materials for price tags and other widely used markers.

About 130 stationery and H&BC category FSC®-certified products were sold in FY 2015. Furthermore, we switched all TOPVALU learning books to 100% FSC®-certified items. We plan to promote acquiring FSC® certification for items such as toilet paper and paper towels. (FSC® C005942)



TOPVALU Best Price tissue paper using FSC® certified paper

Efforts in stores: Stores using domestic FSC®-certified domestic lumber

Aeon practices store development with consideration to preservation of the ecosystem. For example, MINISTOP CO., LTD. opened a Ministop store that used 100% FSC® Japan certified materials in 2009, as the first FSC-certified convenience store in Japan. As of the end of February 2016, 152 Ministop stores are FSC® certified. Going forward, we plan to actively increase the number of environmentally-friendly stores using FSC Japan certified materials.



Store under construction



Ministop store



Properly managed Yamanashi Prefecture FSC®-certified forests



FY 2015 Results and Target of KPI

Sustainable procurement policies of forest resources



Biodiversity conservation communication with customers

Aeon is committed to informing customers and earning their support with regard to the importance and significance of using sustainable products and products that conserve biodiversity. Based on this commitment, we are engaging in a variety of initiatives such as providing products that take into account the sustainable use of bio resources, as well as providing opportunities for people to learn more about biodiversity.

TOPICS

We participated in the first "FSC Forest Week" held in Japan.

Aeon participated in the "FSC Forest Walk", Japan's version of the "FSC Friday" event which is held in various countries around the world on the last Friday of every September.



This event aims to spread forest conservation means, and we have conducted awareness-raising activities such as volunteer work, seminars and workshops where about 20 companies and organizations that have been working on the expansion of FSC participate in. Aeon is implementing a stamp rally to find FSC®-certified products sold in the Daiei Akabane store and storytelling with the WWF Japan picture book "Let's choose a mark and protect the forest!" through group company AEON Fantasy Co., Ltd. carried out in 65 stores throughout Japan. These activities clearly tell children about FSC Japan activities and certification marks.

From now on, in order to deliver a green earth to the next generation and help sustainable forest development, we will implement various efforts through products and services.

TOPICS

AEON Fantasy Co., Ltd. official characters Lala-chan and lo-kun have been appointed 2016 FSC Japan Goodwill Ambassadors.

AEON Fantasy Co., Ltd. official characters Lala-chan and lo-kun have been observed in activities up to now, and they had been appointed as FSC Japan Goodwill Ambassadors in May 2016. There are plans to be active in various events so that even children can have a further awareness and understanding of FSC in 2016.



Sustainable forest conservation

Aeon Forest circulation program

When we open a new store, Aeon Hometown Forests Program joins with our customers to plant trees on the new site. Since this Program began at our JUSCO Malacca store in Malaysia in 1991 (Currently renamed Aeon Malacca SC), customers have planted trees together with us, passing the 10 millionth tree mark in 2013. In addition, Aeon will celebrate 25 years of tree planting activities in 2016.

With this opportunity, Aeon started the Aeon Forest Circulation Program with the theme of "Plant", "Nurture", "Thrive" in order to advance to a new stage. Specifically, we will continue to promote this with our "plant" objective targets tree planting that improves the quality of life in regions across the globe, and tree planting that protects areas from tsunami and disasters; our "nurture" objective targets activities to develop and managed planted trees and foster successor forests; and our "thrive" objective assertively promotes the utilization of forest products such as lumber, etc. as resources for our products and building materials for our stores.



Letting Forests Grow—Plant Aeon Hometown Forests Program

So that new stores become a local community place and spread the spirit of fostering green spaces to people in the region as well. With these thoughts in mind, since 1991, when Aeon opens a new store, "Aeon Hometown Forestation" is carried out with tree planting at the site of a store.

In FY 2015 we planted a total of 214,250 young trees in 31 locations.

