



Policy for the future:

Due to the nature of the Group's Cement-related business, which utilizes earth resources such as limestone and coal, there is a possibility that the Group's cement business may have an impact, either directly or indirectly, on the surrounding ecosystem. We believe that it is essential to consider the global environment and preserve biodiversity in order to continue our business as a company. We will actively promote the protection of biodiversity based on our Environmental Philosophy, which states: "We will contribute to the creation of a prosperous society and the preservation of the global environment by pursuing production, power generation, and distribution with a low environmental impact."

• Tsushima leopard Cat Conservation Activities

In Tsushima City (Shu-shi), Nagasaki Prefecture, there is a forest (about 16 hectares) that was acquired by our company as a site for mining clay as a raw material for cement, but was not mined and became idle land. Since the Tsushima leopard cat, an endangered species, was found living there, we have been thinning the forest and planting broadleaf trees that will grow nuts for small animals to eat as part of forest environment protection activities in cooperation with the local Tsushima people since 2007. By growing a large forest, we are improving the Tsushima leopard cat's environment from an ecological standpoint.



Photo Tsushima leopard Cat

• Greening of Mine Site

The Ibuki Mine in Maibara City, Shiga Prefecture, has been engaged in revegetation activities at the former mining site since 1971. Fifty years have already passed since the start of the revegetation activities, and grass and trees have begun to grow wild, and trees have sprouted in the areas where they have been planted. We are also promoting the revegetation of former mining sites and accumulation areas at other mines in Japan.

• Development of Marine Products

As a countermeasure against sea desertification the loss of algae that provide spawning and growth grounds for aquatic organisms due to global warming and other factors, we have developed a multifunctional seaweed bed propagation reef (K-hat reef beta type) that restores seaweed beds. Through the supply of this product, we are promoting the protection of marine ecosystems. We also supply a large fishing reef (Hybrid Fishing Reef Super SK1300) with a height of 20 meters, and are cooperating in the creation of a system that allows resources to proliferate while preventing the overfishing of fish.

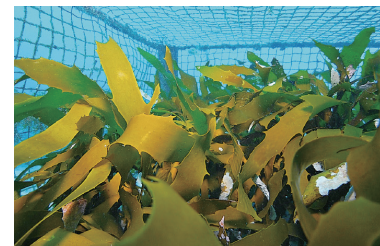


Photo Algae reef