



Policy for the future:

Sumitomo Forestry Group declares in its Environmental Policy to pursue business activities that balance both environmental and economic interests and contribute to a sustainable society. Its first clause states that we develop business operations centered on wood and forests, and will cultivate forests and their ability to preserve and enhance the rich ecosystem to protect biodiversity, actively utilize timber resources and create new corporate value.

Sumitomo Forestry Group owns approx. 48,000 ha (about 1/800 of the national land area) of forest. All forests are recognized that their management is appropriate for conservation of biodiversity with SGEN, a forestry certification of Japan, which has mutual recognition with PEFC. Company-owned forests are categorized as either “commercial forests” where the production of timber is the priority, or “environmental forests” where conservation of the environment is the focus. Sumitomo Forestry Red Data Book lists endangered flora and fauna that may exist in Company-owned forests and are distributed to employees and contractors involved in forest management. We educate them to take proper action. Riparian Forest Management Manual is also to ensure the proper management.

In the greening business, we select plants based on area, taking into account the effects on ecosystems and genetic systems to conserve biodiversity.



In May 2019, we established reinforced sustainability evaluation standards for timber procurement. We define timber and wood products as sustainable if they fulfill one of the following: Certified timber and pre-certified timber, timber from plantation forests, natural timber where forestry management and distribution are assessed as sustainable (this does not include timber from conversion forests), recycled wood.