As of the end of February 2016, 11,179,065 trees* had been planted through these activities. Aeon is deeply grateful to the customers who have participated in our tree planting efforts and we look forward to the next group of trees which we will plant and nurture alongside our customers and local communities.

*Through "Aeon Hometown Forestation", and AEON Environmental Foundation tree planting, total tree planting in the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster

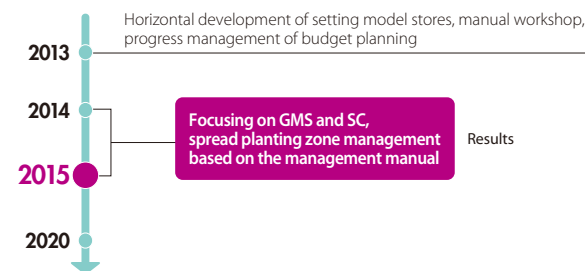


"Aeon Hometown forest creation"
AEON MALL Okinawa Rycom

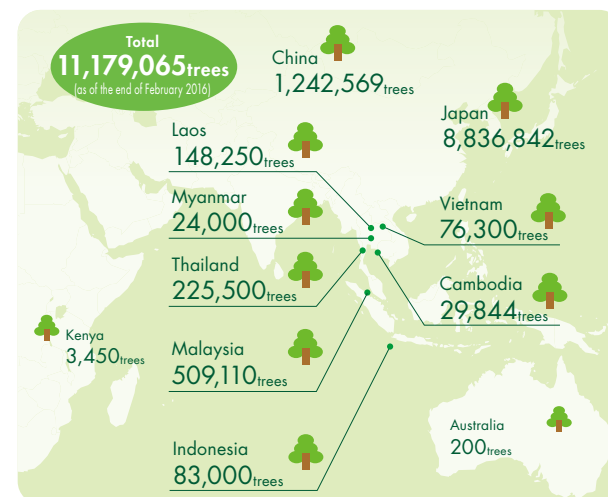
4th Kesennuma Oshima Kameyama
tree-planting ceremony

FY 2015 Results and Target of KPI

Maintenance and Management Situation of Forests



Letting Forests Grow



Letting Forests Grow—Nurture A Curriculum to Education Forest-Conscious People

In recent years, preventing global warming and conserving biodiversity are challenges joined by another urgent social issue. That is, preserving and sustainably using forests, which serve multifaceted roles for carrying on Japanese culture, offering recreation, etc., and villages, which serve as places for humans and nature to coexist.

The Forest Transcend Project—Educating Forest-Conscious People is a collaborative effort between Aeon, Mie Prefecture, and the NPO Miyagawa Shinsengumi, aiming to foster the future generation of forestry workers by offering various programs to deepen understanding of Japan's forest management.

In FY 2015, our second year, the Project was held over the course of two months, from December 20, 2015 to February 14, 2016, in Odaicho, Mie Prefecture. The curriculum had lectures and workshops related to forestry and forests ("Forest seminar" 1 day / Other 2 days) and hands-on training ("Forest techniques" 8 days / Field work 2 days) for a total of 13 days.

The eight-day "forest skills course" was especially unique and hands-on. By focusing on making a functional pathway for workers, the course taught forestry labor techniques and skills directly in the mountain forests of Odaicho.

This year 6 students completed the entire curriculum. After completion of the course, an event telling about the value of forests was conducted by project sponsor at the "Aeon Mall Yokkaichi Kita" on March 26 and March 27. We believe that we want to evolve with tree planting activities as one of the project's themes from now on.



Forest Transcend Project

Letting Forests Grow—Thrive Utilization of Forest Resources

In addition to the deployment of FSC-certified product sales (P.49) and deployment of stores using 100% domestic FSC-certified lumber (P.49), we are working on the promotion of utilizing forest resources in a variety of measures. For example, in the "Aeon Mall Toin", a permanent children's playground, the "Mie Tree Plaza" was installed utilizing forests from Mie Prefecture.



"Mie Tree Plaza"

Initiatives through our Stores

Developing and Evaluating Indicators

Aeon pays great attention to conservation and creation of ecosystems in developing its stores through initiatives such as planning and implementing biodiversity evaluation and environmental burden reduction measures when opening stores. The aim is to minimize the impact of our stores on the surrounding environment and ecosystem. Examples of these initiatives include the Aeon Hometown Forests Program and installing biotopes at some of our shopping centers.

As part of the store biodiversity assessment, "Creature symbiosis office" certification (Urban/SC version) was acquired through the "Association for Business Innovation in harmony with Nature and Community". Following the "Aeon Mall Toin" and "Aeon Mall Tamadaira Forest", certification was obtained in FY 2015 for the "Aeon Mall Tokoname", "Aeon Mall Shijonawate" and "Aeon Mall Sakai teppo-cho".

TOPICS

Ideal Biotopes as Fusions of Aeon Stores and Local Communities

A "Biopark" that appeared suddenly in the center of a spacious parking lot was Aeon's first biotope installed in "Aeon Yokkaichi Mall North", the first location opened in the 21st century. It is a lush green space about 300 square meters in size consisting of waterfront that surrounds the area that was a forest village shrine.

With the cooperation of Chamber Group, a local environmental NPO led by Chairperson Hiromi Tanaka, the biotope is being maintained with an aim toward proliferating plant and animal life, based on expert advice on insects, fish, and plants suitable for a shopping center location.

Weeding and daily maintenance is performed with the help of employee volunteers who are Aeon Biopark Assist members, while the site is also used for Aeon Cheers Club activities and advanced environmental education including planting festivals, pond drying and animal observation events, and invasive species surveys and removal.

We have also started seeing the results of firefly habitat creation coming out little by little. Since the prospects of development of black snails for bait and assurance of the proper amount and accumulation of know-how for light shading through 2015 initiatives were reached, from now on we will go to the next step of expanding spawning grounds.

In the future, we will promote continuing efforts with the realization of facilities where you can feel nature close by as the forms of retail consideration of biodiversity.



The Biopark (Aeon Mall Yokkaichikita)



The Biopark management conference by citizen's group, experts and Aeon members

Initiatives through our Products

TOPVALU Gurinai

TOPVALU Gurinai is a food safety brand that considers natural environmental friendliness and health for our bodies. The brand's product lineup offers food that meets customer demands and their desire "to buy food that is safer because it is something we eat every day".

Developing and Promoting the Procurement of Organic Products

In the "TOPVALU Gurinai" organic series, a rich assortment of environmentally friendly products that received certification both in Japan and overseas are offered, and as of February 2016, we handle 185 items, the largest amount of any retail generic brand in Japan.

In order to reflect increased consumer interest in healthy food, safety and security, as well as to respond to requests from customers for more organic products in our stores, we promote development and procurement of organic products in Japan and from other countries utilizing the Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS)* certification for importers of organic agricultural/processed food products, a certification issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan. In addition, we started handling organic goods, including some underwear, from the 2014 fall and winter season. In the 2015 fall and winter season, we expanded the deployment of children, baby and ladies inner wear, and in the 2016 spring and summer season we introduced men's items, and offered the organic series lineup of underwear for adults and children.



TOPVALU Gurinai
Organic Series

*Organic JAS logo

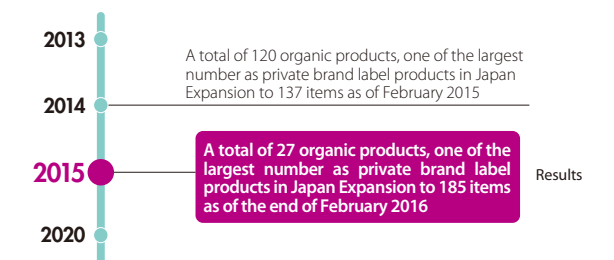
Operators certified by certification organizations registered by the MAFF are able to attach the organic JAS logo to their products. The logo is attached to agricultural, processed, or livestock products, as well as livestock feed, produced with a method of organic farming that uses natural power instead of pesticides or chemical fertilizers.



Organic JAS logo

FY 2015 Results and Target of KPI

Appropriate products in private brand





AEON Environmental Foundation Initiatives

25th anniversary of establishment

The AEON Environmental Foundation has supported many people since its establishment in 1990, and it celebrated its 25th anniversary.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary, the 4th Japan-China Environmental International Symposium was held in Beijing. Discussions were held by specialists and experts from both countries with the theme of "Sustainable development of society and environmental improvement in the international community", and the "Aeon Beijing Environment Proposal" was announced as a summary. Two lecturers in Japan, Mr. Kiyoshi Higuchi and Mr. Chiaki Mukai, were invited, and they conducted lectures thinking about environmental issues with the theme of "Contribution from the environment and health from space".

Aeon Tree-Planting Activities

The AEON Environmental Foundation, with cooperation at the national and local government level of each country, conducts tree-planting activities that aim to regenerate forests devastated by natural disasters. The Foundation's current tree-planting initiatives are being carried out in different parts of the world, particularly in Asia, in addition to Japan.

In FY 2015, tree planting was carried out in Urayasu-shi, Chiba Prefecture; Aya-cho, Miyazaki Prefecture; Atsuma-cho, Hokkaido and Okazaki-shi, Aichi Prefecture in Japan, and Yangon, Myanmar; Hanoi, Vietnam and Phnom Penh, Cambodia overseas.

In FY 2016, tree planting is carried out in Atsuma-cho, Hokkaido; Chiba-shi, Chiba Prefecture; Watari-cho, Miyagi Prefecture; and Taketa-shi, Oita Prefecture; in Japan, and Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Yangon, Myanmar; and Miyun District in Beijing, China.



Tree planting in Atsuma-cho, Hokkaido



Tree planting in Aya-cho, Miyazaki



Tree planting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Tree planting in Yangon, Myanmar

Giving Grants for Environmental Activities

Since its establishment in 1990, the AEON Environmental Foundation has awarded grants for activities related to sustainable use and the preservation of biodiversity in Japan and developing countries.

In FY 2015, 92.9 million JPY was awarded to 80 organizations in Japan and overseas that are engaged in tree planting and forest improvement, anti-desertification, regeneration of mountain villages and the nearby woodlands and ocean, cleanup of lakes and rivers, wildlife protection, and endangered species conservation. A total of 2645 organizations were given grants, with a total of 2,399,030,000 JPY in grant money.

We will also continue in 2016 to implement grant activities.



FY 2014 funding body activities
Nature observation meetings through the NPO corporation Fukuoka Wetland Conservation Society

Excellence in Biodiversity Maintenance Biodiversity Award

The AEON Environmental Foundation inaugurated the Japan Awards for Biodiversity to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Japan, as well as the MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity, which is an international prize. The two awards honor recipients in alternate years.

The Yezo Deer Association was awarded at the 4th "Biodiversity Japan Award" Grand Prix in FY 2015.

In FY 2016, we will hold the fourth international awards ceremony for the Biodiversity Green Award.

FY 2015 Japan Award Grand Prix



Yezo Deer Association



Delivery class to learn about Yezo Deer

Outstanding Performance Award



ITO EN, LTD.

Biodiversity conservation efforts through the "Tea at beautiful Lake Biwa/Beautify Japan with tea"



Kyushu river fan club
(Kyushu University Shimatani Laboratory)

Regional revitalization and waterside environment conservation/regeneration implementation



Specified Nonprofit Corporation
Groundwork Mishima

Mobilize the power of citizens and regenerate/revive "hometown rivers" where a variety of creatures live in gutters



Kesenuma City Otani Junior High School

Otani hummingbird plan